

The November 17, 2022 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President, in Foster, RI at 7:03 p.m.

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

Also present:
Michaela Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk
Kelli Russ, Finance Director
Julia Chretien, Solicitor
Harold Shippee, DPW Laborer

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS** Denise L. DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for John Alfred Gustafson who was a lifelong member of the Moosup Valley Fire Department. He was also involved in Young at Heart Seniors of Foster and the Republican Party Town Committee.
- Denise L. DiFranco stated that Heidi Rogers and Gordon Rogers are excused from tonight's meeting and that Mr. Shippee will answer any DPW questions that might arise.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT** Adam Dacko of 119A Central Pike and owner of Rte 6 Outpost announced that there will be a fundraiser at Helen's Place this coming Saturday, November 19th, at 1:00 P.M. for Paul Vanner's recent brain tumor surgery.
- Adam Dacko also announced that Highland Rod and Gun Club, Rte 6 Outpost, and the Foster Police Department will be collecting unwrapped Christmas toys for the Rhode Island State Police Department Christmas Toy Drive (See Exhibit A.) Donations can be dropped off at the Highland Rod and Gun Club or Rte 6 Outpost on December 3rd from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Donors and their families will enjoy a spaghetti and meatball dinner on the house.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA**
- Warrants - Approval of General Warrant FY 2023 #7 \$313,414.94
 - Minutes - October 27, 2022
- Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the consent agenda as presented.
Discussion: None
Motion passed 4 - 0.
Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- V. PUBLIC HEARING** Denise L. DiFranco opened the public hearing.
- Liquor License Renewals Cheryl Hawes moved that, in conformity with and under the authority of the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 3-5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Revision of 1956, as amended, and any and all amendments thereto, the annual fees for Class A Package Store License shall be and are hereby fixed at Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) each.

- License for Tykamac Enterprises, LLC., d/b/a Foster Country Club, Inc., 67 Johnson Road;
- License for Helen's Place Inc. d/b/a Helen's Place, 172 Danielson Pike;
- License for Woodland Meeting House, LLC, d/b/a Woodland Meeting House, 115 East Killingly Road
- Shady Acres Fry Shack, LLC d/b/a Shady Acres, 164 Danielson Pike

Chris Stone seconded, Motion passed 4 - 0.

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

Cheryl Hawes reiterated her motion for the following Class D license

- License for Little Rhody Vasa Park, Inc., d/b/a Little Rhody Vasa Park, 10 Boswell Trail

Cheryl Hawes moved that the number of liquor licenses to be granted and issued for and during the current term next ensuing December 2, 2021 and ending December 1, 2022 shall be as follows:

- Class A Package Store Two (2)
- Class B Victuallers Five (5)
- Class D Unlimited One (1)

And furthermore that the Town Clerk shall not receive any other applications without the approval of the Town Council.

Chris Stone seconded. Motion passed 4 - 0.

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

Cheryl Hawes moved that the following persons be and are hereby granted Entertainment/Ongoing Open Recreation Event renewal licenses for their respective places of business with the approval from the Police Chief, Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Fire Chief and the RI Department of Health Certificate of Server Training program.

Entertainment/Ongoing Open Recreational Event Licenses

- License for Thomas Breard d/b/a Lucky's Pizza, 143 Danielson Pike;
- License for Tykamac Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Foster Country Club, Inc., 67 Johnson Road;
- License for Woodland Meeting House, LLC d/b/a Woodland Meeting House, 115 East Killingly Road
- License for Helen's Place, Inc., d/b/a/ Helen's Place, 172 Danielson Pike

Chris Stone seconded. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Shippee, the DPW Mechanic. Julia Chretien said that she will draft the Bill of Sale for Kelli Russ for Monday. Chris Stone made a motion to sell the 2005 Ford Expedition as is for \$1,200.00 to John Matthews. David Paolino seconded. Motion passed 4 - 0. Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

4. Bid for Wash Bay
Electrical/Mechanical
Only

Denise L. DiFranco stated that there was only one bidder for the Wash Bay. (See Exhibit D.) David Paolino made a motion to accept the Electrical/Mechanical bid proposal as written for the Wash Bay to Johnston Election, Inc. for \$16,750.00. Chris Stone seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye

5. Bid for Winter Heating
Oil

Denise L. DiFranco announced that there was also only one bid submitted for Winter Heating Oil. There were two pricing options. Denise L. DiFranco and Kelli Russ agreed on Option 1, the fixed price, over Option 2 which was to pay \$0.15 "above cost" (See Exhibit E.). Cheryl Hawes made a motion to accept the Winter Heating Oil bid proposal as written by Rambone & Sprague for \$4.59 per gallon until July 1, 2023. David Paolino seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

6. Scheduling Transition
Dates

Denise L. DiFranco stated that the next Town Council Meeting is on December 8th at 7:00 P.M. and she would like it to be at the Town House. The Transition Workshop will be on Thursday December 1st at 6:00 P.M. at the Benjamin Eddy Building. She also stated that, if anyone would like to attend, the Foster Preservation Society is having a meeting at the Town House on Wednesday November 30th at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the Town House renovations.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Denise L. DiFranco mentioned the future agenda items Trash/Recycling, Planning Board Workshop and streetlights on Route 6.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Denise L. DiFranco made a motion to Adjourn at 7:38 P.M. David Paolino seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Submitted by,



Michaela Johnson
Deputy Town Clerk

Christmas Toy Drive



Help Highland Rod and Gun, Route 6 Outpost, Foster Police Department support our Rhode Island State Police's Christmas Toy Drive.

Where:

Highland Rod and Gun Club

66A Plainfield Pike, Foster, RI 02825

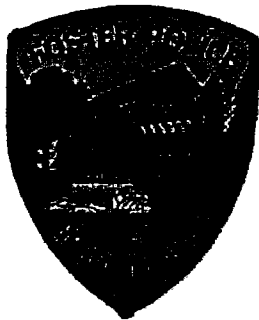
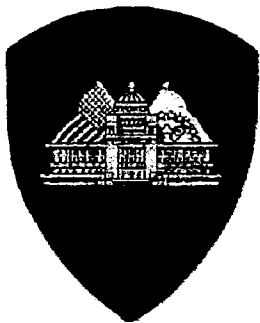
When:

December 3, 2022

Noon to 4:00 PM

Bring your unwrapped toy, to Highland Rod and Gun Club and enjoy a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner.

Donor and their families can enjoy a spaghetti and meatball dinner courtesy of Highland Rod and Gun Club.



Questions? Call Us!

Rob Paiva

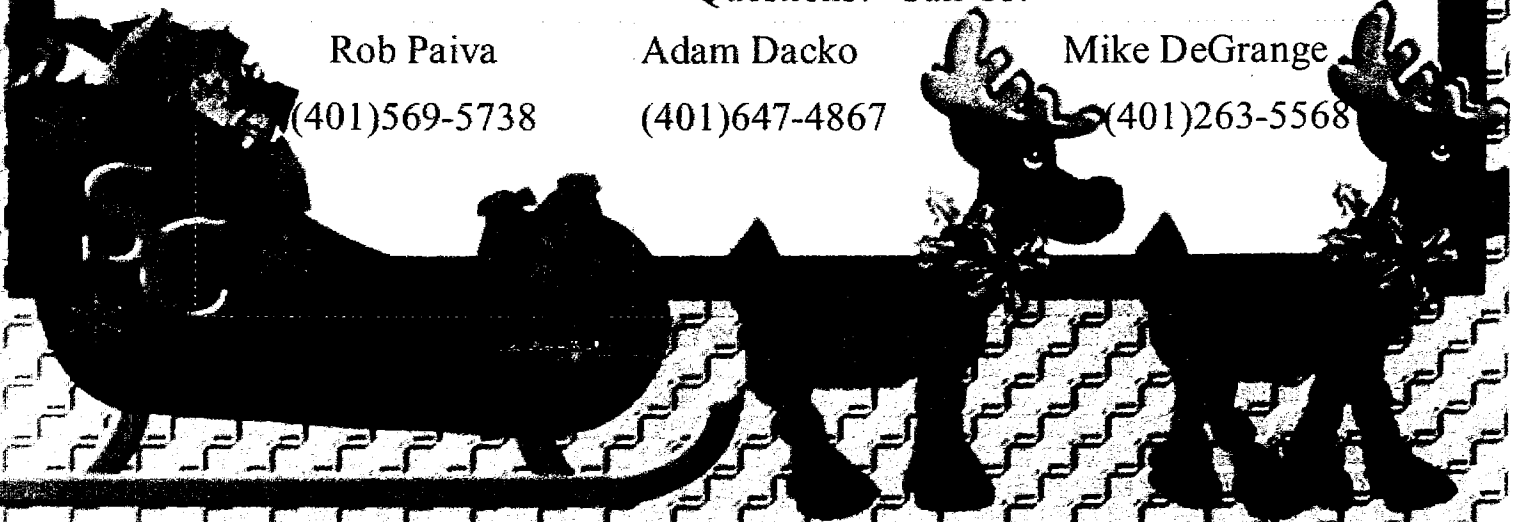
(401)569-5738

Adam Dacko

(401)647-4867

Mike DeGrange

(401)263-5568



TOWN OF FOSTER

PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY

Whereas, the month of November holds historical significance in giving thanks for the Town of Foster's distinguishing characteristics, and

