

**Town Council Meeting
June 8, 2017**

The June 8, 2017, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Foster Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Denise L. DiFranco, President
Chris Stone, Vice President
Gordon Rogers
Michael Dillon
Cheryl Hawes

Also present:

Solicitor, Mark Tourgee
Asst. Solicitor, Atty. Joanna Achille
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT** None
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS** None
- IV. MINUTES** Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the **May 11, 2017, Meeting Minutes**.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the **May 25, 2017, Meeting Minutes**.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- V. WARRANTS** Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, move to accept Payroll **Warrant #46** for \$30,964.12.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, move to accept Payroll **Warrant #47** for \$35,366.96.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept General **Warrant #22** for \$73,508.24.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- Chris Stone moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept General **Warrant #22A** for \$595.00.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0. 1 recusal.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- a. Swamp Meadow Community Theater Grant** Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to deem the September 8, 2016, motion invalid on the grounds that it was not a legal motion because it was listed on the agenda as “placement” only, not construction or financing which was included in the motion when voted on.
- Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0
- Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to have the Town of Foster have no responsibility for maintenance, storage, ownership, movement, installation, putting it up and down, or responsibility for monetary or in-kind work for the slab or temporary structure.
- Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Dennis Chretien, Solicitor Mark Tourgee, Asst. Solicitor Joanna Achille, Michael Dillon, Lynn Rider, Gordon Rogers, Kelli Russ, Ron Cervasio and Cheryl Hawes.
- Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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**VII. PUBLIC HEARING
Volunteer Fire
Companies Ordinance
Proposal**

Denise DiFranco read the Volunteer Fire Department Ordinance.

Discussion: Gordon Brayton, Solicitor Mark Tourgee, Asst. Solicitor Joanna Achille, Mike Dillon and Denise DiFranco and Cheryl Hawes.
No vote was taken as the Ordinance was withdrawn.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS
Resolution #2017-06**

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to pass “A Resolution in Opposition to H5475 and S0481, an Act Relating to Cities and Towns— Subdivision of Land”.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. Verizon Pole Petition

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to accept the petition for two Poles 15 and 16 on Gold Mine Road.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**X. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
- Appointment to Conservation Committee
- Exceptions to Rental Agreement

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session began at 8:37 p.m.

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) Arbitration and RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) Litigation.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve, adopt and seal the minutes – with or without corrections – of all prior executive closed session minutes and to close and seal the current executive closed session minutes in RIGL 42-46-4 and 5; and further move to reconvene into public open session to announce any votes taken during executive closed session that must be disclosed as required under Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive session ended 10:10 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adjourn the meeting
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted by

Susan M. Dillon
Town Clerk