



**PLANNING BOARD RT 6 RE-ZONING WORKSHOP MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER**

**Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI  
Saturday: May 16, 2009 8:30 a.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Julia Parmentier, Chair

**B. Roll Call**

Present from the planning board were Julia Parmentier, Chair, Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; members Mike Carpenter, Helen Hardy and Marcia Bowden, zoning board members Heidi Colwell and Mauren McEntee, also present was Lynne Rider, Town Council member and Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

None

**D. Correspondence and Review**

None

**E. Board Members' Reports**

None

**F. Planner's Report**

None

**G. Commercial Site Reviews**

None

**H. Administrative Subdivisions**

None

**I. Minor Subdivisions**

None

**J. Major Subdivisions**

None

**K. New Business**

None

**L. Old Business**

Rte 6 ReZoning Workshop-

Julia read the minutes from 3/28 and 4/18 in which the re-zoning committee agreed to:

- Focus on the commercial development of the west side of Rte 94 at the corner of Rte 6 (Simmons Crossing).
- This lot is large enough, developable, in a good location and appropriate for mixed use development.
- Any lot with multiple zoning will become all one zone.
- Current sole residential use will be re-zoned residential with the whole property becoming residential, the owners will have 6 (six) months to apply for an exception based on criteria to be set.
- Current active commercial will remain commercial with the whole property becoming commercial.
- At this time the board will not focus on the west end of Rte 6 which has a high water table and traffic problems.
- all undeveloped lots will become A/R.

Board members discussed these points again.

The members felt that at this point we need maps that show what is being proposed. Mike suggested overlays to show wetland.

Lynne Rider asked if we had criteria for nodes:

- If the land could be developed and does not encroach upon or deteriorate wetlands
- It had adequate frontage on rte 6
- Visibility for pulling in and out for safety
- Large enough lot to handle commercial

Over the summer the board would like to disseminate this information through Old Home Days and presentation to all other boards. (ie. Conservation commission, Land Trust, Preservation and zoning)

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> will be the target date for the Public Informational Meeting – South Foster Fire Station needs to be booked.

June 20 is scheduled to upgrade/set presentation for other boards and commissions, Old Home Days, as well as planning for Sept 16.

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**M. Future Agenda Items**

June 3 - Five year Road Plan  
June 20- Rt 6 re-zoning workshop  
Aug 12- Presentation to the zoning board  
Sept 16- Public Informational Meeting

**N. Adjournment**

Mike Carpenter moved to adjourn at 11:04 a.m. motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy  
Secretary