Whereas, people in the Town of Foster can view the stars in the night sky, hear the birds early on a spring morning; enjoy the sounds and scents of nature in summer at dusk; and view the changing colors of the leaves in autumn; and appreciate the crunch of newly fallen snow under foot, and

Whereas, the people of the Town of Foster respect the beauty of our natural environment and recognize their obligation to protect it for future generations, and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Foster exhibit the spirit of volunteerism as shown by the Volunteer Fire Companies, the EMS, and service on various boards, commissions, and organizations, and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Foster assist those facing financial challenges through donations of goods, and by donating to the food pantries at the Department of Human Services and local churches, and

Whereas, the populace of the Town of Foster appreciates and supports the creative works of its people through Swamp Meadow Community Theatre and other arts organizations, and

Whereas, the populace of the Town of Foster gathers together and supports community events such as Foster Old Home Days, Concert in the Valley, Community Yard Sale, Artists' Open Studios, Trunk and Treat, Christmas in the Valley, and Bright Nights and

Whereas, the people of the Town of Foster recognize and respond to the need for conservation through recycling that which can be recycled to diminish the damaging impact on our environment, and preserving valuable resources through the Foster Land Trust and Borders' Farm, and

Whereas, the people of the Town of Foster respect and preserve the past through supporting projects to protect our historical buildings, stone walls, town pound, and cemeteries, and

Whereas, the people of the Town of Foster plan for the future through the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Library Board, and Recreation Committees, and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Foster of all beliefs are invited, once a year, to gather in a spirit of Thanksgiving at this Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council for the Town of Foster affirms its commitment to a positive quality of life for residents and is proud to proclaim November 24, 2022 as Thanksgiving Day in the Town of Foster.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2022

Attest:

Denise DiFranco
Town Council President

Susan Dillon
Town Clerk

Ford Expedition
1FMPU16535LA93464

transmission Slips

Rocker panels Rotted

Frame has lots of Rust

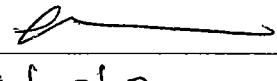
needs Rear brakes

Shock mounts Rusted All

Tires All dry Rotted

~~Norm Stipee~~

The above List of issues is from
town Mechanic. It's my opinion the
\$1200⁰⁰ offered for vehicle is
more than fair price

D.P.W. Director Gordon Rosen
Jordan 
11/3/22

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MICHAEL ANTONELLIS
TOWN PLANNER



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TREASURER'S OFFICE FAX: 401-397-9736

RE: Bid Opening

Council Meeting Date: 11/17/ 2022

Bid Description: **Wash Bay Electric/Mech Only**

Recommended Bidder:

Awarded Bidder: _____

Date: May 2, 2022

RE: Bid Opening

Department: ☒ DPW ☐ Town Clerk/Council ☐ Police/Public Safety

☐ Assessor ☐ Treasurer/Finance ☐ Planning/Zoning

Bidder	Amount
Johnston Electric, Inc	\$16,750

Dept. Head (or their representative) who received and opened the bid:

Gordon Rogers

*The Town of Foster does not discriminate on basis of age, gender, race, religion,
or handicap in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.*

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RE: Bid Opening

Council Meeting Date: 11/17/2022
Recommended Bidder: Rambone & Sprague
Awarded Bidder: _____

Bid Description: Winter Heating Oil

Date: November 3, 2022

Department: ☒ DPW ☐ Town Clerk/Council ☐ Police/Public Safety
☐ Assessor ☐ Treasurer/Finance ☐ Planning/Zoning

Bidder	Amount Option 1	Amount Option 2
Rambone & Sprague	\$4.59/ gallon if lock in price until July 1, 2023	\$0.15 per gallon above cost Example per bid: cost \$2.999 Mark up 0.070 price for town would be \$3.069

Dept. Head (or their representative) Present at Opening:

Kelli M. Russ Susan M. Dillon

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