

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road
Wednesday: January 15, 2020

A. Call to Order

Anthony Renzi called the Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Planning Board Members: Anthony Renzi, Warren Ducharme, Mike Carpenter, Lisa Johnston; David Paolissi, Bob Moreau, and Helen Hardy.

Staff: Jennifer Siciliano, Planner; Kelli Russ, Treasurer, Joanna Achille, Solicitor

Members of the public: Ron Cervasio, Jeff Sheldon

C. Approval of Minutes

1. December 4, 2019

Lisa Johnston moved, Mike Carpenter seconded, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019

Passed 6 – 0 – 1. Bob Moreau abstained.

D. Correspondence

Anthony Renzi presented information on Carbon Credit for a Future Agenda Item.

E. Election of Officers

Lisa Johnston moved, Mike Carpenter seconded, to nominate Anthony Renzi as Chair, Warren Ducharme as Vice Chair, and Helen Hardy as Secretary.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

F. Planning Board Meeting Calendar

Lisa Johnston moved, Warren Ducharme seconded, to accept the meeting calendar as presented by the Planner.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

G. Zoning Advisory Opinion

Zoning Advisory Opinion – Pinto, Plat 16 Lot 53A. The Applicant and Owner, Dawn Pinto seeks a Dimensional Variance for the Town of Foster Zoning Ordinances Article IV Uses Section 38-192. Dimensional Regulations (1) AR agricultural/residential district. Single-Family Residential Structure on property 15 ½ Boswell Trail, being Plat 10 Lot 72A.

Dawn Pinto, owner, presented the application and reasons they would like to place the building within the side lot setback.

Bob Moreau moved, Lisa Johnston seconded, to have the applicants return with information on why then must place it only in this location.

Motion carried 6 – 0 – 1. Warren Ducharme abstained.

H. Blight Ordinance on Rt. 6

Anthony Renzi stated that he is working on setting up a joint meeting with the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Discussion: Procedure for the joint meeting. Providing incentive with information about how to accomplish this clean up.

Ron Cervasio stated that other attorneys have given their options for cleanup. He stated that he feels the Town Council does not have the money or will to tackle Rt. 6.

Mike Carpenter point out that EDAC does not have a budget to be able to do effective and necessary research. He stated that he wanted to make a motion to fund the EDAC and requested this item be added as a Future Agenda Item.

Jeff Sheldon expressed the opinion that the property owners of blighted property would not follow through and would just pocket any financial breaks given.

I. Capital Budget

Tax Assessor & Tax Collector: \$55,875.00 for Vision Administration software upgrade. This system is one used by most of the other towns and was development for Rhode Island.

Discussion of maintenance.

Kelli Russ presented a spreadsheet of the expenditures from previous years and dollar amounts encumbered. She suggested that \$100,000 be a set amount for Engineering so that the fire departments and ambulance corps work together to plan out the maintenance of their fleets. Annual reports and mission statements will be required.

Kelli Russ also suggested that the Planning Board submit a letter of recommendation to the Town Council that the Engineering Board represents all three fire companies and the ambulance corps who will work together to budget the use of the annual capital budget appropriation. Kelly Rush also recommended adding \$90,000 to the first payment on a new Police Station.

Recommendation for budget:

• Tax Assessor	\$55,875
• Town Vehicles	\$15,000
• CIP	(not discussed)
• Engineering	\$100,000
• Police	\$59,500
• DPW – Paving:	\$180,000
• Town Hall/House Renovation:	\$62,500
• Athletic Field:	\$42,500
• Bridges - need a plan / decisions; \$25,000 to begin	

Lisa Johnston moved, Bob Moreau seconded, for Jennifer Siciliano to convey all the concerns the Planning Board has in writing for Anthony to sign and then submit to the Town Council. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Kelli stated that the school present their budget.

Lisa Johnston moved, Warren Ducharme seconded, for Jennifer Siciliano to include the school department budget recommendations and concerns to the Town Council.

Lisa Johnston moved that Item **J. Future Agenda Items** be carried forward to the next meeting. Motion passed 7 – 0.

H. Adjournment

Lisa Johnston moved to adjourn. Motion passed 6 – 0 – 1. Anthony Renzi adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Helen Hardy, Secretary