



Town of Foster

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ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW - HEARING PROCEDURES

1. Any person who wishes to speak will give his or her name and address and will be placed under oath. All questions and statements must be addressed to the board. There will be no cross talk in the audience.
2. Once the application is read the chair will hear from the applicant first. It is the applicant's burden to present evidence supporting his or her request. The presentation must be clear and to the point.
3. After the applicant has completed his or her presentation any abutter in favor of the application will have a reasonable time to speak. After all abutters in favor of the application have spoken, any abutter opposed to the application will have a reasonable time to speak.
4. After all abutters have spoken, any other interested member of the audience may, at the discretion of the chair, speak for **no more than 5 minutes**. No person shall speak twice until all interested parties have spoken.
5. Once all testimony is heard, the Board will recess in place for discussion. No further testimony will be taken from the floor once the Board is in recess.
6. The Board will then come out of recess: the Chair will accept any motion and it is the Board's procedure that each motion must be in the affirmative which does not imply an acceptance of the application.
7. A vote of four to one is necessary to carry any motion except an appeal. An appeal requires a vote of three to two.
8. If your application is approved the decision will be finalized at the next monthly Zoning Board meeting. No building permit can be issued before the decision is finalized.
9. If your hearing is denied, you have the right to appeal to Superior Court within twenty (20) days after such decision is recorded.
10. The Board reserves the right to postpone a decision until the next scheduled regular meeting on any hearing.