



**ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING
TOWN OF FOSTER**

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Carl Saccoccio.

B. Roll Call:

Present were: Carl Saccoccio, Chairman; William (Bill) Gibb, Vice-Chairman; Scott Pollard, Heidi Colwell Members; Joseph Walsh, Alternate; Tom Bargeon, Alternate; John J. Bevilacqua, Esq., Town Solicitor; and Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner.

Absent were: Paula Mottshaw, Secretary; and Robert Fallon, Building / Zoning Official.

C. Approval of Minutes:

Bill Gibb moved to approve the meeting minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting.

The motion was seconded by Joe Walsh. There was no further discussion.

Members voting to approve: Carl Saccoccio, William Gibb, Scott Pollard, Tom Bargeon

Members voting against: None

Members abstaining: Heidi Colwell and Joseph Walsh

D. Correspondence and Communications:

None

E. Decisions – Review and Adoption:

New Hearings:

Hearing Number: **08-07**

Applicants: **Henry & Pamela Chabot d/b/a Foster Bear Arms – Foster Bait Shack**

Landowners: Danielson Pike Realty, LLC

Subject Property: 52 Danielson Pike, Foster, RI

Assessor's Info: Plat 21 – Lot 0026

Zoning District: NC – Neighborhood Commercial

Relief Requested: Article IV Section 13(B) – Dimensional Requirements

Article VI Section 17(B) – Sign Regulations

Chairman Carl Saccoccio verified that all members of the board had reviewed the written decision for particular. Member William Gibb made a motion to approve the decision as written. Scott Pollard seconded the motion, there was not further discussion.

Members voting to approve: Carl Saccoccio, William Gibb, Scott Pollard, Tom Bargeon

Members voting against: None

Members abstaining: Heidi Colwell and Joseph Walsh.

F. Public Hearings:

Continued Hearings:

None

G. Zoning Board of Appeals Will Convene to Hear the Following Appeals:

None

H. Future Agenda Items:

1. Possibility of Expedited Waiver Process:

Chairman Carl Saccoccio spoke to the fact that other municipalities have a procedure in place that allows for an expedited waiver process. (For Example: Side Yard Set Back Line is 20 feet and the applicant needs relief of 4 feet.) What happens is that the applicant completes a form and then submits the form to the building / zoning official, and the official notifies all of the abutters as required under the statute, and if no-one objects within a certain amount of time to the granting of the waiver falls to the building / zoning official. If someone objects, however, then the application is scheduled for the next available zoning board meeting. Or if the building / zoning official denies the waiver then the applicant can request a hearing before the zoning board. At present, our zoning ordinance does not allow such a process. Therefore the zoning board should investigate this option further, determine if it something that they would like to see enacted. If the board does want to request such an ordinance they would then make their recommendation to the town council to request same.

This matter should be discussed further at the January / February 2009 meeting.

H. Future Agenda Items (con't):

2. Election of officers – should take place at the January meeting.
3. Scott Pollard will be resigning his position on the zoning board as was elected to a State Office. Due to Scott's resignation will be necessary for the town council to appoint someone to take Scott's place.
4. The Planner informed the board of a meeting to be held at the Gloucester town hall on December 10, 2009 – to discuss affordable housing issues.

I. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, a second to the motion was forthcoming; and the board adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____/s/Ann-Marie Ignasher_____
Ann-Marie Ignasher,
Town Planner, Foster, RI

____January 15, 2009_____

Dated