

**Town Council Meeting  
January 25, 2018**

The January 25, 2018, 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:  
**Denise L. DiFranco, President**  
**Chris Stone, Vice President**  
**Gordon Rogers**  
**Michael Dillon**  
**Cheryl Hawes**

Also present:  
Solicitor, Joanna Achille  
Kelli Russ  
Chief Ziehl

- I.      **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Cheryl Hawes, Lynne Rider, Ron Cervasio, and Chris Stone.
- III.    **MINUTES**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2018, as presented.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0..
- IV.    **WARRANTS**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve **Payroll Warrant #28** for \$36,034.55..  
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 approve **Payroll Warrant #29** for \$37,839.27.  
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 approve **General Warrant #14** for \$62,280.54.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0.

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve **General Warrant #14A** for \$600.17.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, recused; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion carried 3-0-2 recusals .

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve **General Warrant #14B** for \$400.00.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion carried 4-0-1 recusal.
- V.      **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Gordon Rogers moved. Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports from the Building & Zoning Dept., Dept. of Public Works, Finance Dept., Human Services, Planning Dept., Police Dept., RIRRC, and the Tax Assessor.  
Denise L. DiFranco noted that the Finance report was for two months November and December.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.
- VI.     **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Quarterly Reports for the Board of Canvassers, Engineering Board, Foster Ambulance Corps, Foster Center Fire Co., Foster School Committee, Zoning Board of Review, Land Trust, Libraries, Moosup Valley Fire Co., Planning Board, and Tax Board of Review.  
It was noted that the Engineering Board report was omitted. The Board of Canvassers report was for two quarters.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- VII.    **NEW BUSINESS**

A.      **Resignation of Probate Judge**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to accept the resignation of Probate Judge Jane Gurzenda with regrets.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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<b>B. Appointment of Probate Judge</b>	Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Paula Cuculo to the position of probate judge to cover the vacancy left by Jane Gurzenda. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.
<b>C. Appointment to Recreation Committee</b>	Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Ryan Siedzik to the Recreation Committee. Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Ryan Siedzik Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.
<b>D. Appointment of Part-Time Zoning Official</b>	Cheryl Hawes moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Mark Horner to the part-time position as a Zoning Official. Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Mike Dillon, Denise DiFranco, Chris Stone, Gordon Rogers, and Mark Tourgee. Gordon Rogers amended the motion, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to have a contract drawn up and reviewed by the solicitor and council president and move forward. Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Kelli Russ, Lynne Rider. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Amendment passed 5 – 0. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Main motion passed 5 – 0.
<b>E. Appointment to Conservation Commission</b>	Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone, seconded, appoint Kathleen Collins to the Conservaton Commission.. Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Kathleen Collins, and Chris Stone. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.
<b>F. Letter from Int’l. Assoc. of Firefighters Union Local #3422</b>	A letter was received from the International Association of Firefighters Union Local #3422 requesting the start of negotiations for collective bargaining.. Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to move forward with negotiations with the Firefighters Union, and would like to do this with Mike Dillon and Kelli Russ. Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Mike Dillon, and Cheryl Hawes. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.
<b>G. Roadside Litter Ordinance</b>	Denise L. DiFranco said there is an ordinance in place and had received information from Chief Ziehl. Mike Dillon explained why he brought up the agenda item and suggested an awareness campaign using signage “See something, say something”. Discussion: Mark Tourgee, Mike Dillon, Gprdon Rogers, Betty Lou Terry, John Esposito, Denise L.DiFranco, Cheryl Hawes, Lynne Rider, Susan Dillon, Chief Ziehl, and Jeff Sheldon.
<b>H. Budget Schedule</b>	Kelli Russ submitted a Budget Schedule. Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to start budget workshops on March 1 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Discussion: None Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.
<b>VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations</li></ul>
<b>IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (1) Personnel. 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.

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Denise L. DiFranco said that two votes were taken.

1. To approve a temporary finance person 2 days per week up to 6 weeks, money can come out of contingence. Vote 5-0
2. To Appoint Jennifer Siciliano as Planner with a 6 month trial period, contingent on a BCI check and proper paperwork for a 24 hour position but can work up to 28 hours. Vote 5-0

**X. ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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