



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: January 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Neale, Chair at 7:05 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, and Susan Mara. Member Mike Carpenter was excused. Also present were Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, Patti Moreau, Mike Dillon, Davida Irving, Tom Walden, Robert Clarkin, Chief Coyne Kathleen Swanson and Gordon Rogers.

C. Approval of Minutes

Planning Board Meeting – December 7, 2011

Tom Mercier moved to approve the Planning Board minutes of December 7, 2011, seconded by Julia Parmentier, motion carried unanimously.

D. Correspondence and Review

None

E. Board Members' Reports

John Neale gave updates on ongoing Land Trust issues.

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

None

L. New Business

Review of Capital Improvement Budget Requests -

Engineering Board –

Julia Parmentier moved to defer the Engineering Board to the end – seconded by Susan Mara, motion carried unanimously.

Tax Assessor – request is for \$29,000

Her request was \$29,000 for this year and \$29,000 for 2013-2014 for a statistical revaluation.

Pat Moreau, Tax Assessor said that this is 60% reimbursed by the state. Julia asked if the reimbursement went into a revolving fund. Gordon Rogers said that it would go into the General Fund.

Department of Public Works - request is for \$200,000 for Roads and \$130,000 for Dump Truck.

The request for the Dump Truck was withdrawn. Robert Clarkin of DPW said that sectional paving needs to be done on Plainwoods Rd, Winsor Rd, Boss Rd, North Rd and Spur Rd, chip sealing needed on Johnson Rd, South Killingly from Cucumber Hill Rd heading towards the CT line, the cost of chip sealing is approx. \$20,000 per mile. The engineers were almost done with the design for Plainwoods and Mill bridges and 90% of the cost should be reimbursed by FEMA. If there is any money left over Winsor Rd bridge would be worked on as it is below 12 tons; firetrucks and school buses cannot cross.

Bob asked about \$25,000 for a roof at the Nike Site as it is rented by North West Special Education and would require a commitment from them to remain at the location for at least 4 years. The building currently has new windows, boilers and needs a new septic system. Dr. Irving stated that the North West Special Education would prefer to remain at the site as it is beneficial to all districts. Bob stated that if NWSpEd has to move it will cost the town money to refurbish the new space plus pay rent to the district. If a commitment was made by the entities DPW would consider a request for another \$25,000 to redo the septic.

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Town Clerk – request was for \$20,000

This request was originally for \$20,000 and has been reduced to \$10,000. This request is partly for software licenses and partly for computers. The licenses may be obtained thru the state and the rest may need to go out to bid.

Paine School – request was for \$43,100

Dr Irving stated that there are 4 requests and are listed in order of priority.

- 1) Heating pipe – in one section of the school the heating pipes are under the floor and the pipes must be moved into the ceiling.
- 2) Fire doors – into the gym and into a supply closet need to be replaced
- 3) Enclose chimney – heavy rain comes down the chimney near the boiler and give a constant damp wall. Enclosing the chimney would keep the water out, removing the chimney would be more expensive.
- 4) Water fountains – the chiller unit in the cafeteria lobby is not working and the state requires that a fountain be in the cafeteria as well, the school was audited by the state and the school would be cited for not providing water to the students in the cafeteria even though there is one in the hallway. Julia asked if all the money was expended from last year. Dr Irving stated that all the money was spent on an intercom system.

Police – request was for \$27,000

This request is for the lease on 3 vehicles. Those vehicles are already here; this will be the first payment on a three year lease.

Engineering – request was for \$185,000

This request is for a replacement of a truck and a communication tower. Gordon recommends that trucks do not need to have a custom cab, trucks could be purchased with a conventional cabs which are cheaper and can be recycled at the end of its service to DPW rather than selling them for a small amount of money. Tom Walden said they would like to put in a communications tower in Moosup Valley in the hopes of having a back-up in the event that the Foster Center tower is hit by lighting as it has been in the past.

Total requests were \$493,600.

5 minute recess – meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Helen Hardy recused herself from the table.

Tom Mercier moved that the Planning Board recommend as the 2012-2013 Capital Budget, seconded by Julia Parmentier. Motion carried unanimously. 5 -0 (Susan Mara left early due to illness)

Tax Assessor	29,000
Police	26,500
Town Clerk	10,000
Engineering	75,000
DPW	<u>100,000</u>
Total	240,500

The school was not funded at this time as the board feels that these funds can be included in their operating budget.

Sisan points out that the boards recommendations don't necessarily reflect merit of requests made but are made thru commitments that are already made.

Tom Mercier moved to authorize Ann-Marie and John Neale to send recommendation letter to the Town Council, seconded by Sisan Smallman. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Continued Business

N. Future Agenda Items

Feb / March – Review CDBG applications

O. Adjournment

Tom Mercier moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary