

Town Council Meeting  
August 11, 2022

The August 11, 2022 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President, at the Benjamin Eddy Building, in Foster, RI at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:  
**Denise L. DiFranco, President**  
**Heidi Rogers, Vice President**  
**Chris Stone**  
**David Paolino**  
**Cheryl Hawes**

Also present:  
Kelli Russ, Finance Director  
Julia Chretien, Solicitor

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT** Plans for the dedication of the Phillips Ball Field was discussed. Denise L. DiFranco said the sign is there and looks good.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA**
1. **Meeting Minutes** – Approval of July 21, 2022
  2. **Warrants**-Approval of General Warrant FY2022  
#24 \$6,589.44  
FY2023 #2 \$219,279.05
  3. **Additions and Abatements**  
2022 Tangible Abatement - \$746.22 and 2022  
Tangible Tax Addition - \$895.46.

Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Denise L. DiFranco said there was a correction to the minutes of July 21, 2022, page 2 under old business it says Municipal Court updates, “fire tax” should be corrected to “municipal court.” Ms. DiFranco also asked the solicitor, as far as Additions and Abatements, it says for tangible abatements and then tangible tax additions, does that make a difference on what we received. Ms. Chretien said no, as long as it was on the agenda.

Heidi Rogers amended the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections.

Denise L. DiFranco seconded.

Amended motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Main motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Lynne Rider asked if they decided later on not to put the fire tax on. Denise L. DiFranco said the council did not. The fire tax committee brought it to us that they were not.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Police Station Update

Denise L. DiFranco said there are some people meeting tomorrow via Zoom with Mr. Antonellis. She said that we applied for a grant with Pandemic Recovery and that it's a matching grant in the amount of \$600,000. They [the Pandemic Recovery people] want to see a community room for education purposes. The Chief [of police] will be meeting with Gordy [Brayton] and Mike to discuss that. Ms. DiFranco said that Ally [Bouchard] sat in on the meeting with the recovery people and that she had a lot of good ideas. They [the recovery people] are concerned about what the entrance would look like because they would prefer a separate entrance rather than going through the police department.

David Paolino said that when they toured the Scituate Police Station he noted that they used their community room as a dual room for emergency services. Denise L. DiFranco said that this would be what we would suggest. They wanted us to have a separate building, and Ms.

DiFranco said, no, it's too small a town to have a separate building. The chief would be a big part of how that community room would be used.

Heidi Rogers asked if the land had been divided yet, and what is going on with the funding. Kelli Russ said we are waiting to go out for an RFP.

Denise L. DiFranco said at the last meeting as a committee we discussed Mike doing the RFP in conjunction with Gordon as far as getting the foundation done; but you can't put it in too early, and she said she was pushing for this Fall. We are meeting tomorrow to discuss how that will look.

Ron Cervasio said he wanted to remind the council and citizens that over the four to six weeks there have been two points of [interest] rate hikes. You can expect one more rate hike of three-quarters. Two points is \$140 a month times 12 is \$100,000. Times 20 or 30 years. If you get a 30-year bond, [you've added] one million four or one million eight to the cost of this building because you've taken this long to do it. His assumption is that you have no intention of building it because, while all these meetings go on, you're either shrinking the building or raising the cost.

Heidi Rogers said the taxpayers approved it at a meeting in May of 2021 but then things changed.

Kelli Russ said when you put it on the agenda, will you put length of time for the bonds to be paid off because I remember at the Financial Town Meeting, most people were against the 30-year option they were more for the 20.

2. American Rescue Plan Act  
Update

Denise L. DiFranco said she requested this for a couple reasons: Raising the roof on the town house, and an email from Borders Farm, they were wondering where we stood.

Kelli Russ said she updated the worksheet (See Exhibit A) and they are going to expect another reporting period coming. The last reporting period was March 31<sup>st</sup>. The advantage to waiting this long is that we are getting closer to paying off Providence Water. We reported \$100,000 for rescue services; that was spent to get the rescue services through to June 30. The next \$125,000 is what you will need to balance the budget in addition to the \$228,000 we budgeted for that service. The \$36,000 for the land records we haven't been billed yet. On the E-permitting, they haven't been billed yet for extra training and she did not think that fee was included.

Video recording equipment, nobody has done anything with it, we haven't spent any money on it. David Paolino asked if we had received a quote from the man from Scituate. Mrs. Dillon said we never got a breakdown. Mr. Paolino said he was going to email it to you; he will call him tomorrow.

Ms. Russ said that the Covered Bridge money is used, we just haven't spent it. He's currently doing the engineering now.

Ms. DiFranco said that last week there was somebody surveying on Central Pike, and would that be for this. Mr. Rogers said that DEM put recordings on for bird sounds for an environmental study before they do any work. The State has hired some contractors to get the elevations and approaches engineered. They have scheduled King Road Bridge for replacement. The bridge in Moosup Valley; he put a concern in. There will be road closures. The other concern he had was pertaining to Ram Tail, we actually purchased sandbags, put cofferdams under Ram Tail, we pumped the water out while we worked on all the abutments. Then moved on to King Road bridge and the

abutments on that. He will be sitting down with Mike Campanellas who is putting together a five-year bridge plan.

Ms. Russ continued noting hazard pay for the EMA Director, which is what we paid her last year; that is done. The hydraulic system for South Foster, Ms. Russ said she wanted to talk to Gordy [Brayton] about that. We had budgeted \$42,060, we were presented with a bill for \$28,310. We paid it, but they said the last time that the difference was still outstanding, but she doesn't have a bill to pay that.

The Consultant for Economic Development of Rt. 6; Mike had gotten in the bids and we discussed it today. There are probably eight viable bids. The average one would be about \$40,000, so she recommended that they increase that to \$40,000. Maybe if the E-permitting is decreased by \$5K and we put \$5K there, it levels off. That will give you more options for the consultant.

The fairground bleachers: we had budgeted \$60,000 because it was [both] the bleachers and the electricity. So far we spent \$43,155, the rest would be for whatever is remaining such as lighting. There just hasn't been time. Denise L. DiFranco stated that we need to have a checklist.

Ms. Russ said the other projects they have put on hold are the Town Hall renovations and Green Acres. If we use closer to two hundred thousand dollars of the American Recovery Fund to balance the EMS, that [money] will have to be phased in next year. Your increase in taxation can only go 4% and the schools are going to go up. To phase it in you might want to save \$100,000 to phase that into taxation.

Heidi Rogers said the Town Hall renovation is something we really need to do. Cheryl Hawes said she doesn't think we should spend that money, we have \$200,000 going into a wash bay. Heidi Rogers said that was from capital, and she didn't think they would have an opportunity to do that again. It's mostly done up there. We need the space.

Denise L. DiFranco said to look here at what we spent.

Ms Russ said they reported \$1,259,000; we've actually physically spent \$1,100,900, and you're only getting \$1,418,000. So you have \$317,000 available. Now of that, \$36,000 is earmarked for the records, \$13,000 for the recording, \$35,000 for the covered bridge, another \$12-15 for the hydraulic system, and \$35,000 for the consultant so we only have less than \$250,000. Cheryl Hawes said she would really, really like to see Green Acres finished. It would be for the whole town. Gordon didn't think it was going to be \$20,000 but there's \$20,000 earmarked for it. This would benefit the kids in the town especially. Chris Stone asked wouldn't the Town Hall renovations be for the whole town? Cheryl Hawes said it's for an office.

Denise L. DiFranco said to look into whether we want to look forward to the video recording, the hydraulic. David Paolino said there are two or three items that might have a balance due that we haven't seen yet, so we should budget for those in case they come in. Ms. Russ said yes, right now you have to assume that you're going to spend \$1,300,000. Denise L. DiFranco said so let's get a harder figure on this, she has three things starred: the video recording, the jaws of life, and the lighting with we need to check those out. Moving \$5000, I think we all would agree that we need that as far as the consultant. That's the number one thing we were all pushing for. We'll put it on for the September agenda and move forward from there.

Ms. Russ said again we should save \$100,000 for next year because we can phase that cost of the EMS over time.

Denise L. DiFranco said she doesn't want to put money where we're not supposed to put money to lower taxes, adding to something that's going to increase the taxes. Ms. Russ said she did not think they are lowering taxes, because she didn't think you are going to meet the needs of the EMS, she said she thought you are going to run into a problem that you can't fund it.

Denise L. DiFranco said that is her concern. If we give them that money now... Ms. Russ, said no, we keep the money aside so that next year when we go to balance the budget. I don't think you'll have \$200,000 next year. Denise L. DiFranco said they need to have a good discussion.

David Paolino asked if they were going to get retro third party billing checks? Ms. Russ said they are going to try; sometimes the insurance companies won't do it. They haven't collected because they don't have that agreement yet.

Lynne Rider asked if there is a reason why it has to be ARPA money to build an office upstairs in the Town Hall as opposed to using capital which has already been earmarked for the wash bay, and which has, if she remembers correctly, it would be extra to put an office out there. Why can't you use the rest of that capital that would only get rolled over anyway? Chris Stone said because people don't want to get wet.

Denise L. DiFranco said they would look into it.

Ron Cervasio wanted to remind everybody that the town is not political. This couldn't be less political. The Town Hall was built in 1990. Two thirds is not useable because the downstairs [cellar] needs two egresses. You cannot run into a burning building to escape a fire. The upstairs should be finished. We did the wash bay, this will be the third time we've talked about it, and we've lost two grants. You ought to finish the things that are on the table. As far as an office, you should finish something.

Gordon Rogers said he looked into it. The only way to use the upstairs was two ways: put an exterior stairwell on both sides, or raise that center foyer one story. He estimated \$50,000. Once you raise that, you gain two egresses.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Chris Doval,  
Psychotherapy & Clinical  
Consulting Proposal

Denise L. DiFranco said there were two gentlemen that the Chief had asked to come in. We had Opioid money that we were awarded, and we discussed the fact that we could use counseling out here and other training. In the packet, you have what they are proposing. (See Exhibit B) Ms. DiFranco said that she had also sent it to Ally [Bouchard].

Denise L. DiFranco said they would start with Ally's questions. One was about when the training would be and what would be involved, but we could get into when we know more. She asked what happens if the community response is not what we thought it would be, for example, if there is little to no interest in the community training session. In the past year, she has had difficulty getting people to come to community events. Cheryl Hawes suggested that then we put it back into the schools. Julia Chretien said that was something they could work into the contract. Kelli Russ asked if she could use some of that money for NARCAN®. Heidi Rogers said she saw that and she was wondering; she thought that it was part of the settlement that they were going to give it to us, and she saw a bill for it—how much was that? Ms. Russ did not recall but she wants to put that through. EMS has already ordered it. Julia Chretien said that they prefer that you use it for preventative measures but you can use it for medicinal intervention. One of the settlements was

for NARCAN®. Denise L. DiFranco asked if they could be reimbursed for what had been given out. Ms. Chretien said that one of them was from a different settlement. There are so many opioid defendants and so many litigations going on and they all have different settlements. Ms. Russ asked if she could use it for that without worrying about it? Ms. Chretien said to email her the specifics.

Ally's other question is if the Town Council still interested implementing testing strips or other direct types of intervention. Heidi Rogers asked, testing strips for what? We don't test people for opioid overdoses, we just administer. Ms. Chretien said she didn't think it was for us to test them. It's for people to have the testing strips to test the product before they use it to make sure it's not laced. Denise L. DiFranco said, so basically, we would be giving them strips so they could test what they're using to prevent overdoses. The Chief said for example if someone has an addiction problem, they can test—if they are getting weaned off heroin—they can see the amount of fentanyl that's in it so they don't overdose.

Denise L. DiFranco asked if that spends all the opioid funds, the \$16,500. Ms. Chretien said no. This is the third, we've had two. Kelli Russ said we've received over \$20,000. Heidi Rogers said it hasn't been expended it all. Ms. Chretien said you could put some aside. Denise L. DiFranco said that [Ally] had been in touch with CEO of Codac Behavioral Health, which could be another resource for the town.

Gordon Rogers mentioned harm reduction zones.

Helene Dolce said that when we start talking about harm reduction zones, we open up a very big can of worms. She said she would like to see that money put into prevention. The police have it in schools to have good relationships with these kids. She thinks the testing strips should be available through the police department, but to get a consultant here, she thought there was enough people here. Denise L. DiFranco said they have been awarded monies from pharmaceuticals regarding the opioid and they have a list of things we can spend it on and unfortunately, it's not a very big list.

Joe Stoos agreed with Ms. Dolce. He felt that to stop it was unrealistic. Denise L. DiFranco said what we have a consulting proposal regarding use of the opioid funds. Ms. DiFranco said that the proposal is not a contract and so we would need to draw up a contract with them. Ms. Chretien explained what would be needed.

