



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: June 03, 2009 7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Pat Moreau, Vice Chair

B. Roll Call

Present from the planning board were Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members John Neale, Mike Carpenter, and Marcia Bowden. Tom Mercier and Julia Parmentier were excused. Also present was Bob Clarkin, Director of Public Works.

C. Approval of Minutes

Workshop: Saturday May 16, 2009

John Neale moved to approve the minutes of Saturday May 16, 2009 as corrected, motion carried 4-0. John Neale abstained.

Planning Board: Wednesday May 20, 2009

The board reviewed the minutes of May 20, 2009 and made some changes. John Neale moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mike Carpenter seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Pat Moreau abstained.

D. Correspondence and Review

None

E. Board Members' Reports

None

F. Planner's Report

None

G. Zoning – Opinion Requested

None

H. Commercial Site Reviews

None

I. Administrative Subdivisions

None

J. Minor Subdivisions

None

K. Major Subdivisions/Land Development

None

L. New Business

Five Year Road Plan-

Bob Clarkin reported that DPW has purchased a used road sweeper from Thompson, CT. This will get the sand off the roads and will help to bring down the shoulders to allow the roads to drain. Bob stated the DPW has \$350,000; this includes the stimulus money. The paving of dirt roads is not included in the plan. DPW is handling the problem of muddy dirt roads by placing pea stone in the gravel.

The most problematic dirt roads are Round Hill Road, Gene Allen Road, Barbs Hill, Jencks Road and Ram Tail Road. DPW has made an effort to slope the dirt roads to improve drainage.

Mike Carpenter asks for clarification on what needs maintenance and what needs to be rebuilt. Bob responds with information on Isthmus Road. There were two pipes that were unclogged and improved the road and Bob believes that this may solve the problem.

Mike says that we need to prioritize our maintenance money, as we continue to put money into paving.

Bob's states that his priorities are -

- 1) To appropriate drainage for existing roads, crowning the road and then to continue to work on the drainage. To clear the sides of the road to provide drainage then lay down a surface.
 - 2) Use the sweeper to knock down the edges to allow drainage.
 - 3) Crack sealing – (maintenance function that is part of the capital) to maintain better roads.
 - 4) Chip sealing – spray on oil, lay down stone and then roll it.
- Roads in poor condition are Howard Hill Road, Briggs Road
Howard Hill needs to be rebuilt to restore the profile. The road needs to be leveled to get its profile back.

The comprehensive plan lists dirt roads as being a defining feature of a rural community, therefore Bob asks for input on the dirt roads.

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Mike asked whether this 5-year road plan has to be approved before 07/01/09 to receive the stimulus funds. The answer was no.

John suggested that Town Council dedicate more money to maintenance to preserve the dirt and gravel roads.

Mike Carpenter moved to accept the 5 year road plan submitted by Bob Clarkin DPW director. John Neale seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

M. Old Business

None

N. Future Agenda Items

June 17- Mike's House of Ink-Commercial Site

June 20 – Rte 6 Rezoning Workshop

July 1 - Review of Ordinances

Aug 12- Zoning Presentation

Sept 16- Rte. 6 - Public Informational Meeting

O. Adjournment

John Neale moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy
Secretary