

Town Council Meeting
June 28, 2018

The June 28, 2018, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Town House 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster Center Road, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President
Chris Stone, Vice President
Michael Dillon
Gordon Rogers
Cheryl Hawes - excused

Also present:
Solicitor, Mark Tourgee
Kelli Russ
Chief Breit

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise L. DiFranco noted that Cheryl Hawes was excused. She reminded the people who wanted to make public comment that the council could not speak to any issue brought up because they would not be on the agenda. Robert Peterson of Foster Center Road spoke regarding town organizations and Quarterly Reports. Dan Davey of Mt. Hygeia Road, Sally Freestone of Mt. Hygeia Road and Dylan Conley of Dyer Street in Providence spoke regarding the St. Croix decision. Lynne Rider of Burgess Road asked about the mailing procedure of tax bills.
- III. WARRANTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #50 for \$34,168.55.
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 approve Payroll Warrant #57 for \$46,714.26.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #24 for \$43,900.35.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Chris Stone moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #24A for \$316.67.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Gordon Rogers recused himself. Motion carried 3-1 with 1 recusal.
- IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports from Building & Zoning, Dept. of Public Works, Human Services, Planning Dept., Police Dept., RIRRC and Tax Assessor.
Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Call Med Program

Kelli Russ explained the call med program. She noted there were two plans but that the town only needed one. There would be no out-of-pocket cost; 50 cents per employee.
Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to move forward with the Telemedicine Program through Blue Cross /Blue Shield and WB Community Health.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Denise L. DiFranco
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures

Mark Tourgee explained that under RI Statutory Law 45-18-2 any fire company or organization is required to present to the town or city council its detailed statements of assets and liabilities; an example being Rescue Recovery money. Gordon Rogers listed the requirements, including the most recent IRS form 990, balance sheet for FY end, income statements from the most recent FY end, year-to-date budget and actual, upcoming FY year including all sources of revenue and anticipated expenditures.

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C. Police Department / Town Hall Technology	Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Anna Rao, Ron Cervasio, Lynne Rider, Kelli Russ, Lori Cardoza, Kelli Russ, and Chris Stone. Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move forward with implementing the requirements listed. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.
VI. NEW BUSINESS	
A. July / August Council Mtgs.	Chief Breit presented information for changing the backup service and computer system. Discussion: Kelli Russ Study is not complete so the topic will be placed on Future Agenda Items.
B. Proclamation	Denise L. DiFranco noted there were meetings on July 12 th and 26 th , the 26 th being before Old Home Days. Denise L. DiFranco noted that in August the meeting dates were the 9 th and 23 rd . Chris Stone moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to meet on July 12 th and August 9 th only. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Gordon Rogers, no. Motion carried 3-1.
C. Foster vs. St. Croix	Gordon Rogers read the Proclamation for Sharon Cotter into the record (see Exhibit A). Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move the proclamation forward. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0. Ms. DiFranco said the proclamation will be presented on July 9 th . Mark Tourgee reviewed the issue as presented at Superior Court. The judge requested that the parties get together to come to an agreement. There is a consent agreement before the council. When there is litigation, the Town Council has the ultimate say on the matter. Mr. Rogers read the details of the court proceedings (Clerk’s note: Document is posted on the Town Website under the Zoning Board of Review page). Discussion: Mark Tourgee, Dylan Conley, Gordon Rogers, John Esposito, Denise L. DiFranco, Lori Cardillo, Eva Szosz, Lynne Rider, and Ana Rao.
D. Moving Wall Viet Nam Memorial	Denise L. DiFranco received information from Mr. Stanley at Ponaganset High School. If anyone wants to be part of the parade to let the Town Clerk know.
E. Providence Water Settlement Payment	Kelli Russ explained that the agreement with Providence Water was signed in 2013 and since then the prime rate has changed 8 times from 3.25 to 5.5 percent. The increase will need to be adjusted for the budget next year, by at least \$210,000.
VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	1) Henry Phillips Recreation Field 2) Rte. 101 Solar Farm Presentation 3) Wright’s Auto Parts (July 12 th) 4) Communications / Technology 5) Central Pike Bridge 6) Foster Feed & Grain
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION	Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5a (2) Litigation; RIGL 42-46-5a (1) Personnel RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) Negotiations
IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION	Denise DiFranco announced that three votes were taken: Adopt the Agreement between the Town of Foster and the International Association of Firefighters Union Local #3422 including the modified memorandum. Motion passed 4 – 0. Re-advertise the Treasurer’s/Finance Director’s position. Motion passed 4 – 0.

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To table the Libraries of Foster until July 12 in Executive Session.
Motion passed 4 - 0

X. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 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