Chris Stone moved, David Paolino seconded, to move forward to have Julia develop a counterproposal, which would include if the monies were not spent on the community, then they would go back to the school. Ms. Chretien reiterated that if there was not enough interest in the community outreach, then we reallocate for them to do more in the schools.

Discussion: Anna Rao spoke. Gordon Rogers noted that we are not where other communities are. The money can be best spent on prevention.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

2. Resignation of Tom  
Walden from Police  
Building Committee

Denise L. DiFranco said they have a resignation letter from Tom Walden from the Police Building Committee. Ms. DiFranco said that you will notice the date was May 11; she said she chose to ignore it, hoping that he would come back, but there was no coming back.

Cheryl Hawes moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to accept his resignation with regrets.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco publically thanked Mr. Walden for his time and service to the Police Building Committee.

3. Appointment of Paul  
Cunniff to the Police  
Building Committee

Denise L. DiFranco said that Paul Cunniff is interested in being on the Police Building Committee and she is sure he has just as much to offer.

Heidi Rogers said that she had spoken to Paul Cunniff once they learned of Tom Walden's resignation and he had expressed interest in being on the Police Building Committee. Heidi Rogers read the letter (See Exhibit C). Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Paul Cunniff to the Police Building Committee.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Catherine Bay asked how you come about to get on the Commission. Is it advertised or how do you know if there's an opening. Heidi Rogers said this wasn't; Paul had learned of Tom's resignation and just as a member of the fire department emergency services, he just requested to be appointed. Ms. Bay asked if you normally put them out there so people can make their choice? Denise L. DiFranco said yes, normally yes. Any committee or board is put out there. Mrs. Dillon puts out an email blast, she puts out on the web site that we're looking for somebody, so this just so happened—I assume it came out of the Engineering Board. Ms. Bay asked when was the last meeting? Chief Bill Paul said they had been on summer break till September. Denise L. DiFranco said that Mr. Walden resigned May 11 so she believes that it was pretty well known that he resigned. Ms. Bay said that you got the letter in May but you ignored it, so how did we know he resigned?

Denise L. DiFranco said because it was very well known. Ms. Bay said that she didn't know; she's not in the know, she guessed. Denise L. DiFranco said you're not with the right crowd. Ms. Bay said that's what she hears. Denise L. DiFranco thanked her.

Heidi asked if she should make the motion for Executive Session first. Denise L. DiFranco said yes, make that first then he wants to come up in Open Session.

Chris Stone said to make a motion to move it up. Ron Cervasio said he wanted to be heard in Open Session. Julia Chretien said to make a motion to move those two things.

Chris Stone moved, David Paolino seconded, to move Ron Cervasio vs. Town of Foster and Personnel / DPW Department Head out of Executive Session and into Open Session per the request of those individuals.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye. Heidi Rogers recused.

Cervasio v. TOF moved to  
open session

Denise L. DiFranco said that Ron Cervasio brought them samples of dust. He submitted bill to Kelli on July 5 for [auto] detailing. Ms. DiFranco said she sent Mr. Cervasio an email saying that we are in receipt of his claim of damage and that we were going to have it on Executive Session and to let me know if he wanted to be present.

Mr. Cervasio explained that when Mr. Rogers was working on Old Plainfield Pike, he put down rubberized crack filler, and then after that put stone dust on it. But not just on the cracks, pretty much every place and the dust that was produced for days after people went down the road, anybody following him, their cars got covered with dust or tar. Mr. Cervasio said his house is close to the road, and his cars were completely covered. The dust is abrasive. For his wife's Porsche, their company was kind enough to do it, for his tenants, they did it for nothing. Mr. Cervasio said he wanted his two cars professionally done, and they were done. The company that did it [the road] came down with blowers. They created clouds 80 feet wide and 40 feet high and they covered the neighbors next door.

Denise L. DiFranco said what do you mean the company? DPW or?... Mr. Cervasio said the company Gordon hired to do the whole road. So the road has been sealed and put loose stone which is now part of the road, but before they did that, they went up and down the road two or three times with blowers and blew the rest of the dust off the road. Denise L. DiFranco asked who are "they"? Mr. Cervasio asked Gordon [Rogers] who the company was. Mr. Rogers said Allstate. Denise L. DiFranco asked why aren't you giving the bill to Allstate?

Mr. Cervasio said Gordon did what he did with the stone dust, and when they do stone dust, they do sand or little rubber pellets to seal those cracks. All he can tell you is that his cars were damaged. He brought the stuff. He said if you look at my car right now, there is still dust coming down from the trees and it's still being covered in spots. When you do a job, it needs to be done right. If you damage people's property, the town has to be responsible. He also spoke about the lines not being [drawn] on the road being dangerous. And they may be liable now that they have been informed. He gave them a bill and he would like to be reimbursed. Denise L. DiFranco said to Mr. Cervasio to correct her is she is wrong: "You live on Old Plainfield Pike." Mr. Cervasio said yes. Denise L. DiFranco said, "And your tenant, you have a tenant." Mr. Cervasio said it was pre-existing. Denise L. DiFranco asked Mr. Tirrell to come forward.

Mr. Tirrell, East Killingly Road, said his father lives on Old Plainfield Pike on the other side. On the Scituate side. He wanted to know if they are going to make any tests on the side of the road, and could they test right in front of the house that's being torn down. If they have a high level of lead paint in front of the house, can we figure out why if he is driving down the road and lead paint flies into his car and harms his 14-year-old child, why wasn't that house painted?

Gordon Rogers spoke about Old Plainfield Pike. He explained that the requirements for paint striping were not met because of the width of the road. The process that was done was done for large cracks. It can be done with sand. The better way to do it is with stone dust. The dust on top is no different that if we graded a dirt road. It's done every 15 or 20 years and unfortunately the residents have to live with it. We sealed all of Old Plainfield Pike, most of Spur Road, Ramtail, and Walker Road. All with stone dust, and no complaints except for this one.

Mr. Cervasio asked if Mr. Boyden went through this because he was reimbursed.

David Paolino asked if there is a process of notification of residents if he is working on the roads. Mr. Paolino said that Mr. Rogers told him there is a process and signs and notifications were put out. He is thankful for that. Mr. Rogers spoke about the notification signs.

Lynne Rider asked if the signs say you should have your windows closed? She can see why a lot of other people didn't complain. She wouldn't complain because her house is 300 feet off the road, but there are people whose houses are right on the road and they should be notified about the dust. What did the signs say?

Denise L. DiFranco said the signs were for dust on the vehicles.

Ms. Rider asked what the signs actually said.

Denise L. DiFranco said that there is work being done on the road and the dates it would be done.

Mrs. Rider said you usually get a heads up. She spoke of when the roads are oiled so the people know not to drive down that road, or to close their windows.

Mr. Rogers said he rented signs. The company loads the information into the sign and it is locked.

Denise L. DiFranco asked what the sign said. Mr. Rogers said, "Chip Sealing Work" certain days going on. Big signs. If you get into small details, you've got seconds to read the sign, if it's too busy they aren't going to read it.

Mr. Rider asked about notification by mail.

Helen Dolce said she thinks it is a courtesy of the town. It is dust, please be aware that they are working with material that is dust, close your windows.

Harold Shippee, said that besides the big signs they put up, they had "fresh oil" signs, "men working" signs and also a week prior to that we put up signs "loose stone" for motorcycles and everything else. They swept it immediately after. In the past we have gone house to house; there's only five of us. It takes a while to go to every house.

Denise L. DiFranco said this is all new to her. She lives on a dirt road and her windows have never been open in the thirty-seven years she has lived there.

Susan Dillon said that next time this happens, if you let us know, we'll blast out an email to everyone. We have over 1800 people on our website. Denise L. DiFranco said you are very proud of that. Mrs. Dillon said she was very proud of that so if you're not on our website, get on and you'll know what's going on. You just have to tell her and she'll post it.

Chris Stone moved, David Paolino seconded, to reimburse Ron's bill for \$550.00.

Discussion: David Paolino said he thought the DPW did good work to prepare the town because if you live on the edge of the road and the signs are up beforehand, you should move your cars out of the way.

Mr. Rogers said they offered to wash the car.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye. Heidi Rogers recused.

Personnel/DPW Department  
Head

Denise L. DiFranco explained that she sent Mr. Rogers an email and hand-delivered a letter stating that he would be on the agenda. Even though this is in Open Session, she is going to let Mr. Rogers, and his counsel speak. She is going to let the council members speak. She is not taking any audience questions. What was brought before the council was that the solicitor received an email with documents regarding Mr. Rogers and a permit that skirted the council and went to the solicitor.

David Paolino investigated the incident after receiving a phone call from the building official, George Dumont, that he was concerned; one that there was wash bay work being done without a permit. Mr. Paolino contacted other officials. The solution was to apply online for its own contractor registration. He applied as far as he could answer the questions.



Cheryl Hawes asked how long it applies. David Paolino said it goes with the office. Ms. Chretien said it usually goes for a year. Cheryl Hawes said that Mr. Paolino said that Gordon has the skills, but the license goes to the town. David Paolino said, yes, it wouldn't go to anyone. It is only for commercial work. That will solve that problem. Mr. Paolino said a second concern was about a permit that was pulled by Mr. Rogers for a private job under the old, hand written system. It was entered in May but to get it into the new system they had to fill required fields. Gordon did not enter the information himself, it was entered by the clerk to complete the permit. Chris Stone said that the fact that Gordon's town email was entered looked strange and it got reported to the solicitor.

Kelli Russ said she was not sorry she did that because when something comes to her to look into, she is not going to asking a bunch of people questions, and be interviewing people, that's why she called Julia to ask, "What do I do with this? How do I handle it?" Ms. Chretien said, "It's a council issue. Please forward it to me." Ms. Russ said she did. To then address it with you, whether or not it got to this point, that was the end of it for me.

David Paolino said that we need to address it and take it seriously.

Cheryl Hawes said she did not know a lot of this until now. Was he acting as a private contractor or as a town officer? David Paolino said as a private contractor. Ms. Hawes thought she had been told, too, that Gordon no longer had a license.

David Paolino said that has to be handled by the building official.

Gordon Rogers asked if he was present as a private citizen. Mr. Paolino said no. It was signed off by George. Mr. Rogers asked if they have evidence he doesn't have. Mr. Paolino said he had the original document. Mr. Rogers said then that would be evidence that he is not doing anything wrong.

Mr. Rogers' lawyer, Brandon Bell, retained by Mr. Rogers said he was trying to figure out why he is here and why Mr. Rogers needs to be here. He finds the lack of due process very disturbing. Cheryl Hawes said she, too, was wondering what was going on. Atty. Bell said we don't jump from accusing someone to a trial. Atty. Bell said he is very frustrated on behalf of his client who would never use his own town email for a private demolition permit. Atty. Bell said his client received a letter dated last Friday from the president and an application that was E-filed a month after the work was done. So there is nothing Mr. Rogers did wrong. He does not understand why Mr. Rogers wasn't asked questions about this so you are not wasting the public's time.

Mr. Rogers said the reason he asked for this to be in open session because this is the second time he's been brought into executive session in less than a year. In the first meeting, a councilwoman apologized because she didn't know the facts. He said this is his reputation. He filled out the permit and paid. There is no place on the permit for a contractor's license. It is not needed on the documents of this town. Before they never pulled permits, but now under E-filing it's necessary. He was dumbfounded when he got the documents.

David Paolino apologized that he couldn't investigate this sooner. Mr. Rogers said he could have had it figured out in one hour.

Denise L. DiFranco said she would agree. Denise L. DiFranco apologized. David Paolino said he apologized.

Kelli said she wouldn't apologize for following the attorney's advice.

Denise L. DiFranco agreed that it should have come to her first. Ms. Chretien said that since they are working on Policies and Procedures, maybe they can put something in about town employees. Denise L. DiFranco said she would agree.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5A  
(2) Litigation and Potential  
Litigation,

1. Investment Company LLC  
d/b/a Price Auto – PC-2020-  
01954
- ~~2. Cervasio v. TOF moved~~
3. TOF v Saint 23, LLC Update
4. TOF v RP Investments (Price  
Auto)

PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5,  
(A), (1) ~~Personnel~~  
~~Personnel/DPW Department~~  
~~Head moved~~

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 for a work session regarding Collective Bargaining / Negotiations or Litigation according to RIGL 42-46-5-a (2) and to reconvene into open session and to further keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all executive sessions held previous to this meeting remain closed in accordance with provisions in RIGL 42-46-4 & 5. No discussion.  
Motion passed 5-0.

The council reconvened in to Open Session at 9:28 p.m. Denise L. DiFranco announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

**VII ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk

ARRA

Total projects reported 3/31/2022 Paid though August Notes

Local and County budget actual

\$ 1,418,312.91

Police	\$ (800,000.00)	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 797,714.00	\$ 797,714.00	paid/reported as of 3/31/22
Rescue services - to keep them open until 7/1/22	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	paid April 2022
Rescue services - to keep them open until 7/1/23	\$ (125,000.00)	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	paid July/August 2022
Land Records Recording System - to create electronic land evidence records and onboard a new electronic system for recordings and town clerk activity	\$ (36,000.00)	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	in process
E-Permitting-new program to move to electronic permitting	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,599.13	\$ 3,599.13	in process
Video Recording system for taxpayer involvement and interaction	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	quotes in process
Covered Bridge Engineering for failing bridge	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Collins Engineering - in process (partially funded through ARPA)
Hazard Pay - EMA Director	\$ (3,191.25)	\$ 3,191.25	\$ 3,191.25	\$ 3,191.25	completed
Hydraulic System - South Foster (laws of life)	\$ (42,060.00)	\$ 42,060.00	\$ -	\$ 28,310.00	ordered
Consultant for Economic Development on rte 6 corridor and town-wide	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Council approved moving forward with RFP
Fairgrounds - bleacher repair/replacement and lighting improvement	\$ (60,000.00)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 43,155.00	Council approved purchase of bleachers
Town Hall Renovations - for offices space due to overcrowding	\$ (75,000.00)			\$ -	possible project
Green Acres - pond dredging and grounds cleanup	\$ (20,000.00)			\$ -	possible project

64,061.66 1,259,251.25 804,504.38 1,100,969.38 1,418,312.91

Remaining if proposed proj. approved projects ARPA reported exp Remaining- Unspent Funds 317,343.53

approved to date

**Chris Dorval Psychotherapy & Clinical Consulting**  
**Consulting Proposal for Town of Foster**

**Proposal Summary:**

This proposal is an outline of services to be provided by Chris Dorval Psychotherapy & Clinical Consulting. This description below details the services recommended for integration training and psychoeducation on Addressing Substance Use tailored to the specific needs of The Town of Foster residents. The goal of this consulting agreement is to improve the confidence in addressing and responding to Substance Use in the Town of Foster.

This consulting agreement would begin on 8/1/2022 and all services would be delivered over the course of 12 months, unless it is determined necessary by both parties to extend service delivery over a longer period. A first payment of 1/3 overall cost (\$8,500.00) would be due within 7 days of the beginning of the consulting agreement. The remaining 1/3 (\$4,000.00) will be paid after 3 months of the beginning of services, with the remaining 1/3 (\$4,000.00) to be paid upon completion of all services.

**Outline of Services to be Provided:**

**1) Training for Schools—Middle/High School students**

*This training will be an overview of the understanding Addiction and navigating conversations with students and peers around substance use. Participants will receive an overview of substances of use, the disease of addiction, and navigating conversations using motivational interviewing. This training will be geared towards High School and Middle School students. 2 x 1 Hour Trainings*

**2) Training for Elementary School- Parents**

*This training will be an overview of the understanding Addiction and navigating conversations with loved ones around substance use. Participants will receive an overview of substances of use, the disease of addiction, and navigating conversations using motivational interviewing. This training will be geared towards High School, Elementary School and Middle School parents. 2 x 1.5 Hour Trainings*

**3) Training for Adolescent Health Groups**

*This training will be an overview of the understanding Addiction and navigating conversations as well as receiving and handling referrals to cover service gaps in the community. Participants will receive an overview of substances of use, the disease of addiction, and navigating conversations using motivational interviewing. This training will be geared towards healthcare professionals, para-professionals, Fire and Rescue, and Police. 2 x 1 Hour Trainings*

**4) Community Outreach for Residents of Community**

*This training will be an overview of the understanding Addiction and navigating conversations with loved ones around substance use. Participants will receive an overview of substances of use, the disease of addiction, and navigating conversations using motivational interviewing. This training will be geared towards general community residents. 2 x 1.5 Hour Trainings*

**Remote Consultation**

*This additional service aims to support The Town of Foster in integrating Substance Use Education and Training into applied practice at all levels of the community on an ongoing, as needed basis. 10 hours Phone/conference calls, email etc..*

**Total Overall Cost= \$16,500.00**

## Sue Dillon

---

**From:** PAUL CUNNIFF <niffa69@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:25 PM  
**To:** Denise DiFranco; Sue Dillon  
**Subject:** Police station building committee

Hi Sue, I have been told that there is an opening on the police station building committee. I would like to volunteer for filling the empty spot on the committee. I believe that my experience in the town involving the emergency services that I could be a good asset to the committee.

Thank you

Paul Cunniff

Sent from my iPhone