



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER  
Benjamin Eddy Building  
6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI  
Wednesday: August 07, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Tom Mercier at 7:03 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present from the Planning Board were Tom Mercier, Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members Mike Carpenter, Susan Mara, Joe Carey and Zack Farnum. Julia Parmentier, Vice Chair was excused. Also present were Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, Daniel Hey and Caryn Hey.

Helen moved to move Item G; Zoning Opinion to be next on the agenda; seconded by Mike Carpenter, motion carried unanimously 6 – 0.

**G. Zoning – Opinion Requested**

Hey Daniel

AP 03 Lot 0048A

Requesting a Special Use Permit for Specialty Shop/Gun Shop

*Discussion / Action*

Ann-Marie explained this zoning application.

Susan asked if this will be by appointment only. Mr. Hey explained that he will be open at specified hours. He also explained that he did not expect to have a large inventory.

The board had a discussion on the constraints of the A/R zone regarding the density (population) and the volume of the business.

Sue suggested that the zoning ordinance needs to specify more on the dimensional regulations for commercial business in an A/R zone.

Sue moved to allow Ann-Marie to write a recommendation for approval of this application as it is consistent with the comprehensive plan, there is nothing prohibiting it in zoning and it is a specialty shop. Consideration should be made of conditions on past approvals and constraints on volume of business in an A/R zone. Seconded by Zack, motion carried 5 – 1.

In favor: Susan Mara, Joe Carey, Mike Carpenter, Zack Farnum and Tom Mercier.

Opposed: Helen Hardy

Tom asked that Ann-Marie contact the board if she finds any inconsistencies.

Helen asked Ann-Marie to identify existing gun shops in A/R zones.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

Planning Board Meeting – July 17, 2013

Workshop – July 24, 2013

*Discussion / Action*

Zack moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2013 with minor corrections; seconded by Sue Mara, motion carried unanimously 6 – 0.

**D. Correspondence and Review**

*Discussion / Action*

**E. Board Members' Reports**

*Discussion / Action*

Sue reported that the Conservation Commission set a booth/raffle at the Old Home Days.

Mike reported that the Land Trust has an agreement with abutter for hay fields. The International Mountain Bikes Association are showing some interest to use some trails.

**F. Planner's Report**

*Discussion / Action*

Planning Board Quarterly Report – Quarter 2-2013

Planner's Report – July

Sue moved to approve and place on file, seconded by Zack, motion carried 6 – 0.

**H. Commercial Site Reviews**

None

**I. Administrative Subdivisions**

None

**J. Minor Subdivisions**

None

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**K. Major Subdivisions**

None

**L. New Business**

**M. Continued Business**

*Discussion / Action*

**Review - Remaining Steps of Comprehensive Plan**

**- Analysis for writing narratives**

**Comp Plan Narratives to be reviewed –**

- Community Services and Facilities
- Circulation / Transportation
- Natural Hazards
- Economic Development
- Open Space / Recreation
- Historical and Cultural Resources

**Final narratives-approved –**

- Housing Element
- Land Use
- Natural Resources

**Final matrices– voted on and approved –**

- Land Use
- Circulation / Transportation
- Affordable Housing Matrix
- Natural Resources
- Natural Hazards
- Community Services and Facilities
- Economic Development
- Open Space / Recreation
- Historical and Cultural Resources

**N. Future Agenda Items**

Zack announced that this is his last meeting as he will be returning to school. The board commended Zack for his willingness to volunteer during this time.

There are no new developments on the Simmon’s Crossing development.

**Future – Update/revise to comply with Comp Plan**

- Subdivision Regulations
- Zoning Ordinance / Sign Ordinance
- 5 year road plan
- Conservation Development

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- Meet with other boards
- Letter to Town Council regarding the RI Senate Legislative Bill

**O. Adjournment**

Sue moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary