



PLANNING BOARD RTE 6 WORKSHOP MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Saturday: March 28, 2009 8:30 a.m.

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Pat Moreau, Vice Chair at 9:10 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present from the Planning Board were Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; members Mike Carpenter and Marcia Bowden also present was Heidi Colwell, Zoning Board

C. Approval of Minutes

D. Correspondence and Review

E. Board Members' Reports

F. Planner's Report

G. Commercial Site Reviews

None

H. Administrative Subdivisions

None

I. Minor Subdivisions

None

J. Major Subdivisions

None

K. New Business

L. Old Business

Addressed were the concerns from the Public Informational Meeting held in May 2008: most of the concerns were how to determine whether a property that is zoned commercial now would change to residential. The public made it clear that they would like to sell their property as commercial. They would like to have the option of obtaining more money for their property. Another concern was access with small frontage or driveway but not a lot of land on Rt.6.

Suggestion was made by Pat Moreau that property that is residential in between commercial properties should stay residential until the building is razed, then revert to commercial land at that time. Heidi Colwell was concerned about the access to the properties that have a short entranceway to a large opening in the rear of the property. For instance we would not agree that a truck repair would be a good business for that type of land issue. Traffic was a big concern exiting and entering Rt.6. Mike Carpenter was concerned about setbacks on Rt. 6.

It was decided to set a target date to send the decision to the Town Council for approval. The target date should be no later than the first week in November 2009.

The next meeting date was set for April 18, 2009 to design a packet and review for final draft to distribute at the Public Informational Meeting.

Another meeting set for May 16, 2009 to assemble packets and to decide if a third meeting is needed before a Public Informational Meeting date was set.

More people are needed to attend the next two meetings to complete the project. It was suggested that more than one email be sent to everyone to attend.

M. Future Agenda Items

April 15 – Carnevale/Izzo Campground

April 18 – Rte 6 Re-Zoning Workshop

May 16 - Rte 6 Re-Zoning Workshop

N. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Moreau, Vice Chair