

Town Council Meeting
December 28, 2017

The December 28, 2017, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President	Solicitor, Mark Tourgee
Chris Stone, Vice President	Chief Ziehl
Gordon Rogers	
Michael Dillon	
Cheryl Hawes	

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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. EXECUTIVE SESSION | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive closed Session pursuant to General Laws 42-42-4 for the reasons stated in RI General Law 42-46-5a Personnel. Discussion regarding DPW Director application and Second interview for DPW Applicant .</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Open Session reconvened at 7:08 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.</p> |
| III. PUBLIC COMMENT | None |
| IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS | <p>Denise L. DiFranco announced that the EMA Director informed her that the town had been granted the “Storm Ready” Grant.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco also noted that Treasurer Kelli Russ was excused.</p> |
| V. MINUTES | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2017, as presented.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> |
| VI. WARRANTS | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #23 for \$48,404.04.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #24 for \$36,690.28.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #12 for \$103,232.36.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #12A for \$233.34.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0 1 recusal. .</p> |
| VII. MONTHLY REPORTS | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the November Monthly Reports from the Building & Zoning Dept., Dept. of Public Works, Human Services, Police Department, RIRRC, Tax Assessor, and Planning Department.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.</p> |
| VIII. NEW BUSINESS | |
| A. Appointment to Zoning Board | <p>Denise L. DiFranco said three positions were open. One full member and two alternates. She also noted that Heidi Colwell had not applied for reappointment and she thanked her for her years of service. There are two applicants. Gordon Rogers noted that Robert DeLuca, an alternate member did not know there would be a full member position available when he applied to be reappointed as an alternate so he would like to nominate him as a full member. Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Bob DeLuca to the open full-term position being vacated by Heidi Colwell.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.</p> |

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Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Manny Linhares, Jr. to the alternate position on the Zoning Board.
Gordon Rogers said he had spoken to Manny Linhares, a new resident.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. DiFranco noted that one open alternate position still remained.

B. Appointment to Planning Board
Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Anthony Renzi to the Planning Board.
Denise L. DiFranco, nay; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, nay; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 3-2.

C. Appointment to Land Trust
Denise DiFranco stated that there were two positions in the Land Trust, both member have asked to be reappointed and a third possibility who had requested more information.
Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Walter May to the Land Trust.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Linda Tibbetts to the Land Trust.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Renzi and Linda Tibbetts were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

D. Appointment of DPW Director
Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Todd Howell contingent upon signing the contract.
Denise L. DiFranco amended the motion, Chris Stone seconded, to add that it be upon completion of the BCI check.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Amendment passed 5-0.
Mr. Rogers noted that it would be effective as of midnight December 30 and through June 30 would be a six-month probationary period. Ms. DiFranco noted that required would be a RI Hoisters license within that time period. The contract would run from December 30, 2017 to December 30, 2020.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Todd Howell was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

E. Changes to Drug Test Policy
Denise L. DiFranco said there were three changes to The Trust Drug Policy of “Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing for Employee-CMV Drivers”. The three changes are:

- The cover page updated with a new revision date of December 18, 2017.
- Page 15 – Section VI(A)4 – Deleted “Opiate metabolites” and replaced with Opioids (codeine, heroin, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone)
- Page 20 – Appendix A – Removed MDEA from Amphetamines section of table and updated last row of table with - Opioids (codeine, heroin, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone)

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adopt the revised policy conditions as set forth.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Regionalization Meeting January 2nd
Denise L. DiFranco stated that she and Chris Stone had been informed by Kathleen Swanson that there is going to be a meeting with the regional school committee in regards to regionalization and the meeting is to be held Tuesday, January 2nd at 6 p.m. at the High School and the council was invited to attend for discussion purposes.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
a. Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town entities Receiving Appropriations

X. RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive closed Session pursuant to General Laws 42-42-4 for the reasons stated in RI General Law 42-46-5 for discussion with the DPW Director discussion / action.

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

Return to Open Session

XI ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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