

Town Council Meeting
March 22, 2018

The March 22, 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, Mark Tourge
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. | PUBLIC COMMENT | No Public Comment.
Denise DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for Mary Laird who passed away this week. |
| III. | WARRANTS | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #36 for \$38,622.27.
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 Payroll Warrant #37 for \$38,278.06.
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 #18 for \$79,837.00.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0.

Chris Stone moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #18A for \$316.67.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Michael Dillon, recused; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion carried 4-0-1 with one recusal. |
| IV. | MONTHLY REPORTS | Gordon Rogers moved. Michael Dillon seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports from the Building & Zoning Dept., Human Services, Police Dept., RIRRC, and the Tax Assessor.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| V. | OLD BUSINESS
A. Financial Statements & Standards Policies | Discussion: Michael Dillon, Chris Stone, Denise DiFranco, Kelli Russ Mark Tourgee and Gordon Rogers. |
| VI. | NEW BUSINESS
A. Resolution 2019-02 Early Voting | Robert Rock from the Secretary of State’s office gave an overview on process of early voting.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to support Resolution 2018-02 as presented to Support House Bill #7501 and Senate Bill #2419 Relating to Early Voting (see Exhibit A).
Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Robert Rock, Gordon Rogers, Cheryl Hawes, Lynn Rider, Robert DePalo and Ron Cervasio
Denise L. DiFranco, nay; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, nay. Motion passed 3-2. |
| | B. Appointment to Interview Committee | Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Denise DiFranco, Cheryl Hawes, Chief Ziehl, and a neighboring Police Chief to the Interview Committee for the Police Chief Position.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Chris Stone moved, Gordon Rogers seconded to amend the motion to include Kelli Russ, Human Resource Director. |

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Discussion: Michael Dillon, Denise DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Chris Stone, Chief Ziehl, and Lynne Rider.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

C. Hemlock Bridge Discussion: Maggie Fennessey, Denise DiFranco, Audrey Carey, Gordon Rogers, Mark Tourgee, Lynn Rider, Jackie Bowen, Chief Ziehl, and Jeff Sheldon.

D. National Grid Pole Petition Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the Pole Petition by Verizon and National Grid located on South Killingly Road marked 25762905 dated 2/26/2018.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Resolution 2018-01 Opposing Off-Shore Leasing Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve the Opposition to the Proposed Inclusion of the North Atlantic Region in the 2019-2014 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (see Exhibit B).
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Wrights Auto Parts (May 24th)
- B. Police Site Survey Bid Award (April 12th)
- C. Posting the Chief’s position

8:09 open session ended
8:15 executive session started

EXECUTIVE SESSION Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) LITIGATION
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.

No votes were taken

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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