

**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road
Wednesday: February 20, 2019**

A. Call to Order

Ron Cervasio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ron Cervasio, Chair; Joe Carey, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; Mike Carpenter; Anthony Renzi; Lisa Johnston; and Jeff Sheldon.

Staff Present: Jennifer Siciliano, Planner; Joanna Achille, Solicitor

C. Minutes

1.) January 16, 2019

Jeff Sheldon moved, Lisa Johnston seconded, to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019 as corrected.

Motion passed 6 – 0 – 1. Ron Cervasio abstained.

2.) February 6, 2019

Jeff Sheldon moved, Lisa Johnston seconded, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019 with corrections.

Motion passed 6 – 0 – 1. Ron Cervasio abstained.

D. Correspondence

Mr. Cervasio reviewed planning board correspondence:

- Providence Water Supply Grants – tabled, Mike Carpenter will be submitting
- Alternative Zoning for Route 6 – Mr. Renzi will be submitting
- Wetlands Requirements RIDEM vs. Foster – tabled
- Accessory Businesses in Farm/Forests – Mr. Millar will be appearing
- Memorandum from Mr. Cervasio in regards to
 - 1) request for council to change the way we do business / capital projects, changing dates to earlier times, and

Discussion: Helen Hardy, Ron Cervasio, Joe Carey, Jennifer Siciliano, and Anthony Renzi.

E. Economic Development Presentation

Ms. Siciliano introduced Mr. Gibbs presented an economic development plan. He runs The Economic Foundation of RI, which is a real estate, non-profit economic development organization. There is also a subsidiary called New England Economic Development Services which is for profit. He enumerated various projects they completed.

Discussion: Ron Cervasio, Mr. Gibbs, Helen Hardy, Anthony Renzi, Lisa Johnston, Joe Carey, and Mike Carpenter

F. Election of Land Trust and Conservation Commission Liaisons

Ron Cervasio nominated himself as the liaison to the Land Trust. Jeff Sheldon seconded.

Discussion: There was a question as to whether the chair can be a liaison. Item was tabled.

Ron Cervasio nominated Joe Carey as liaison to the Conservation Commission. Jeff Sheldon seconded.

Motion passed 6 – 0 – 1. Ron Cervasio abstained.

G. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Process Review

Tabled by Ron Cervasio. Anthony Renzi wanted to address this item. Mr. Renzi moved to have a revote on the recommendations made on the DPW projects. Helen Hardy stated that it had already been turned in. Jeff Sheldon seconded.

Discussion: Joe Carey

Anthony Renzi withdrew his motion. Jeff Sheldon withdrew his second.

Anthony Renzi moved to reject the Fire Department's new fire truck. Lisa Johnston seconded.

Discussion: Anthony Renzi, Jeff Sheldon, Ron Cervasio

Anthony Renzi withdrew his motion.

Planning Board Minutes
February 20, 2018

Joanna Achille explained that an amendment to the agenda has to be voted on if someone objects.

Joe Carey move to table Agenda items H.I.K.L., Jeff Sheldon seconded.
Motion passed 6 – 0 – 1. Ron Cervasio abstained.

H. Energy Handout Explanation (Mr. Carpenter)

Tabled by Ron Cervasio.

I. Providence Water Supply Septic Grants

Tabled by Ron Cervasio.

J. Truck Ordinance Review and Enforcement

Ron Cervasio stated that no one is enforcing the truck ordinance restricting vehicles parked in an A/R zone. He stated they should recommend to enforce the ordinance or to change it.

Anthony Renzi moved, Jeff Sheldon seconded, to table the item.

Joe Carey asked to add an agenda item to allow the report on the solar ordinance to move forward. Jeff Sheldon seconded.

Motion passed 5 – 0 – 2. Ron Cervasio and Joe Carey abstained.

K. Advisory Opinion – Recreational Marijuana

L. Alternative Zoning for Route 6 (Mr. Renzi)

M. Future Agenda Items

- Report on Electricity – Mike Carpenter
- Zoning on Route 6 – Anthony Renzi
- Locating existing maps – Jennifer Siciliano
- DEM regulations for wetlands in regard to zoning – Joanna Achille
- Advisory opinion for Town Council – Marijuana Ordinance
- Letter regarding procedures for the Capital Improvement Plan budget
- Blight Ordinance
- 5-year Road Plan

N. Adjournment

Helen Hardy moved to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Helen Hardy, Secretary