

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road
Wednesday: October 3, 2018

A. Call to Order

Mr. Carey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Excused: Mike Carpenter

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

Town Officials Present Gordon Rogers and Chris Stone, Town Council members

Members of the Public Sandy Sheldon; Lynne Rider, and Norbert Therrien from National Survey

C. Approval of Minutes

1) September 19, 2018

Ron Cervasio moved, Anthony Renzi seconded, to table the minutes of September 19, 2018 to the next meeting.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

D. Correspondence

Ms. Siciliano distributed spreadsheets to the members showing the open applications. Helen Hardy suggested that they be distributed at the first (business) meeting of the month.

E. Board Members Reports

1) Land Trust

Mr. Carpenter was not present to give a report.

2. Conservation Commission

No meeting.

F. Minor Subdivision

1) Pre-Application for applicant Christopher and Rebecca Coutu and owners Christopher and Rebecca Coutu, and Paul and Lynne Rider for a proposed 2-lot minor subdivision with existing residential unit, and one additional proposed residential unit with well, septic, driveway, and change to abutting property line between Plat 16 Lots 34 and 36; located on Burgess Road in an Agricultural/Residential AR district.

Discussion: Norbert Therrien of National Land Surveyors presented the proposal. Christopher and Rebecca Coutu propose to subdivide their lot, of 22.49 acres into two lots with the original lot to be 18.12 acres and the newly-created lot to be 4.37 acres. In addition, Paul and Lynne Rider will subdivide their lot of 51.1 acres to add .22 acres to the smaller lot to have 300' of frontage, land needed to be purchased from the Riders. The remaining frontage owned by the Riders would be over 800' and 50.88 acres. The newly made buildable Lot, 34-B (possible ID), has been tested.

Rick Sparks moved, Anthony Renzi seconded, to forgo the site walk.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

G. Licensing Fees

Town Planner Jennifer Siciliano detailed some of the license fees and distributed a list of the current fees. Ron Cervasio stated that he would like to see a spreadsheet format comparing Foster's fees to other towns. Anthony Renzi stated that Foster charges less than other towns and discussed the advertising fees and saying that other towns do not collect that. He stated that there are a lot of businesses in town that don't pay license fees.

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Mr. Cervasio requested that to add revenue these fees should be raised to contribute to revenue and that the Planning Board should make a suggestion to the Town Council. Mr. Renzi says he pays as much for his lemonade stand in the Town of Smithfield that the Foster Country Club pays per year. He stated that slowing the traffic on Rt. 6 may attract more businesses. The board members requested more information about the different classes of liquor licenses. Mr. Cervasio stated that he will present new categories for the next meeting.

H. Service Awards

Tabled until Mr. Carpenter is present.

I. Comp Plan Update

Ms. Siciliano stated that the Land Use chapter is done, but that it needs details updated. Ms. Hardy noted that the Design Standards for the GBM Zone still needs to be done. Also dimensional requirements need to be looked at.

J. Future Agenda Items

- 1) Additional Taxes & Fees
- 2) Rt. 6 Zoning re: GBM
- 3) Solar energy
- 4) Marijuana Ordinance
- 5) Timeline changes for subdivisions
- 6) Regulations from the State
- 7) Stoplight on Rt. 6 & Cucumber Hill Road
- 8) Traffic court?

9) Adjournment

Mr. Sheldon moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy,
Secretary