



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER**

**Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: February 3, 2010 7 p.m.**

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Pat Moreau, Chair at 7:13 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present from the Planning Board were Pat Moreau, Chair; John Neale, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members Tom Mercier, Mike Carpenter, and Marcia Bowden; member Julia Parmentier was excused. Town Planner, Ann-Marie Ignasher was also present.

C. Approval of Minutes

Planning Board Meeting December 2, 2009

Tom Mercier moved to approve the minutes with corrections of December 02, 2009, John Neale seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6 – 0.

Rte 6 Rezoning Workshop December 12, 2009

Tom Mercier moved to approve the minutes with corrections of December 12, 2009, John Neale seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6 – 0.

Planning Board Meeting December 16, 2009

Tom Mercier moved to approve the minutes with corrections of December 16, 2009, Mike Carpenter seconded. Motion carried unanimously. 6 – 0.

Planning Board Meeting January 6, 2010

Tom Mercier moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2010, Mike Carpenter seconded, Motion carried 5 – 0. John Neale abstained.

Planning Board Meeting January 20, 2010

Rte 6 Rezoning Workshop January 23, 2010

Tom Mercier moved to table the minutes of January 20, 2010 and January 23, 2010 until March 3, 2010, John Neale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Marcia Bowden asked about the January 20, 2010 regarding the endangered species on the Crispi property, Tom explained that house would not have any impact on the endangered species for they are located in the wetland area.

D. Correspondence and Review

None

E. Board Members' Reports

John Neale reported an upcoming subdivision of the Grass property as part of a Land Trust acquisition. Mike Carpenter comments that ME and VT sell memberships so that people can demonstrate support of Land Trust activity.

F. Planner's Report

The Town Planner Ann-Marie Ignasher announced that help is needed for the H1N1 flu clinic at Captain Isaac Paine School on Saturday February 13, 2010 from 9 a.m.– 1:00p.m.; members must check in; and bring town ID's.

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

Review Proposed Stone Wall Ordinance

Discussion / Action

Tom pointed out that on December 2, 2009 the board tabled the Stone Wall Ordinance until April 7, 2010.

Review Proposed Recycling / Trash Ordinance

Discussion / Action

Tom Mercier moved to table the Recycling/Trash Ordinance until April 7, 2010. John Neale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Schedule date to review proposed outdoor wood burning furnace ordinance

Discussion / Action

Tom Mercier moved to table the Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance until the state passes its ordinance. Mike Carpenter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Marcia points out that Ann-Marie already has drafted a good outline. Ann-Marie will try to get a copy of the state bill that if passed would go into effect on March 31, 2010. The bill is sponsored by Raymond Galeson of Bristol.

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Mike pointed out that the state regulations are lacking a number of issues.

M. Old Business

Finish Review of Revised Subdivision Regulations

Discussion / Action

- Refer to Town Council – for zoning ordinance revision
- Discuss Schedule of Public Hearing on Revised Subdivision Regulations

Ann-Marie is still reviewing the current subdivision regulations and updates them to the current requirements of the Rhode Island General Laws, and to incorporate the conservation planning within all of it. Ann-Marie gave the board the most current draft she had, and suggested the board take the draft home, review it, and provide feed back on it to her.

To ease work schedules, the following schedule was suggested:

- 1) Helen and Marcia will work on Articles IV, V, and VI;
- 2) Tom will go through the whole thing.

Workshop Schedules would be as follows:

- 1) March workshop to go over Sections I-IV
- 2) April workshop to go over Sections V, VI
- 3) May 5 workshop to go over Sections VII –XI
- 4) June 2 workshop to – Finalize the review and approve

Ann-Marie to verify if we need a public hearing, and the difference between the approvals of the subdivision regulations and the update of the zoning ordinances.

N. Future Agenda Items

February 5, 2010 @ 1:30 P.M. – Committee – Small Workshop – Rte. 6 Re-Zoning - Ordinance

February 10, 2010 @ 7:15 P.M. – Continuation Public Informational Meeting –Major Subdivision – Master Plan Review – Blue Dog Investments, LLC – Gene Allen Road, Foster, RI – Plat 18, Lot 25

February 17, 2010 – Regular Application Meeting -

February 20, 2010 – Regular Rte 6 Re-Zoning Workshop Meeting

February 27, 2010 @ 9:30 a.m. – Tentative Schedule for Town Council Budget Review - Department

March 3, 2010 – Review CDBG Applications and rank; Review / Revise various proposed ordinances

March 17, 2010 – Regular Application Meeting

April 7, 2010 – Review Revise Planning Board By-Laws, Applications, etc.

Stonewall Ordinance

Recycling/Trash Ordinance

Sections IV, V, and VI

O. Adjournment

Tom Mercier moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary