

Town Council Meeting
July 12, 2018

The July 12, 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:	Also present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President	Solicitor, Mark Tourgee
Chris Stone, Vice President	Chief Breit
Michael Dillon	Mark Horner
Gordon Rogers	
Cheryl Hawes- excused	

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Denise L. DiFranco called for a moment of silence for Carolyn Kerttula who passed away.
Ms. DiFranco also announced that Ms. Hawes was excused.
Ron Cervasio, Jeff Sheldon, and Lynne Rider spoke under public comment.
- III. MINUTES

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the minutes of June 14, 2018, as presented.
Discussion: none.
Motion carried 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the minutes of June 28, 2018, as presented.
Discussion: none.
Motion carried 4 – 0.
- IV. WARRANTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #52 for \$43,120.84
Discussion: none.
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 #01 for \$35,320.07.
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 General Warrant #25 for \$43,980.20.
Discussion: none.
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 General Warrant #1 for \$222,779.37.
Discussion: Mr. Rogers commented that it was for the Providence Water Supply Board payment.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye.
Motion carried 4-0.

Chris Stone moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #1A for \$850.00.
Discussion: Gordon Rogers recused himself.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused.
Motion carried 3-0-1.
- V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wright’s Auto Parts

Denise L. DiFranco stated that she had asked Mr. Bishop for a report; Mark Horner appeared for him. Mr. Horner noted that he had asked for the Fire Marshall to inspect. He stated that 140 cars have been removed. Mr. Horner noted that the owner, Mr. Ricci, is opening an area so that cars can be loaded in the yard and not on the street.

The owner stated that he had taken in three more cars. Ms. DiFranco stated

that he was not supposed to take in any. Ms. DiFranco summed up that in 90 days, he had taken out 346 cars; there are 2,500 cars to take out so it will take years. Mr. Rogers suggested a portable crusher. Mr. Ricci said he is on the waiting list for one. Mr. Stone asked how many cars could be removed with addition of a crusher. Mr. Ricci replied 20-30 cars a day. Ms. DiFranco stated that she felt that Mr. Ricci had an excuse for everything. Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to extend compliance for 30 days. Mike Dillon amended the motion, Chris Stone seconded, to include that the fencing be completed, across the street completed, and the removal of 400 cars be completed by August 9, 2018. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Amendment carried 4-0. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Foster Ambulance Corps Recognition

Denise L. DiFranco noted the recognition of service for Sharon Cotter and Kenneth Rassler. Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to award a Certificate of Appreciation to Sharon Cotter for being an outstanding professional and also a Certificate of Appreciation to Kenneth Rassler for being an outstanding professional. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Swamp Meadow Covered Bridge

Gordon Rogers explained that the bridge on Central Pike is deteriorating badly. It is in dire condition. Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to send out for a Request For Proposal for repair. Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Lynne Rider, Denise L. DiFranco, Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Additions and Abatements

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to the proration of motor vehicle additions of \$943.63. Discussion: Mr. Rogers stated it was for the 2017 tax roll change. 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 the tax assessor's changes to the 2018 tax roll for motor vehicle additions of \$1,469.36; Real Estate and Tangible Additions of \$16,592.77; for Motor Vehicle Abatements in the amount of \$4,732.39; in Real Estate Abatements in the amount of \$3,949.04; and in Tangible Abatements \$3,593.16. Discussion: Mr. Rogers clarified additions and abatement 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 the total abatements for the 2017 Motor Vehicle for \$6.91, and the total abatements for 2016 of \$159.22. Discussion: None. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0

D. Resignation from Zoning Board

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept with regrets a letter from Bryan Coppola resigning as an alternate from the Zoning Board of Review. Discussion: None. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye.

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Motion carried 4-0.

E. Comp Time
Approval

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

VII. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

- 1) Henry Phillips Recreation Field bid update
- 2) Rte. 101 Solar Farm Presentation
- 3) Police Dept. / Town Hall communications technology
- 4) Comp Time Approval
- 5) Swamp Meadow / Central Pike bridge
- 6) Monitoring St. Croix

VIII. EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-42-4 and provisions stated in RIGL 42-46-5a (2) Litigation. Executive Session started at 8:07 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION

Denise DiFranco announced that a vote was taken:
Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to require Foster Feed & Grain to abide under the requirements of the town for Commercial Site Review with the Planning Board and, if required, obtain a Special Use Permit, or variances, by going through Zoning; and in one year’s time, the office / business trailer will be gone, screening for trailers in the back will be erected, and a permanent building with an ISDS septic system.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted by,

Susan Sprague
Deputy Town Clerk