

February 15, 2006

The Town Council members joined the Planning Board members for a joint meeting at 7:45 p.m. at the Benjamin Eddy Building 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI.

The following members were present and sat in the audience with the planning board members remaining at the table.

Heidi Rogers, President
Steven Bellucci, Vice President
Ralph Berkowitz
Colette J. Matarese

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. did not attend.

John Lewis, Chair of the Planning Board explained that Foster was the only community in Rhode Island that did not have final approval for an Affordable Housing Plan and the State of Rhode Island extended the deadline for Foster to February 28, 2006.

John Lewis read the three alternatives that the town had to make a decision on for the Affordable Housing Plan.

Ralph Berkowitz questioned what was affordable housing and John Lewis and Christopher Gorham explained how the State of Rhode Island identifies low and moderate income designations.

After reviewing the memorandum that John Lewis had forwarded to the council members there was a lengthy discussion.

The following individuals from the audience made comments:

Ronald Cervasio of Old Plainfield Pike
Robert Moreau of Central Pike
Martin Helfgott of Cucumber Hill Road
Lynne S. Rider of Burgess Road

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to allow an increase in density up to eight bedrooms per acre in the zones specified for affordable housing, as regulated by RIDEM and the Foster Planning Board

Steven Bellucci Aye, Ralph Berkowitz Aye, Colette J. Matarese Aye
Heidi Rogers Aye

The joint meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted By,

Anne M. Irons
Town Clerk

