

**ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER  
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI  
Wednesday: December 11, 2013 AT 7:00 p.m.**

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- A. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.
- B. Roll Call:** Joseph Walsh, William Gibb (absent), Paula Mottshaw, Heidi Colwell, Maureen McEntee, Thomas DiRaimo, John Esposito. Also present: Renee Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor; Peter Scorpio, Building/Zoning Official; Ann Marie Ignasher, Town Planner; Carol Malaga, Stenographer
- C. Approval of Minutes:** motioned, seconded,
- D. Correspondence and Communications**  
None
- E. Decisions – Review /Adoption - Ratification**  
None
- F. Public Hearings:**  
**HEARING # 13-09-01-Z**  
Applicant LINDA MILLER; regarding that certain parcel of real estate located at 13 WALKER ROAD, FOSTER, RI also known as RI Tax Assessor’s Plat 5, Lot 0022, is requesting a Special Use Permit under the Foster Zoning Ordinance, under Article IV (Zone Regulations); Section 3 (Open Recreation Uses); Subsection 6 (Open Rec Events & Amusements {License Required by Town Council Ordinance 95-12-366}); and/or Article IV (Zone Regulations); Section 4 (Public and Semi-Public Uses); Subsection 9 (General purpose hall for recreation, social or other intermittent functions). The purpose of the special use request is to allow Ms. Miller to allow her farmland to be used as a venue for intermittent functions, more specifically weddings throughout the year.
- Voting in place of William Gibb is John Esposito.
- Steven Litwin, Esq, Linda Miller’s Attorney, speaking in favor  
Morin Catering, speaking in favor of application.  
Linda Miller speaking in favor of application
- Albert Nelson, 4 ½ Walker Road, abutter, spoke against application  
Mary Evelyn Nelson, 4 ½ Walker Road, spoke against application  
Judith Armitage, 12 Walker Road, abutter, spoke against application  
George Armitage, 12 Walker Road, abutter, spoke against application, please note that his letter is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Maureen McEntee made a motion to approve, Thomas DiRaimo, seconded, Heidi Colwell, rejected, Paula Mottshaw, rejected, Joseph Walsh, rejected, John Esposito, rejected.  
Application not approved 4-2.
- The point that could not be resolved involved Article IV, Section 4, Subsection 9: General purpose hall for recreation, social or other intermittent functions. The applicant would have a tent on the property for the wedding. The Board decided that a tent does not equal a hall (a hall would containing the noise created by a large group + a band/music).
- G. Zoning Board of Appeals will convene to hear the following appeals**  
None
- H. Old Business**  
None
- I. New Business:**  
None
- J. Future Agenda Items**  
Decision for Application #13-09-01-Z, Miller
- K. Adjournment**

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Maureen McEntee made a motion to adjourn, Heidi Colwell, seconded, Joseph Walsh, aye, John Esposito, aye, Thomas DiRaimo, aye, Paula Mottshaw, aye, Heidi Colwell, aye, Maureen McEntee, aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paula Mottshaw, Secretary

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