

Town Council Meeting
March 29, 2018

The March 29, 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 Tourgee
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 | Ron Cervasio. |
| III. | PUBLIC HEARING | Discussion on 2018-2019 Budget for Financial Town Meeting
Lynne Rider, Brenda Moffat, Ron Cervasio, Audrey Carey, Kevin Donovan, Ginny Bassett, Lisa Butler, Carl “Rocky” Riccio, Chief Ziehl, and Jeff Sheldon. |
| IV. | OLD BUSINESS | |
| | A. Financial Statements & Standards | Discussion: Chris Stone, Kelli Russ, and Gordon Rogers. |
| | NEW BUSINESS | |
| | A. Police Chief Position | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to direct Chief Ziehl to find out if anyone in his department is interested in the position. If they are qualified and would like to apply, the Chief is to let the Council know before conducting a search outside the department.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, and Chief Ziehl.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0. |
| V. | B. Letter to Support S2089 relating to Open Meetings. | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to table this request until the April 12 th Town Council Meeting.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0. |
| VI. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wright’s Auto Parts (May 24th)• Police Site Survey Bid Award (April 12th) |
| | EXECUTIVE SESSION | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-42-4 for the reason stated in Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5 (A) (1) Personnel and 42-46-5 (A) (2) Litigation.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0. |
| | OPEN SESSION | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, moved 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.
Three votes were taken in Executive Session:
A. Under Employment evaluations for non-union personnel <i>disc/action</i>
1. Motion to adjust the Treasurer’s healthcare buyback amount to the lowest buyback currently given out on a family plan.
Motion passed 3-2.
2. Motion made to reduce the budgeted salary amount by \$2,500.00 from the Treasurer’s Salary. Motion passed 3-2.
B. Potential Litigation – Schultz vs. Town of Foster <i>disc/action</i>
1. There was a motion made to table Schultz vs Town of Foster until the April 12 th meeting. Motion passed 4-0-1 with 1 recusal. |
| VII. | ADJOURNMENT | Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 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