



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: May 20, 2009 7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Helen Hardy, secretary.

B. Roll Call

Present from the planning board were Helen Hardy, secretary; members Tom Mercier, Mike Carpenter, Marcia Bowden and John Neale. Julia Parmentier and Pat Moreau were excused. Also present was Ann-Marie Ignasher, town planner; Julie Ferrazzano-Mazza, Anthony and Stephanie Caruolo, Philip Reynolds, Helen Bessios, Bill and Pat Hopkins, Morris and Lois Prior, Richard Rotondo, Brian King, John Lewis, Gordon and Heidi Rodgers, Ron Cervasio and Richard Blodgett.

C. Approval of Minutes

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Tom Mercier moved to approve the minutes of May 06, 2009 with minor corrections, John Neale seconded. Motion passed 4 -0.

D. Correspondence and Review

None

E. Board Members' Reports

None

F. Planner's Report

Monthly report – March

April

Marcia asked about April 8 and wanted to know if the Planning Board was involved in the census. Ann-Marie stated that the census bureau was in the office and had minor questions.

Marcia also questioned on the April 22 meeting in Sterling CT. Ann-Marie reported on the environmental aspect of the meeting and the breaching of a protective berme.

G. Zoning – Opinion Requested

None

H. Commercial Site Reviews

P&D Properties LLC/10 Plainfield Pike

AP 19 Lot 35

Requesting permission for a gravel bank, continued use

*Public Hearing
Discussion/Decision*

Mike Carpenter moved that based on a notification that the address, plat and lot was listed incorrectly on the agenda, the public hearing is closed. John Neale seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Administrative Subdivisions

None

J. Minor Subdivisions

None

K. Major Subdivisions/Land Development

Youth Athletic Field/Foster Center Road

AP 11 Lot 57

*Pre-Application Conceptual Review
Discussion/Decision*

Brian King of Crossman Engineering presented the information for the Youth Athletic Field. He presented aerial photos with topographical information.

Priorities were: 210' Little League field

300'x180' Youth 14 age group soccer field

Standard size tennis court

Full size basketball court (baskets at the ends and sides)

The placement of the fields was based on the setting of the sun (recommended by National Standards for Placement of Fields). The parking is centrally located with the driveway entrance at the crown of Rte 94.

Brian noted the concerns from the Town Council meeting:

- 1) Storm water management – parking lot may be with crushed stone rather than pavement.
- 2) All runoff/peak flow and volume will be controlled.
- 3) Soccer field can also double as a football field.
- 4) The phasing will be baseball field, parking and soccer field next.

A concern from some residents was the orientation of the baseball field to the roadway. Brian noted that there will be a higher grading embankment. The proposed plan is the best for spacing and grading.

A future concession stand if built, must be moved out of setbacks.

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Mike Carpenter asked about the substantial investment in sod. It might make sense to look at the water availability in the future, incorporated in the conceptual stage for future implementation. The location for lighting should also be anticipated for future implementation. The fire chief should be consulted about accessibility.

Ron Cervasio commented that the grant was given to the Recreation Committee for multiple uses at the school. At first he agreed with this.

- 1) it provides recreation
- 2) it saves the grant

However, he no longer agrees with the proposal because:

- 1) was told the site was level and it isn't
- 2) The field will not survive because of wear and tear on the field.
- 3) This plan does not fit the future needs of the community.

Heidi Rogers- questions the width of the buffer zone for adjacent residents. Brian responded that the walking trail can be moved away from the property line 50'; existing vegetation will be retained.

Julie Farrazano-Mazza- has concerns about lights glaring and water, she is a rear abuttor and runs out of water. She is also concerned about slopes, wetlands and salt from road. She is concerned about hunters during game times. Also, will this be an off road place for teenagers to hang out?

Stephanie Caruolo-concerned that all the trees are being removed and wants to consider fencing as well as vegetation.

Gordon Rogers- stated that taking away hunting is a shame.

- Installation of well is a problem with a septic.
- need a septic
- elevation from front to back is 40'; if you dig down 20' you will be in the water table.

Brian answered that he does not believe a 20' excavation is required

- walking trail is close to abuttors the previous plan showed vegetation left.

Brian answered that this is still a conceptual plan and will be shifted based on the comments.

Anthony Caruolo- asked if there is a price tag yet or estimate on the upkeep. The answer is no.

Richard Rotondo- is concern about run-off; it is all marsh and drains into the Scituate water shed. The re-sale value of his house will be impacted and it's a major construction project.

Ron Cervasio-wants to remind everyone that at the Financial Town Meeting we were told something other than what is actually in place. Mike Carpenter responded that a recreation site is important but it will only move ahead if it is going to be what we want and can be maintained. Rural communities do have athletic facilities.

Julie Ferranzano-Mazza- This is a rural road. She does not want to become ill from water run-off, and does not want to be sued if someone trespasses onto her property and gets shot. She did not bargain for this.

Tom Mercier commented that this is still in the conceptual stage and will take into account the public input. His concern is the access and the parking. It should be a wider or dual access.

Heidi Rogers questions who approves access and would it have an affect on the light at 6 and 94. Tom responded that 94 is a state road and the state has to approve access.

5 minute recess began at 8:42 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Mike would like a report back from Ann-Marie on meetings with Crossman Engineering.

L. New Business

None

M. Old Business

None

N. Future Agenda Items

June 3 - Five year Road Plan
June 17- Mike's House of Ink-Commercial Site
July 1 - Review of Ordinances
Undetermined: P&D Properties
Blackmars

O. Adjournment

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary