



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: June 15, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

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

Helen Hardy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.; seconded by Julia Parmentier. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. Roll Call

Present from the board were John Neale, Chair; Julia Parmentier, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members Sisan Smallman, and Susan Mara. Members Tom Mercier and Mike Carpenter were excused. Also present were Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner and Brendan Mara, Conservation Commission.

C. Approval of Minutes

Planning Board Meeting – April 20, 2011

Planning Board Meeting – May 04, 2011

Planning Board Meeting – May 18, 2011

Sisan Smallman moved to table the minutes until the July meeting; seconded by Susan Mara. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

D. Correspondence and Review

Tracking Sheet – June - noted

E. Board Members' Reports

Discussion / Action

Brendan Mara from the Conservation Commission reported that they will be going thru the comp plan and they wanted to know if there was anything else that was needed by them. John Neale advised him accordingly.

John Neale reported that the Land Trust will be doing some work at the Spencer property on July 13.

Ann-Marie reported that Mike Carpenter and the Housing Board has been working on merging the Comp Plan and the Affordable Housing Plan.

F. Planner's Report

Discussion / Action

John Neale reported that the Town Council supported the Planning Board's recommendations in full for the CDBG and Abbey Lane remained ranked first (1) on the list and that WRIHRP remained ranked as second (2).

G. Zoning – Opinion Requested

None

H. Commercial Site Reviews

None

I. Administrative Subdivisions

None

J. Minor Subdivisions

None

K. Major Subdivisions

None

L. New Business

Summer schedule

John Neale suggested on keeping the business meetings and to cancel the work session.

Susan Mara moved to set the summer schedule as July 20 and August 17 at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Julia Parmentier. Motion carried unanimously. 5 - 0.

M. Old Business

Discussion / Action

- Comprehensive Plan Update – questions/ issues

John Neale and Ann-Marie will begin sending in achievements to the state so that we can get feedback, Ann-Marie will also compile water shed maps and land use maps. Julia asked if Celeste or Patti could update acreages on the table in the land use table. Susan and Ann-Marie will confer on circulation.

Ann-Marie reported that RIEDC has done a “windshield” survey of the entire town for broadband availability and will be meeting with her tomorrow.

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Ann-Marie reported that RIEDC has set up a new program, RI Site Locator data base which lists commercial properties that are for sale or has available space. John asked if the Rte 6 nodes would be placed into this data base.

Julia and Helen did a first pass thru Land Use up through issues and concerns. They decided that they would cut the policies section out of Land Use thinking that the policies belong in all the other sections and they would keep Land Use Goals.

- By Laws
- Stone Wall Ordinance
- Conservation Development / Subdivision Regulations – questions issues

N. Future Agenda Items

O. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary