



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: February 01, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order

The 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 and Mike Carpenter. Member Susan Mara was excused. Also present was Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner.

C. Approval of Minutes

Planning Board Meeting –January 18, 2012

Tom Mercier moved to approve the January 18, 2012 meeting minutes; seconded by Julia Parmentier.

Tom Mercier moved to amend the motion to have the conditions added to the motion so that it will mirror the decision; seconded by Mike Carpenter.

6 – 0 in favor of the amendment

6 – 0 in favor of the main motion

D. Correspondence and Review

None

E. Board Members' Reports

None

F. Planner's Report

Monthly report – December

Tom Mercier move to have planner's report placed in file; seconded by Mike Carpenter, motion carried unanimously.

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

M. Continued Business

- Foster Community Survey

Sisan revised the old survey. There was discussion about the changes; there was a numbering mix up, question in number 16 was added in, and libraries was to be added to number 17.

Tom Mercier moved to make the recommended changes and send out on February 23 and have the return date as March 9; seconded by Julia Parmentier, motion carried unanimously.

- Comprehensive Plan Update – questions/ issues

Letter for the Comprehensive draft was received from Statewide Planning. There was some discussion on affordable housing element. The Goals, Policies and Objectives need to be made clear. Julia Parmentier said that the wording should be something like *Foster is an equal opportunity housing provider and living in Foster should not present additional economic burden.*

The letter makes a reference to what is required for public water provider. Ann-Marie and Sisan will contact Kevin Nelson at Statewide Planning to clear up the boards questions.

Julia asked if the Land Use Plan was in digital format as she has not seen it.

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- Copy of the Goals, Objectives, Policies and Actions

Everyone should get their goals, policies and objectives in place for their section by and submitted to Ann-Marie and Celeste by March 26. All sections will be reviewed at special Saturday meeting which was set for March 31 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. If all goes well a Public Hearing could be set for April 28 from 10-12 to be held at South Foster Fire if possible.

- By Laws

- Stone Wall Ordinance

- Conservation Development / Subdivision Regulations – questions issues

N. Future Agenda Items

March 7 – Planning Board by laws

5 year road plan

March 21 – Review CDBG applications

O. Adjournment

Tom moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary