



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: October 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Neale, Chair at 7:10 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Minutes

Planning Board Meeting – October 5, 2011

Julia Parmentier moved to table the minutes to the meeting of November 2, 2011; seconded by Sisan Smallman, motion carried unanimously. 5 – 0

D. Correspondence and Review

Nothing

Discussion

E. Board Members' Reports

Susan Mara reported that the Conservation Commission is looking for recruits. Nothing new to report from either Land Trust or Affordable Housing Board

Discussion / Action

F. Planner's Report

Planner's Report – August 2011- noted

Discussion / Action

G. Zoning – Opinion Requested

None

H. Commercial Site Reviews

None

I. Administrative Subdivisions

Shippee Schoolhouse Road / Goozey, Michael & Lisa

AP 10 Lot 11

Shippee Schoolhouse Road / Morgan, Patricia & Mulligan, Stephen

AP 10 Lot 12

*Planner's Decision
Report to Board*

This was a long time boundary line dispute between neighbors (prior to Mr. and Mrs. Goozey) – a boundary line agreement was reached between the parties after a Superior Court action was initiated by one of the neighbors. Part of the agreement was that the administrative subdivision process be completed through the town.

(Helen Hardy arrives)

134B Howard Hill Road / Freeman, Tina & Bruce

AP 5 Lot 52 + 52A

Existing acreage – Lot A 5.767 acres +/- Lot B 14.708 acres +/-

Total proposed acres for Lot A – 5.267 acres +/-

Total proposed acres for Lot B – 15.208 acres +/-

*Planner's Decision
Report to Board*

The planner explained that the original error in the survey – which was done many, many years ago when the original parcel was subdivided. The discrepancy was noticed when the Freemans were constructing a shed on the concrete pad. The surveyor was called in to correct the error in the original survey. Both parties have agreed to transfer a portion of their original lots to the other party to correct the original problem.

J. Minor Subdivisions

None

K. Major Subdivisions

None

L. New Business

None

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.

M. Old Business

Discussion / Action

- Comprehensive Plan Update – questions/ issues
 - Statewide Planning Ltr.-2011 Amendments to the Comp Plan Act
 - RI General Laws – RI Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act

Ann-Marie Ignasher reported that she is going to Statewide Planning and will get feedback on parts already submitted. Julia Parmentier asked if the board was doing the 10 year plan for approval. Ann-Marie noted that Statewide Planning wants the board to do this.

Ann-Marie stated that the surveys should be out in the mail within the next few weeks. Mike Carpenter was hoping that we get feedback from some existing businesses as to how their businesses are thriving. Julia asked if the high school students who need community service could stuff envelopes and compile info after the mail out. Julia will make a call to guidance to inquire about that. Ann-Marie will have draft ready for the Planning Board on November 2.

John Neale asked if the Preserve America designation would be part of the Comprehensive Plan. Ann-Marie stated that The Preservation Is Local classification for Foster would be part of that.

Mike suggested that the Zoning Board, Planning Board and possibly other boards/departments meet once a year to discuss zoning issues including alternate energy proposals in zoning. Julia agreed as she had the same thoughts when going thru the new requirements to the comprehensive plan; and should there be a possible moratorium on new technology to allow the town time to develop appropriate zoning.

Susan Mara had a question regarding the challenge grants and asked if Ann-Marie could speak to Statewide Planning about it being part of applying for the 10 year term for the comprehensive plan or possibly developing zoning for historic districts.

Future meeting will be Nov 2 and Nov 16 and possibly one meeting in Dec. Capital budget requests will be going out in Nov.

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

N. Future Agenda Items

Sisan and Mike suggested a joint meeting with Zoning and other boards.

O. Adjournment

Susan Mara moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary