

Town Council Meeting
April 26, 2018

The April 26, 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 Breit
Michael Dillon	
Cheryl Hawes	

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move the Girl Scout Project presentation up to the present.
Discussion: None
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

B. NEW BUSINESS
a. Girl Scout Project

The members of Brownie Troop 902 asked the town council for permission to place a “Little Free Library” at the Woody Lowden town property as a community service project.
Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to allow the girls to build the Little Free Library and place it where they had requested between the Woody Lowden building and the ball field.
Discussion: Cheryl Hawes and Denise L. DiFranco.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

III. MINUTES Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2018, as presented.
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 accept the Meeting Minutes for March 29, 2018, as presented.
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 accept the Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2018, as presented.
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 accept the Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2018, as presented.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

IV. WARRANTS Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve **Payroll Warrant #41** for \$38,968.30.
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 #42** for \$36,071.97.
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 #20** for \$83,760.67.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve **General Warrant #20A** for \$316.67.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1 with once recusal by Gordon Rogers.

- V. MONTHLY REPORTS** Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports from the Building & Zoning, Dept. of Public Works, Finance, Human Services, Planning Department, Police Dept., RIRRC, and Tax Assessor as presented.
Discussion: Denise L DiFranco noted that the report from February is included with March for the Planning department.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0.
- VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS** Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports from the Board of Canvassers, Engineering Board, Foster Ambulance Corps, Foster Center Fire Co., Foster School Committee, Zoning Board of Review, Land Trust, Libraries, Moosup Valley Fire Co., Planning Board, Tax Board of Review, South Foster Fire Co. and EMA as presented.
Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco stated that she did not have Board of Canvassers, Foster Ambulance, or Zoning Board in the packet. The other members of the council stated that they had them.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye: Motion carried 5 – 0.
- VII. ANNUAL POLICE REPORT** Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Annual Police Report as presented for 2017.
Discussion: None.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS**
- a. Financial Statements and Policies** Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to send a letter to all the entities involved which includes the libraries, EMS services, that the internal controls mandated by the State of Rhode Island be followed of which they have already been informed by July 1st.
Discussion: Kelli Russ, Gordon Rogers, and Denise L. DiFranco.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- a. “Call Med” Program Presentation** Mark Smiley of Legacy Benefit Advisors introduced a program on Telemedicine. He was followed by Bob Dumais who continued the presentation.
Discussion: Kelli Russ, Gordon Rogers, Bob Dumais, and Cheryl Hawes.
- b. (Moved to first position)**
- c. Letter in support of S2098** Gordon Rogers read a letter from Denise L. DiFranco regarding support for Senate Bill S2098 regarding an exemption to the posting of meetings for volunteer fire departments (see Exhibit A).
Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Denise L. DiFranco, Ron Cervasio
Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the resolution to not allow the volunteer fire companies to be exempt to report their meetings as other governmental bodies.
Discussion continued: Gordon Rogers, Cheryl Hawes
Ms. DiFranco asked for all opposed to sending the letter.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- d. Police Site Survey Bid Award** Gordon Rogers read the communication from Joseph Walsh of the Foster Police Department Building Committee regarding the bid for surveying the police building site (see Exhibit B).
Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Kelli Russ, Denise L. DiFranco
Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to have the chief to try to get them down by \$900 or find the funds elsewhere.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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e. Resolution 2018-03 in Opposition to the Governor's FY 2019 Budget Request	<p>Gordon Rogers read the Town of Foster Resolution 2018-03 in Opposition to the governor's FY 2019 budget request (see Exhibit C).</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to support the resolution against the "scoop" on the governor's part to balance the budget.</p> <p>Discussion: None.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
f. Planning Board Request	<p>Gordon Rogers read the letter from Joseph Carey, Chair of the Planning Board regarding the number of accidents on Plainfield Pike amounting to 62 accidents in the last 10 years (see Exhibit D).</p> <p>Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Ron Cervasio, Denise L. DiFranco</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to have the Town Council President forward a letter to Representative Michael Chippendale with some suggestions on signage so that he can work with DOT.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
g. Request to Planning Board to Review Rt. 6 Zoning	<p>Gordon Rogers explained the need to have the Planning Board review the changes made to Rt. 6 in 2010 in respect to attracting businesses and the need for reevaluating Special Use Permits.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to have the Planning Board determine</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How many businesses have come to the town on Route 62. How many businesses in town have gone out of business <p>And also to have them talk to local businesses that have expanded and done improvements, has it been detrimental or helpful with the new zoning. Reassess the zoning changes.</p> <p>Discussion: Chris Stone, Cheryl Hawes, Ron Cervasio</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
h. Resignation of Treasurer	<p>Gordon Rogers read the letter from resignation letter from Kelli Russ (see Exhibit E).</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the resignation with regrets.</p> <p>Discussion: Chris Stone, Denise L. DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Cheryl Hawes</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
i. Posting of Treasurer's Position	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to post the Finance Director's position.</p> <p>Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Susan Dillon, Kelli Russ</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
j. Selection of Interviewing Committee	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to include Cheryl Hawes, Denise L. DiFranco, Susan Dillon, Mike Petrarca from the school, and Bridget Almon from Foster-Glocester Regional School.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wright's Auto Parts – May 24th• Henry Phillips Recreation Field• Telemedicine
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-42-4 for the reasons stated in RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2) Litigation – Opioid Litigation update.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.</p>
XII. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.</p> <p>Submitted by, Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk</p>