

Town Council Meeting  
July 13, 2017

The July 13, 2017, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Foster Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
<b>Denise L. DiFranco, President</b>	Asst. Solicitor, Atty. Joanna Achille
<b>Chris Stone, Vice President</b>	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
<b>Gordon Rogers</b>	Chief Ziehl
<b>Michael Dillon</b>	
<b>Cheryl Hawes, excused</b>	

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| <b>I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b> | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.   |
| <b>II. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>   | <p>Executive session began at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) Litigation<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; ; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>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 42-46-5; 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.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>Executive Session ended at 7:29 p.m. Denise L. DiFranco announced that no votes were taken.</p> |
| <b>III. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>     | Ron Cervasio, Ginny Colwell, Tom Walden, and Judith Paolucci.   |
| <b>IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>       | Denise L. DiFranco stated that Cheryl Hawes was excused. She also stated that the Hazard Mitigation Survey had been posted online.  |
| <b>V. MINUTES</b>              | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept the <b>June 1, 2017</b>, Meeting Minutes.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the <b>June 8, 2017</b>, Meeting Minutes.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept the <b>June 22, 2017</b>, Meeting Minutes.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p>  |
| <b>VI. WARRANTS</b>            | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, move to accept Payroll <b>Warrant #50</b> for \$35,478.65.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, move to accept Payroll <b>Warrant #51</b> for \$36,761.40.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, move to accept Payroll <b>Warrant #52</b> for \$40,838.02.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.</p>   |

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Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, move to accept General **Warrant #1** for \$312,336.22.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, move to accept General **Warrant #1A** for \$240.00.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 3-0, 1 recusal.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, move to accept General **Warrant #24** for \$171,132.56.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Additions and Abatements**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the changes to the tax role submitted by Patti Moreau for 2017 Real Estate Additions of \$8871.96, 2016 Real Estate Additions of \$8765.10, 2016 Real Estate Abatements of \$8518.74, 2017 Real Estate Abatements of \$190.65.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0

**B. Letter to Governor Requesting Veto of H5593A**

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve the letter requesting that Governor Raimondo veto House Bill H5593A relating to Labor and Labor Relations, Arbitration, and Continuance of Contractual Provisions.  
Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Joanna Achille, Kelli Russ, Ron Cervasio, Michael Dillon, and Chris Stone.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**C. Pole Petitions for Boss Road**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve a pole petition for Boss Road for intermediate poles needed for wire rehab because of long spans.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**D. Liquor License Request**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the one day liquor License for Saturday, 9/9/17 for “Abandoned Dogs of RI Rescue”.  
No vote taken, no license needed.

**E. Retirement of Deputy Treasurer**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept with regrets Lillian Jackson’s retirement letter.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**F. Appointment of Deputy Treasurer**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the recommendation of Kelli Russ to hire Karen Williams as the new Deputy Treasurer.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**G. Possible cancellation of the 7/27, 8/10, & 8/24 Town Council Meetings**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the cancellation of the July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to amend the motion to not have the July 27<sup>th</sup> August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting unless we have something that needs to be addressed that is time sensitive.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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H. “Breaking Aids”  
Ride Event

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the request of the “Breaking Aids” Ride Event on September 8, 2017.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Surplus DPW  
Equipment

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the request of the DPW Director to accept the minimum bids for Surplus Equipment for the amounts listed:

2002 Ford F-350	\$2,500.00	1999 Fisher Sander	\$750.00
1986 Chevy K-30	\$1,000.00	D7 Dozer	\$50,000.00
2008 F-350	\$5,000.00	Audi Seized	\$5,000.00

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS

- Recreation Field
- Swamp Meadow Theater Half-Shell
- EMA Trailer
- Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
- Appointment to Conservation Committee
- Rental Policy for Town Property - Exemptions

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session began at 7:50 p.m.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) Arbitration.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

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.

Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive session ended 8:40 p.m. Denise L. DiFranco announced that no votes were taken.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 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