

Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2023

The January 12, 2023 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President, in Foster, RI at 6:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Eddy Building.

The following members were present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President
Steve Bellucci, Vice President
Chris Stone
David Paolino
Heidi Rogers

Also present:
Kelli Russ, Finance Director
Mark Tourgee, Solicitor

- I.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II.**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise L. DiFranco called Lynne Rider to comment. Ms. Rider said she has not heard anything in a while about the municipal court, and the other thing is about moving the time to 6 p.m., which shows a greater need for Zoom to involve the public.

David Paolino said they are working on the Municipal Court and a judge and coordinating with the town clerk. Ron Cervasio commented on the fact that the council and solicitor are all Republicans and that it is difficult to get anything from a State that is Democratic. Mr. Cervasio said that there will be more interest rate hikes, and the council has not pushed the (police station) project forward. He referred to “her” regarding the lack of action. Denise L. DiFranco asked who “her” was. Mr. Cervasio said me meant Ms. DiFranco.
- III.**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Meeting Minutes: December 8, 22, and 28

2. Warrants - General Warrants
FY2023 #9 \$193,887.86, FY2023 #10 \$366,783.58

3. Monthly Reports (November 2022)
BPZ, Police, RIRRC, Finance, Tax Assessor

4. Quarterly Reports (July-Sept 2022)
EMS, Engineering Board, Foster Center Fire, Libraries, Moosup Valley Fire, Conservation Commission, School Committee, Recreation

Chris Stone moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Heidi Rogers seconded.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
Lynne Rider asked what made the #10 Warrant so large. Kelli Russ said one was for \$122,000 Cardi on the ballfield. There was another for \$22,500
- IV.**OLD BUSINESS**

1. EMS Funding Update

Kelli Russ presented an update to the EMS funding consisting of a Trial Balance, Expense, and Revenue reports. (see Exhibit A, 1-9).

Gordy (Brayton) said that the Ambulance Corps were deciding to turn the rescues and the building over. The attorney is settling everything and they are going to the State. We would pay the legal fees and the trailer insurance policy.
Ms. Russ said she has been unable to get an approximate on receivables from Jim (Waterman).

2. January 18th Joint Meeting with Planning Board Re: Economic Development Consultant’s Preliminary Findings

Denise L. DiFranco said that on January 18 they are having a joint meeting with the Planning Board. It will be next Wednesday at 7. The Planning Board will have their meeting at 6:30. It will be a hybrid meeting. They had discussed having it at Paine School. Denise L. DiFranco said she would not be there; Mr. Bellucci will be chairing. We haven’t gotten approval yet for the school, and because of closed days, the agenda would have to be

posted now so it will have to be at the Ben Eddy. The Economic Consultant will be present.

3. Ongoing Summarized
ARPA Projects

Kelli Russ said that nothing had changed since it was last posted on the web site (see Exhibit B). Ms. Russ reviewed the list.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1.Appointment of Electrical
Inspector

Denise L. DiFranco said that next is appointments. We had not appointed the Electrical Inspector or the Plumbing Inspector because we wanted to talk to our Building and Zoning Official, which we have; he is happy with both of them.

Heidi Rogers moved to appoint Mike Paolucci as electrical inspector. Chris Stone seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

2. Appointment of Plumbing
Inspector

Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Jeff Lowe as the plumbing inspector. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Liaisons:

a) Finance Director/Human
Resources

Denise L. DiFranco said that next is the liaisons. Steve Bellucci moved to have David Paolino as the Finance liaison. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

b) DPW

Heidi Rogers moved to appoint Chris Stone as the DPW liaison. Steve Bellucci seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

c) Chief of Police

Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Denise L. DiFranco as the liaison to the Chief of Police. David Paolino seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

d) Building and Zoning

David Paolino moved to appoint Steve Bellucci as the liaison to Building and Zoning. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

e) Planning

David Paolino moved to appoint Steve Bellucci as the liaison to Planning. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

f) DSS

Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Heidi Rogers as the liaison to the Dept. of Social Services. David Paolino seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye;
David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Heidi Rogers said that Steve Bellucci had suggested we revisit this in a year and see how it is going. Denise L. DiFranco said it was a good idea.

