



Town of Foster

Est. 1781

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

March 2022 Report

- Zoning Board of Review
 - The ZBR met on 3/9 to hear:
 - Public Hearing – 0 T Parker Rd, AP 3 lot 16-D
The applicant and owner John B. Hawkins and John F. Hawkins seeks approval for a dimensional Variance from the requirements of Section 38-277(a) Sewerage Disposal from the minimum required setback of 100 feet from property lines and 38-192 Dimensional Regulations from the required 100 ft rear yard setback. *Approved*

- Planning Board
 - The Planning Board Did not meet in March; Planner was on leave from March 9 to March 23.

- Zoning Enforcement
 - New Building Official/Zoning official took over enforcement duties;

- Public and Miscellaneous
 - The town was subject to a Compassion Center Lottery which was granted to Green Wave who are looking at the Old Pool Supply Store for possible location; The Planner has been in contact with Green Wave;
 - Planner continues to review of State questions and feedback regarding the Comprehensive Plan; Significant progress has been made and are nearing a public hearing for the approval of the plan;
 - Major issues include needed updates to statistical data;
 - Reformatting of goals and objectives;
 - Creating new goals and/or eliminating some;
 - Completed updates to the Recreation Chapter
 - UPDATE TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Planner has completed nearly all outstanding tasks pursuant to state comments; next step is to set up public hearings with the Planning Board for Formal approval;
 - All edits to the comprehensive plan have been uploaded to the town's website for public comment.

- Planner continues to update “business” section on town website as a resource for local businesses; sections have been added for programs that are available through USDA;
- Planner has paused reviewing potential ordinances for the regulation of breweries and wineries and uses of similar note;
- Planner has paused work on non-utilization tax ordinance as discussed in 10/20 PB meeting;
- Planner submitted Assistance to Firefighters, FEMA grant
- Planner continues to work with Kearsarge energy as the selected RFP candidate for the Nike Site Solar project;
- Planner continues to work with DPW director to identify tenant for Nike Site Building.
- Planner attended OpenGov meetings in preparation for transition to e-permitting. Planner did not take a leading role as it is anticipated the Building Official will have the bulk of the responsibility for managing e-permitting going forward;
- Planner developed RFP for Phase of the Athletic Fields RI-DEM grant funds; RFP was posted March 14, 2022, bids Due April 6, 2022 (extended to April 14)
 - Worked collaboratively with Crossman Engineering for bid specifications

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Antonellis, Town Planner