

Town Council Meeting  
July 27, 2023

The July 27, 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**  
**Chris Stone**  
**David Paolino**  
**Heidi Rogers**

Also present:  
Kelli Russ, Finance Director  
Julia Chretien, Assistant Solicitor  
Grant McGregor, Town Planner  
Anthony Renzi, Planning Board Chair

- I.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Denise L. DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for Jim Carlson, he was a volunteer for many things in Foster, he was on South Foster [FC], the Planning Board,4-H, Zoning Board, the Town Hall building committee, re-established Foster Old Home Days which his daughter has re-established again last year. It was in the Observer. Jim was involved with many things, and he will be missed.
- III.**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Meeting Minutes**  
Approval of July 18, 2023

2. **Warrants**  
Approval of General Warrant FY2023 #23  
\$115,214.04 FY2024 #1 \$374,132.92 and  
FY2024 #2 \$61,145.83

Chris Stone moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. David Paolino second.  
Discussion: None  
Motion passed 4 - 0.  
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- IV.**OLD BUSINESS  
Farmers’ Market**

Heidi Rogers moved to move Old Business to this point in the meeting. Chris Stone seconded.  
Motion passed 4 - 0.  
Discussion: None  
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; and Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Town Planner Grant McGregor made a presentation regarding the Planning Board proposal for a Farmer’s Market.  
Mr. Alan Kinsley, 10 East Killingly Road, said he owns and operates Lazy K Farm, LLC, [which is] primarily an Alpaca farm, he also raises honeybees, and mushrooms. He recently moved to Foster in April. He is a full-time member of the Farmer’s Market in Kingstown, South Kingstown, and Charlestown, and others. He attends farmer’s markets almost every day. He discussed his ideas including adding artisan vendors, music, and food trucks. Heidi Rogers asked if he was interested in being the manager because no one else had responded. Mr. Kinsley said he was interested. Denise L. DiFranco said she had heard from someone who was interested. Ms. DiFranco asked how much they charged at other markets. Mr. Kinsley said \$10 to \$45. Planning Board member Anthony Renzi said they were not charging. Heidi Rogers asked how they would pay for the porta-johns and the police. Denise L. DiFranco said she didn’t think they wanted to make money on this but there’s a lot of responsibility on the manager, so the money should go to him. There was further discussion regarding details. David Paolino recommended that everything go through the planner. Ron Cervasio asked about insurance. August 6<sup>th</sup> was suggested as a beginning date.

Heidi Rogers moved to approve the request of the Planning Board of the Town of Foster to hold a Farmer's Market on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 110 Danielson Pike, contingent upon registration with the State for the event; vendors paying a \$10 fee and meeting the proper requirements and application, and that the Trust approval adding South Foster as an interested party named on the insurance policy for the vendors. David Paolino seconded.

Heidi Rogers withdrew her motion

David Paolino withdrew his second.

Heidi Rogers moved to approve the Foster Planning Board's proposal for the Town of Foster to host a Farmer's Market at 110 Danielson Pike contingent upon all proper state licensing for the Town of Foster as well as approval of the Trust to add the Town of Foster as the interested party for the Town of Foster's insurance. The fee for each vendor will be \$10 per event and then vendor participation is contingent upon proper permitting through the Town and the State and South Foster, starting August 6<sup>th</sup>. Chris Stone seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

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

Heidi Rogers move to appoint Alan Kinsley as the interim market manager for compensation of fees collected from the vendors and then complete background check. David Paolino second.

Discussion: Mr. Cervasio asked if he [Mr. Kinsley] would be under our insurance. Kelli Russ said she would contact the Trust.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS**  
Appointment of Interim  
Tax Collector

Heidi Rogers moved to appoint Catherine Hadfield as interim tax collector. David Paolino seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk