

Town Council Meeting
February 8, 2018

The February 8, 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:	Also present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President	Solicitor, Joanna Achille
Chris Stone, Vice President	Kelli Russ
Gordon Rogers	Chief Ziehl
Michael Dillon	
Cheryl Hawes	

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| I. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. | EXECUTIVE SESSION | 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION |
| III. | PUBLIC COMMENT | Virginia Colwell |
| IV. | MINUTES | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2018, as presented.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.. |
| V. | WARRANTS | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #30 for \$37,278.33.
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 #31 for \$36,373.34
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 #15 for \$118,059.35.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0. |
| VI. | NEW BUSINESS | |
| | A. Appt. of DPW Director | Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to appoint Bob Lohr effective February 22, 2018 – December 31, 2020, contingent upon passing a BCI and drug test.
Discussion: None.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye;and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion carried 5 – 0. |
| | B. C.A.S.T. Grant | Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move forward with applying for a C.A.S.T. grant of \$125,000.00 per year for five years.
Discussion: Lorraine Kaul, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Gordon Rogers, Cheryl Hawes and Michael Barnes. Mr. Barnes agreed to help with the reporting for the grant.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | C. Regional School Budget Presentation | Dr. Michael Barnes presented the Foster/Glocester Regional School Budget.
Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Denise DiFranco, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Lynne Rider, and Ron Cervasio. |

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**D. Liaison to
Conservation
Commission**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone, seconded, to appoint Cheryl Hawes as liaison to the Conservation Commission.
Discussion: None.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**E. State Police
Discussion**

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to have two council members, him and Cheryl Hawes, to go into discussions with the State Police to have the State Police take over the services to the town and what that would cost.
Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Denise DiFranco, Chief Bill Ziehl, Gordon Rogers, Lynne Rider, Virginia Colwell, Judy Haskell, Leonard Foster, Linda Niles, Kevin Lachlear, Polly Cairone, Lynne Rider.

Cheryl Hawes amended the motion to include a police officer in the discussions, Gordon Rogers seconded.
Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Denise DiFranco, Michael Dillon, and Cheryl Hawes.
Cheryl Hawes withdrew the amendment, Gordon Rogers withdrew his second.
Discussion: Tom Walden, Michael Dillon, Virginia Colwell, Lynne Rider, Gordon Rogers, Joanna Achille, Denise DiFranco.

Gordon Rogers amended the motion, Mike Dillon seconded, to have Denise DiFranco send a letter to the appropriate person at the State Police informing them that Gordon Rogers and Cheryl Hawes will be going to them for a proposal on services provided.
Discussion: Linda Niles, Cheryl Hawes, Peter Johnson.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Cheryl Hawes amended the motion, Denise DiFranco seconded, to include Kelli Russ and a member of the Police Department in any discussions with the State Police.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Chris Stone, Leonard Foster, Joanna Achille.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, no; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, no; Gordon Rogers, no. Amended motion failed 3 –2.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, no; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Main motion passed 4 – 1.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Recreation Field

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 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