



PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
Wednesday: September 4, 2013
7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Tom Mercier, Chair at 7:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present from the board were Tom Mercier, Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members Julia Parmentier, Mike Carpenter, and Joe Carey. Members, Zach Farnum and Susan Mara were excused. Also present was Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner.

C. Approval of Minutes

Planning Meeting – August 21, 2013

Mike Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2013 with corrections; seconded by Joe Carey. Motion carried unanimously 4 – 0.

D. Correspondence and Review

E. Board Members' Reports

None

F. Planner's Report

Ann-Marie will be meeting with the Valentine's soon, regarding the Simmon's Crossing development.

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

(1) 5 Year Road Plan – There was a discussion regarding the problem of having a five (5) year road plan in place when the Town Council is elected every two years; in part because the priorities of the new Council may not coincide with the priorities of the 5 Year Road Plan.

Also there was some discussion of possibly renaming the “5 Year Road Plan” to just “Road Plan” or “Road and Bridge Maintenance Plan.” Board members also discussed the possibility of making sure that every member of every new council is given a copy of the plan as soon as they take office, so they can see the work already done. The same should hold true every time a new DPW Director is hired, so the new director can build upon the existing plan and not have to re-create a plan from scratch.

(2) Website: Communicating business via the website.

Minutes are already posted. Mike suggested highlighting what we emphasized at the meeting. Tom asked if members would keep a record of what we'd like to appear on the site over the next few months, and the board would come up with some recommendations after that. Create an accurate record.

(3) Current Licenses: Gun shops in A/R zone:

- 9 King Road: Since 1996, guns and supplies are approved by zoning; special use will expire with sale of property with current owners.

This data will be updated in future minutes:

- Breezy Hill Outdoors – 2 Gold Mine Road, Foster – No record of Zoning Board approval. What activity?

- Larry Allary Firearms – 7 Rickard Road – 2007 (?) – Earliest known license – what activity?

- Steve's Gun Shop – 66 Central Pike – closed down.

- There is a possibility of a 5th license (for A/R zone) however, that needs to be verified.

The Planner, Ann-Marie and the BZO Peter Scorpio visited all of the site locations, and none of them from the outside were identifiable as a gun shop. It was discussed by the board members that Federal Law now requires some sort of permitting process by the Town in which they (the ATF) is granting a license for a dealer. The Board is concerned with what commercial uses in an Agricultural / Residential Zone, are truly appropriate for that zone.

M. Continued Business

Comprehensive Plan: Action/implementation sections: Open Space & Recreation: -

- Board went through the implementation table and assigned duration and responsibility.
- Planning Board members need to take the completed implementation sections and check them against the Implementation sections of the old comprehensive plan to make sure nothing has become lost.

Remaining Comprehensive Plan: Narratives for several sections.

N: Future Agenda Items:

Future – Update/revise to comply with Comprehensive Plan

- Subdivision Regulations
- Zoning Ordinance / Sign Ordinance
- Conservation Development
- Outdoor Furnaces Ordinance
- Stone Wall Ordinance

O. Adjournment

Mike Carpenter moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

- Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary