

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road
Wednesday: May 16, 2018

A. Call to Order

Mr. Carey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

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

Town Officials Present Town Council Members Denise L. DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, and Chris Stone.

C. Approval of Minutes

1) May 2, 2018

Rick Sparks moved, Jeff Sheldon seconded, to approve the minutes of May 2, 2018

Discussion: Helen Hardy had corrections, Ron Cervasio.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

D. Correspondence

Ms. Siciliano stated that Rick Sparks had sent her something but would discuss it as an agenda item.

E. Board Members Reports

1) Land Trust

Mike Carpenter reported that they have been site walking on Shippee Schoolhouse Road and Maple Rock Road. Also they are working continually to make the website more accurate.

Discussion: Ron Cervasio, Mike Carpenter, Joe Carey, Rick Sparks, Helen Hardy

2. Conservation Commission

Rick Sparks stated there was no changed since the last meeting.

F. Decision Approval – Quahog Solar, LLC

- 1) Master Plan and Zoning Board Special Use Permit recommendation decision approval for applicant Quahog Solar, LLC to construct a 6.02 MW DC ground-mounted solar installation encompassing approximately 20.5 acres, with related access drive, 9-foot high security fence, and stormwater management areas; located on Hartford Pike between Poles 3-12 on 45.3 acres, being Plat 18 Lot 30 in an Agricultural/Residential AR district.

Ron Cervasio moved, Jeff Sheldon seconded, to approve the decision for Quahog Solar, LLC.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

G. Comprehensive Plan Maps

Ms. Siciliano made a list of all maps needed. Laura Sparks provided these maps. Ms. Siciliano showed the board what had been done so far.

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

H. Commercial Zoning on Route 6

Ms. Siciliano opened the discussion reviewing her experience in economic development. She distributed the 2003 Comprehensive Plan to point out the action items and goals. She explained how to determine if zoning is the issue. She also suggested reviewing the Use Table and perhaps opening that up, and targeting areas to improve.

Discussion: Mike Carpenter, Rick Sparks, Helen Hardy, Ron Cervasio, Jeff Sheldon, Anthony Renzi, Joanna Achille, and Joe Carey.

I. Future Agenda Items

- a. Economic development: impact of zoning changes / potential rezoning of Rt. 6 / review of town zoning
- b. Blight ordinance / enforcement
- c. Meeting procedural modifications
- d. Screening Requirements for Commercial Development

J. Adjournment

Ron Cervasio moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy,
Secretary