4. Request to the Planning Board to Rezone Plat 20, Lot 0009 South Killingly Rd. Land from Mixed Use to Municipal

Denise L. DiFranco said this is not a request from the Planning Board but a request to the Planning Board. Heidi Rogers moved to formally request the Planning Board to rezone Plat 20, Lot 9 South Killingly Road land from Mixed Use to Municipal. Chris Stone seconded. Discussion: Heidi Rogers explained that this lot is the land the town just bought.

Heidi Rogers amended her motion to say that the request is for the Planning Board to review the re-zoning of that plat and lot from Mixed Use to Municipal. Steve Bellucci seconded it.

Amendment passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Main motion failed 0 - 5.

Steve Bellucci, no; Heidi Rogers, no; Chris Stone, no; David Paolino, no; and Denise L. DiFranco, no.

4. Request Planning Board to Rezone Plat 10/Lot 35A, Tom Woods Road and Plat 10/Lot 35 Danielson Pike from AR to Commercial

Denise L. DiFranco said the next item was Tom Woods Road. Steve Bellucci moved to have the Planning Board review rezoning of Plat 10, Lot 35A, Tom Woods Road, and Plat 10, Lot 35, Danielson Pike from AR to Commercial. Chris Stone seconded.

Discussion: Lynne Rider said that Tom Woods hasn't been open since the turn of the last century. Is there any particular reason at this time? Ms. Rider looked at the land and it does not come right out to Route 6 on one side, 35 does. What is the particular reason to do that now? Heidi Rogers said if we rezone it commercial and they are going to build, the town is obligated to improve that road. If it was bought for commercial for some business to go there, because we own it, it is a town road, then we are responsible for it. Denise L. DiFranco said that even if it was residential, we have to improve the road. Ms. Ryder asked if there is something coming down the pipeline. Ms. Rogers said it might be attractive to somebody who wants to come down the pipeline. Ms. Rider asked if this was initiated by the Hope Tucker Trust? The answer was no; it was initiated by the town. Anna Rao asked if it was polluted. Denise L. DiFranco said they were just looking at rezoning to make it more attractive.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

6. Appointment to Planning Board

Denise L. DiFranco said that next is an appointment to the Planning Board for a five-year term. Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Bill Gibb to the Planning Board for a five-year term. Chris Stone seconded.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

7. Appointment to Conservation Commission

Heidi Rogers read a letter from Raisa Oliveira resigning from the Conservation Commission.

Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Alesia Payne on for a three-year term. Chris Stone seconded.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

8. Appointment to Zoning Board

Denise L. DiFranco said they have two alternate positions for a one-year term.

Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Rudolph DiCenzo to the Zoning Board for a one-year term. Chris Stone seconded. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Steve Bellucci moved to appoint Manny Timoteo to the second alternate position on the Zoning Board for a one-year term. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: Ms. Rider used to say that once upon a time the candidates would attend the meeting so they could be questioned and let the residents become acquainted with them. Denise L. DiFranco when she was being tutored by a former president, he told her that you never have the candidates come because what if they don't get voted in, it's embarrassing for them.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

9. Proposed New Pole 19-1 Jencks Road Request (Installation and Removal of the direct buried secondary crossing)

Heidi Rogers read the pole placement recommendation from DPW Director Gordon Rogers.

Chris Stone moved to accept the proposal of the new poles on Jencks Road, three feet from the side of the road. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: Gordon Rogers said this was a hazard on a dirt road. David Paolino asked if he would recommend that they be incased. Mr. Rogers said he would recommend none under any town road. David Paolino said he did not remember being able to cross a road underground. Mr. Rogers said this was put in incorrectly. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

10. Proposed New Poles 31, 32, 33 and 34 Paris Olney Hopkins Road

Heidi Rogers read the pole placement recommendation from DPW Director Gordon Rogers.

Chris Stone moved to approve the pole placements are recommended by the DPW Director. David Paolino seconded.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

11. Request from Representative Michael Chippendale

Denise L. DiFranco said they have a request from Representative Mike Chippendale to use the Recreational Field parking lot for the RIPTA turnaround park and ride. Heidi Rogers read the letter (see Exhibit C).

Steve Bellucci moved to grant his request for discussion. David Paolino seconded.

Discussion: Heidi Rogers said she was concerned because she didn't know how much parking we will have, and how many people would be riding, and what times, and if there would be ball games [in progress]. If it was within a mile of Hemlock... Gordon Rogers said that it was three-quarters of a mile and RIPTA would provide Ride Share, which would provide a smaller bus to anyone in need with one mile of any bus stop, so if you can figure out a place within a one mile radius of Hemlock Village, it would be a huge advantage. Heidi Rogers asked what about the Fairgrounds. Denise L. DiFranco said she didn't think they wanted to come that far in; she thought they wanted to be on Rt. 6. Heidi Rogers said that would be ideal. Mr. Rogers said they come through Scituate and turn around, he did not know why they couldn't through Chopmist and

loop through [Route] 14 and there will be no turning around. Denise L. DiFranco asked where people would park their cars. Mr. Rogers said there is lots of parking around the town buildings.

Lynne Rider said that during the week the baseball field was used by the girls' team. There's going to be people parking there late in the afternoon. Ms. Rider posted a picture on Facebook and one of the concerns was that there is not enough parking. Sometime there are things going on at the Fairgrounds. Ms. Rogers said the only time is during Old Home Days and the bus would run Monday through Friday. Mr. Rogers suggested that they try it out and see how it works.

Bill Brown said he thought the loop would be a good idea.

Cheryl Hawes said that Mike [Chippendale] hasn't finalized anything yet so she suggested they reach out.

Anna Rao spoke about liability in the lot.

Anthony Renzi said if there was 10 cars parked in the morning and the bus comes back at night and there's something going on, the people will have no place to park. Heidi Rogers moved to forward two options for the RIPTA bus to Mike Chippendale, first being the new ballfield and the second being the town fairgrounds. Steve Bellucci seconded.

Further discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

12. Request to Speak from
Senator Gordon Rogers
(District 21) Regarding New
Legislation for
Low/Moderate Housing

Gordon Rogers said he has already gone to the West Greenwich town council, this one, and will go to Scituate and Glocester about what is going on with the State legislature regarding ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). Mr. Rogers said the committee recommended effectually addressing a major housing crisis for low to moderate income regarding structures being built. They want legislative bills to become law. One of the key components was what they consider "restrictive zoning" which means 5-acre zoning will go entirely out the window, and your setbacks will go out the window. Knowing what's going on, his recommendation is to control your own destiny.

However, public transportation is key to that. His recommendation is that you try to work with them in areas that can tolerate commercial property zoned for low to moderate income. Then you can control the destiny of the town. You can generate revenue for the community; put the low and moderate income housing within the reach of what allows public transportation on a main thoroughfare, job and shopping opportunities.

Heidi Rogers asked for a Resolution for the next meeting. Steve Bellucci moved to join a coalition of eight towns to move forward with how we can protect our town. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Discussion: Lynne Rider said it seems like someone is already laying the foundation for this by recommending that the property on Tom Woods and Danielson Pike where nobody had any clue as to why you would turn it into commercial, but if you connect the dots, there might be a plan in place.

Solicitor Tourgee said this is coming and they can do it anywhere. It's going to affect all the rural communities, so it doesn't matter where there is commercial property.

Denise L. DiFranco suggested hiring a lobbyist.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

13. Budget Preparation
Schedule

Denise L. DiFranco said there is a proposed budget preparation schedule (See Exhibit D). Highlighted areas are in question. Kelli Russ said this was informational and reviewed the dates. 3/2, 3/7 and 3/16 at 4 p.m. were chosen for additional dates. Ms. Russ said the school's public hearing will be in early March so their presentation will be in February. She will contact the school and the region.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING
Adoption of the
Comprehensive Plan
pursuant to RIGL 45-22.2.

Denise L. DiFranco said the minutes from the Planning Board are in the council packet of the approval of the Comprehensive Plan.
Denise L. DiFranco opened the public hearing.
Ms. DiFranco said there was a change from a major subdivision to a minor. There was a difficulty contacting the Planner, Jennifer Siciliano, so she will not be able to attend.
Lynne Rider asked if the issues with the low to moderate income housing was included.
Denise L. DiFranco said there was wording in there but the law hasn't changed so there is no reason to change it now.
Anna Rao asked about the Nike site.
Denise L. DiFranco asked if there were any more comments. There were none.
Denise L. DiFranco closed the public hearing.
Heidi Rogers moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan with the changes recommended by the Planning Board.
David Paolino seconded.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Steve Bellucci, aye; Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Denise L. DiFranco said she had a few future agenda items: Municipal Court, Assistant EMA Director, Resignation by a Conservation Commission member, the Resolution from the Town of Exeter, and Mr. Renzi sent a letter regarding a budget committee. Heidi Rogers said the time limit for the survey for the police station was expiring in 30 days so she wanted that on too.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-
46-5, (A), (1) Personnel**
1. Interim Planner Position
2. Review of Planner
Position Applications and
Resumes

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 for a work session regarding Personnel and Job Performance according to RIGL 42-46-5-(A)1 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.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

The council reconvened in to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.
Denise L. DiFranco announced that one vote was taken in Executive Session to allow Steve Bellucci, Denise L. DiFranco, Anthony Renzi, Mike Antonellis, Joanna Achille and Julia Chretien to interview applicants for the Planning position.
Motion passed 5 - 0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk

Town of Foster

Trial Balance by Fund

Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

From Date: 7/1/2022 To Date: 6/30/2023

70 - Emergency Medical Services		Opening Balance	Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
ASSET					
70.3.33.22.00.00.160.000	Cash-Checking	\$0.00	\$343,707.24	(\$291,178.80)	\$52,528.44
70.3.33.22.00.00.165.000	Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$1,169.41	\$0.00	\$1,169.41
ASSET TOTAL		\$0.00	\$344,876.65	(\$291,178.80)	\$53,697.85
LIABILITY					
70.4.00.00.00.00.270.000	Due to Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,305.87)	(\$7,305.87)
70.4.00.00.00.00.275.000	Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$42,486.95	(\$42,486.95)	\$0.00
LIABILITY TOTAL		\$0.00	\$42,486.95	(\$49,792.82)	(\$7,305.87)
REVENUE					
70.1.33.22.20.20.207.950	Other Federal Aid Funds	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	(\$125,000.00)	\$0.00
70.1.33.22.70.70.702.375	Town Transfer from Committed Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$225,000.00)	(\$225,000.00)
70.1.33.22.70.70.803.000	Town Appropriation	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$114,250.00)	(\$114,250.00)
REVENUE TOTAL		\$0.00	\$125,000.00	(\$464,250.00)	(\$339,250.00)
EXPENDITURE					
70.2.33.22.10.10.100.000	Compensation-Group A-Chief	\$0.00	\$24,825.00	\$0.00	\$24,825.00
70.2.33.22.10.10.100.106	Compensation-EMT and Other	\$0.00	\$169,957.17	\$0.00	\$169,957.17
70.2.33.22.10.15.150.000	Overtime	\$0.00	\$20,241.07	\$0.00	\$20,241.07
70.2.33.22.20.20.200.000	Active Medical Insurance	\$0.00	\$7,938.15	(\$978.54)	\$6,959.61

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70.2.33.22.20.20.205.000	Active Dental Insurance	\$0.00	\$689.62	(\$61.54)	\$628.08
70.2.33.22.20.25.250.000	Payroll Taxes	\$0.00	\$16,426.78	\$0.00	\$16,426.78
70.2.33.22.20.25.254.000	Other Benefits-Group A(W/C)	\$0.00	\$12,262.26	\$0.00	\$12,262.26
70.2.33.22.20.25.255.000	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$3,308.42	\$0.00	\$3,308.42
70.2.33.22.40.40.401.000	Purchased Services	\$0.00	\$1,275.50	\$0.00	\$1,275.50
70.2.33.22.40.40.401.308	Purch Serv-Professional Serv	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
70.2.33.22.40.40.402.000	Material/Supplies	\$0.00	\$4,115.28	\$0.00	\$4,115.28
70.2.33.22.40.40.405.000	Insurance - Property and Liability WC IOD Auto	\$0.00	\$11,395.00	\$0.00	\$11,395.00
70.2.33.22.40.40.407.000	Maintenance	\$0.00	\$199.00	\$0.00	\$199.00
70.2.33.22.40.40.408.336	Vehicle Operations-Fuel and Lube	\$0.00	\$6,773.62	\$0.00	\$6,773.62
70.2.33.22.40.40.408.337	Vehicle Operations-Parts and Repairs	\$0.00	\$2,588.25	\$0.00	\$2,588.25
70.2.33.22.40.40.409.319	Utilities - Telephone and Air Cards	\$0.00	\$2,464.78	\$0.00	\$2,464.78
70.2.33.22.40.40.409.320	Utilities - Heating Fuel	\$0.00	\$2,215.85	\$0.00	\$2,215.85
70.2.33.22.40.40.409.321	Utilities - Electricity	\$0.00	\$1,487.35	\$0.00	\$1,487.35
70.2.33.22.40.40.417.000	Other Operation Expenditures	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
70.2.33.22.40.40.417.329	Other Operation Exp-Uniform	\$0.00	\$3,504.00	\$0.00	\$3,504.00

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70 - Emergency Medical Services		<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
70.2.33.22.40.40.417.347	Other Operation Expenditures-Equipment	\$0.00	\$2,161.00	\$0.00	\$2,161.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$0.00	\$293,898.10	(\$1,040.08)	\$292,858.02
Fund Totals:		\$0.00	\$806,261.70	(\$806,261.70)	\$0.00

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From Date: 7/1/2022

To Date: 6/30/2023

Grand Total:	\$0.00	\$806,261.70	(\$806,261.70)	\$0.00
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End of Report

Town of Foster

General Ledger - On Demand Report

Account Number / Description	Fiscal Year: 2022-2023		From Date:7/1/2022		To Date:12/31/2022		Budget Balance
	Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	% Remaining Bud	
70.2.33.22.10.10.100.000 Compensation-Group A-Chief	\$0.00	\$23,175.00	\$23,175.00	(\$23,175.00)	\$0.00		(\$23,175.00) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.10.10.100.106 Compensation-EMT and Other	\$0.00	\$156,276.17	\$156,276.17	(\$156,276.17)	\$0.00		(\$156,276.17) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.10.15.150.000 Overtime	\$0.00	\$18,564.07	\$18,564.07	(\$18,564.07)	\$0.00		(\$18,564.07) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.20.20.200.000 Active Medical Insurance	\$0.00	\$5,845.87	\$5,845.87	(\$5,845.87)	\$0.00		(\$5,845.87) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.20.20.205.000 Active Dental Insurance	\$0.00	\$456.64	\$456.64	(\$456.64)	\$0.00		(\$456.64) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.20.25.250.000 Payroll Taxes	\$0.00	\$15,133.17	\$15,133.17	(\$15,133.17)	\$0.00		(\$15,133.17) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.20.25.254.000 Other Benefits-Group A(W/C)	\$0.00	\$12,262.26	\$12,262.26	(\$12,262.26)	\$0.00		(\$12,262.26) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.20.25.255.000 Unemployment	\$0.00	\$3,005.74	\$3,005.74	(\$3,005.74)	\$0.00		(\$3,005.74) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.401.000 Purchased Services	\$0.00	\$1,069.00	\$1,069.00	(\$1,069.00)	\$0.00		(\$1,069.00) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.401.308 Purch Serv-Professional Serv	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	(\$60.00)	\$0.00		(\$60.00) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.402.000 Material/Supplies	\$0.00	\$2,074.21	\$2,074.21	(\$2,074.21)	\$2,041.07		(\$4,115.28) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.405.000 Insurance - Property and Liability WC IOD Auto	\$0.00	\$11,395.00	\$11,395.00	(\$11,395.00)	\$0.00		(\$11,395.00) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.407.000 Maintenance	\$0.00	\$199.00	\$199.00	(\$199.00)	\$0.00		(\$199.00) 0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.408.336 Vehicle Operations-Fuel and Lube	\$0.00	\$6,773.62	\$6,773.62	(\$6,773.62)	\$0.00		(\$6,773.62) 0.00%

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General Ledger - On Demand Report						
		Fiscal Year: 2022-2023		From Date:7/1/2022	To Date:12/31/2022	
Account Number / Description	Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	Budget Balance % Remaining Bud
70.2.33.22.40.40.408.337	\$0.00	\$2,588.25	\$2,588.25	(\$2,588.25)	\$0.00	(\$2,588.25)
Vehicle Operations-Parts and Repairs						0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.409.319	\$0.00	\$2,123.33	\$2,123.33	(\$2,123.33)	\$341.45	(\$2,464.78)
Utilities - Telephone and Air Cards						0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.409.320	\$0.00	\$1,534.87	\$1,534.87	(\$1,534.87)	\$185.10	(\$1,719.97)
Utilities - Heating Fuel						0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.409.321	\$0.00	\$1,487.35	\$1,487.35	(\$1,487.35)	\$0.00	(\$1,487.35)
Utilities - Electricity						0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.417.000	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)	\$0.00	(\$10.00)
Other Operation Expenditures						0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.417.329	\$0.00	\$3,504.00	\$3,504.00	(\$3,504.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,504.00)
Other Operation Exp-Uniform						0.00%
70.2.33.22.40.40.417.347	\$0.00	\$2,161.00	\$2,161.00	(\$2,161.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,161.00)
Other Operation Expenditures-Equipment						0.00%
Fund: 70	\$0.00	\$269,698.55	\$269,698.55	(\$269,698.55)	\$2,567.62	(\$272,266.17)

Town of Foster							
General Ledger - On Demand Report		Fiscal Year: 2022-2023		From Date:7/1/2022		To Date:12/31/2022	
Account Number / Description		Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	Budget Balance % Remaining Bud
Grand Total:		\$0.00	\$269,698.55	\$269,698.55	(\$269,698.55)	\$2,567.62	(\$272,266.17)
End of Report							

Town of Foster						
General Ledger - On Demand Report						
Fiscal Year: 2022-2023 From Date:7/1/2022 To Date:12/31/2022						
Account Number / Description	Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	Budget Balance % Remaining Bud
70.1.33.22.70.70.702.375	\$0.00	(\$225,000.00)	(\$225,000.00)	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00
Town Transfer from Committed Fund Balance						0.00%
70.1.33.22.70.70.803.000	\$0.00	(\$114,250.00)	(\$114,250.00)	\$114,250.00	\$0.00	\$114,250.00
Town Appropriation						0.00%
Fund: 70	\$0.00	(\$339,250.00)	(\$339,250.00)	\$339,250.00	\$0.00	\$339,250.00

Town of Foster							
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Account Number / Description		Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	Budget Balance % Remaining Bud
Grand Total:		\$0.00	(\$339,250.00)	(\$339,250.00)	\$339,250.00	\$0.00	\$339,250.00
End of Report							

ARPA - As of 12/31/2022

	Total Local and County \$ 1,418,312.91	Projects Approved	Projects in Discussion	Completed
Police - public services	\$ (800,000.00)	\$ 800,000.00		✓
Rescue services - to keep them open until 7/1/22	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ 100,000.00		✓
Rescue services - to keep them open until 7/1/24 to phase-in the tax impact	\$ (87,500.00)	\$ 87,500.00		in process
Recreation Field - Phase II - well, irrigation,hydro tracking, rock removal	\$ (110,000.00)	\$ 110,000.00		in process
Recreation Field - Phase II to fully complete and for match for lighting in needed	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ 80,358.00	\$ 19,642.00	in process
Land Records Recording System - to create electronic land evidence records and onboard a	\$ (36,000.00)	\$ 36,000.00		in process
E-Permitting-new program to move to electronic permitting	\$ (3,599.13)	\$ 3,599.13		✓
Video Recording system for taxpayer involvement and interaction - quote for \$7,255 without electrical work	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Covered Bridge Engineering for tailing bridge - partially funded by town capital funds. This is the remainder.	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ 35,000.00		in process
Hazard Pay - EMA Director	\$ (3,191.25)	\$ 3,191.25		✓
Hydraulic System - South Foster (laws of life)	\$ (43,210.00)	\$ 43,210.00		✓
Consultant for Economic Development on rte 6 corridor and town-wide	\$ (49,640.00)	\$ 49,640.00		in process
Fairgrounds - bleacher repair/replacement	\$ (43,155.00)	\$ 43,155.00		✓
Fairgrounds - lighting improvement	\$ (16,845.00)	\$ 16,845.00		
Town Hall Renovations - for offices space due to overcrowding	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	
Green Acres - pond dredging and grounds cleanup	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	

\$ (114,827.47)	\$ 1,408,498.38	\$ 124,642.00	Projects Approved & Discussed
Remaining if proposed proj. approved	PROJECTS APPROVED	PROJECTS IN DISCUSSION	1,533,140.38

Total ARPA Funds	\$ 1,418,312.91
Shortfall if follow through w/ all plans	\$ (114,827.47)

Sue Dillon

From: Michael Chippendale <mike@repchip.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 1:43 PM
To: Sue Dillon; Denise DiFranco; Allison Bouchard; gthbobcat@aol.com
Subject: RIPTA Bus Stop

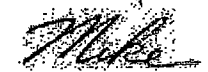
All,

The South Foster FD is understandably hesitant to once again host the park and ride, but I think we were all planning on that result anyway. It was my ignorance on the topic that disqualified the new Ball Field as an option because I didn't believe a bus could turn around in that lot. Senator Rogers has been weighing in on this issue and his experience is that a RIPTA bus will have no issues using that lot to turn around. That's great news, and I think it's our only option at this point.

I'd like to ask the town to consider the Ball Field as the park and ride and grant us the permission to provide that location to RIPTA. I don't know if you feel this needs to go to the council, or if it can just be discussed among the group and a verbal decision be made. Either way, I will not get RIPTA involved until I'm sure we're all on the same page.

Please let me know what your thoughts are, and how you'd all like to proceed. Thank you!

Respectfully,



Mike Chippendale
House Minority Leader



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BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

For Fiscal Year Ending 2024

1/25/2022	CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING W/ DEPT. HEADS & PLANNING BOARD
2/1/2023	CAPITAL BUDGET packets and recommendation distributed to the Council by Planner; hard copies will be available on request (Charter: at least 90 days, but not more than 120 days prior to FTM; Jan 1 st to Jan. 31 st)
1/17/2023	OPERATING BUDGET MEETING WITH DEPT. HEADS – office/zoom/phone
2/6/2023	ALL INITIAL BUDGETS submitted to Finance Director by 5:30 p.m.
2/14/2023 - 2/23/2023 TUESDAY-THURSDAY	DEPARTMENT HEADS BUDGET REVIEW WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR – Individual Meetings-office/zoom/ phone
2/27/2023 MONDAY	FINALIZE DRAFT BUDGET/PREPARATION OF COUNCIL SPECIAL PACKETS
2/28/2023 TUESDAY	ALL BUDGETS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW packets will be available at the Town Hall upon request. Full budget packets avail on SugarSync.
3/2/2023 THURSDAY	BUDGET COMMITTEE WORK SESSION (see attached schedule)
Additional meetings TBD based on need – 3/###, 3/### & 3/### selected by Council to date @ 5:30pm	TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET PREP WORKSHOPS - see attached schedules (ONCE SCHEDULE ADOPTED) (Possible dates-no more than 3 s/b necessary after the initial meeting: 3/7/2023, 3/9/2023; 3/14/2023; 3/16/2023; 3/21/2023; 3/23/2023)
3/23/2023 or 3/30/2023 THURSDAY	PUBLIC HEARING on Preliminary Budget, Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. (Section 10.04 of Town Charter-Hearing must be at least 30 days before FTM-Sunday/April 2; 5 th Thursday of the month, March 30 or last available meeting date for Public Hearing) unless changed due to COVID restrictions
4/6/2023 THURSDAY	COUNCIL ADOPTION (IF POSSIBLE) (Section 10.05 of Town Charter-Adoption not later than 15 days before FTM-April 17 th)
4/13/2023 THURSDAY	COUNCIL ADOPTION (IF NEEDED) Last possible date for adoption. (Must advertise approved budget at least 10 calendar days prior to hearing for adoption of budget. Advertisement must be approved by state) place ad on Monday 10 th for Thursday 13 th or Monday 17 th for Thursday 20 th .
5/2/2023 TUESDAY	FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING