



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF FOSTER**  
**Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI**  
**Wednesday: April 6, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by John Neale, Chair at 7:06 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present from the Planning Board were John Neale, Chair; Julia Parmentier, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members, Tom Mercier, Sisan Smallman, Mike Carpenter and Susan Mara. Also present were Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner and Neal Whitelaw, Town Council Member.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

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Tom Mercier moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011; seconded by Julia Parmentier, motion carried unanimously. 7 – 0.

**D. Correspondence and Review**

RI Superior Court Decision - noted

**E. Board Members' Reports**

John Neale reported that the property on Tom Woods Road (Whippoorwill Terrace) was being purchased by the Nature Conservancy, and then at a later date the Nature Conservancy will transfer the title to the Foster Land Trust. This will allow the Land Trust and the Nature Conservancy to further discuss their plans and the management plan for the real estate.

Mike Carpenter reported that the Affordable Housing had a presentation from Housing Works RI. The Housing Board is beginning to look at and revise the Housing section of the Comprehensive Plan, including the merger of the Affordable Housing Plan into the main section of the Comprehensive Plan.

**F. Planner's Report**

None

**G. Zoning – Opinion Requested**

Note: William Fortin's application to construct a liquor store in his garage attached to his residence will be heard by the Zoning Board at their next meeting on April 13, 2011.

**H. Commercial Site Reviews**

None

**I. Administrative Subdivisions**

None

**J. Minor Subdivisions**

None

**K. Major Subdivisions**

None

**L. New Business**

**M. Old Business**

Continue review/revising of:

*Disc/Action*

-Comprehensive Plan - work schedule etc.

All communication needs to go thru Ann-Marie. Drafts need to be in by June 1, 2011. Comp Plan is on the website. Sisan will take Community Facilities and the Conservation Committee will do the Open Space and Recreation.

-By laws

The board members completed their review of the proposed the Planning Board By-Laws. The planner will have the revisions completed by May 4<sup>th</sup> if not sooner.

-Stone Wall Ordinance

Nothing further was done at this time.

-Sub Regs – Conservation Development

Tom Mercier moved to table the Stonewall and Subdivision Regs until May 4; seconded by Julia Parmentier.

Julia Parmentier requested that we return to working on the Conservation Zoning part of the Subdivision Regs and work on it until it's done.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Planning Board. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the Town Clerk's Office 392-9200 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

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Tom Mercier amended his motion to ask for formation of a schedule for review of the Conservation part of the Subdivision Regs in coordination with the Comp Plan; seconded by Sue Mara, motion carried unanimously.

Main motion carried unanimously

### **N. Future Agenda Items**

**April 20** – Blue Dog Development

Tom Mercier moved that if time allows on 4/20 the board should review the Stone Wall Ordinance; seconded by Susan Mara, motion carried unanimously.

### **O. Adjournment**

Tom Mercier moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary