

**Town Council Meeting
August 9, 2018**

The August 9, 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, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President
Chris Stone, Vice President
Gordon Rogers
Cheryl Hawes
Michael Dillon arrived at 7:25

Also present:
Mark Tourgee, Town Solicitor
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

- I.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Swearing in New Police Officers (moved up from New Business)

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move the swearing in of new police officers to the top of the agenda. Motion passed 4 – 0.
Chief David Breit swore in Officers Patrick Creamer and Jeffrey Allen.

There was no other public comment.
- III.**

MINUTES

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the minutes of July 12, 2018.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the minutes of July 19, 2018.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.
- IV.**

WARRANTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #2 for \$40,328.73.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #3 for \$33,841.34.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #4 for \$32,107.33.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #5 for \$36,332.39.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve General Warrant #26 for \$30,173.07.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve General Warrant #2 for \$160,108.57.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve General Warrant #2A for \$166.67. Gordon Rogers recused himself.
Discussion: None. Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1 with one recusal..

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- V. MONTHLY REPORTS**
- Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports for June from Building & Zoning, the Dept. of Public Works, RIRRC, Human Services, the Planning Dept., Police Dept. and Tax Assessor.
Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco stated that the Building & Zoning Dept. and the Police Dept. reports also included July.
Motion passed 4 – 0.
- VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS**
- Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Quarterly Reports for EMA, the Engineering Board, Recreation Committee, Foster Center Fire Co., South Foster Fire Co., and the Planning Board.
Discussion: Mr. Rogers noted that the Moosup Valley Fire Co. report was not included.
Motion passed 4 – 0.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
- Denise L. DiFranco stated that there was no Old Business (as listed on the agenda), Wright’s Auto Parts was tabled to Sept. 9th and the Police Dept. and Town Hall Communications should be placed on Future Agenda Items.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
- Denise L. DiFranco noted that the first Agenda item, the swearing in of the police officers, had been moved to the top.
- B. Rte. 101 Solar Farm**
- Kelli Russ stated that the applicants were not able to attend the meeting. The item was moved to Future Agenda Items in September.
- C. Public Hearing: Proposed Rt. 6 Outpost Gun Shop License**
- Denise L. DiFranco opened the Public Hearing.
Discussion:
Adam Dacko of 119A Central Pike reviewed his experience and explained that he is taking over the business from Henry Chabot and he applying for a pawn broker license to attract new business.
Ms. DiFranco asked if there were any who would like to speak in favor.
Lori Flynn, 118 Central Pike spoke in favor as a neighbor citing his good character.
Joe Walsh, 53C Danielson Pike which is across the street from the business, stated that he had no issues with having the business there.
Audrey Carey, 2 Oak Hill Road, spoke in favor of Mr. Dacko having the business
Tim Jehu, 14 East Killingly Road, stated he has known Adam Dacko since high school and attested to his character.
Joseph Carey, 2 Oak Hill Road, stated that he thought we need businesses like Adam’s and that he supports him 100 percent.
Tim Johnson, 17 Johnson Road, stated that it was a great opportunity to not have empty businesses on Rt. 6.
Harry Lawton, 133 East Killingly Road, attested to Mr. Dacko’s character and stated he has seen marked improvement since Mr. Dacko had taken over running the store.
Tom Kettle, 22 Johnston Road, stated that Mr. Dacko was a great businessman.
Gordon Roger stated that he supported anyone who wants to apply for a Federal Firearms License.
- Denise L. DiFranco asked if there was anyone opposed.
There were none.
Ms. DiFranco closed the public hearing.
- Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the Gun Shop License for Adam Dacko 52 Danielson Pike, Foster, RI, owner of the property, previous business name Foster Bear Arms, now for Rt. 6 Outpost for firearms, archery, cutlery, ammunition, and consignments.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.
- D. Appointment to Recreation**
- Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Eric Devine to the Recreation Committee.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

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- E. Appointment to Board of Canvassers

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Donna Bianca to the alternate position on the Board of Canvassers.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.
- F. Appointment to Zoning Board

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Nicholas Guarino to the Zoning Board as an alternate member.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Denise L. DiFranco, Cheryl Hawes
Motion passed 4 – 0.
- G. Additions and Abatements

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the 2018 Motor Vehicle Additions of \$1, 054.11, the 2016 Motor Vehicle Abatements of \$31.49, 2017 Motor Vehicle Abatements of \$37.73, 2018 Motor Vehicle Abatements of 130.84, and Real Estate Abatements of \$287.78.
Discussion: The amounts and dates were clarified.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
- H. Police Station Building Options

Denise L. DiFranco stated that there was interest in the building at the corner of Rt. 6 and 94 which was previously a church. Mr. Walsh brought up concerns that Ms. DiFranco said she was not aware of so it was put on the agenda to inform the council.
Joe Walsh, chairman of the Police Dept. Building Committee explained that a building’s life is about 50 years. The age of the building indicates that there may be concerns about asbestos. We would also have to tell the current owners that it would be a 6-month or so process. It could be a full remodel, testing the shingles, linoleum glue, etc.
Karen Mueller stated that the library had looked at it but it was rejected because they needed a public well and asked if the police station needed a public well. Further discussion: Mr. Rogers , Cheryl Hawes, Ron Cervasio, Anthony Renzi, Joe Walsh, Mike Dillon, Chris Stone, Brendan Mara, Mark Horner, Jeff Sheldon, and Denise L. DiFranco.

VIII.

- FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Wright’s Auto – Sept. 9th

2. Police Dept. & Town Hall Communications

3. Henry Phillip Recreation Field

4. Central Pike Covered Bridge

5. Marijuana Ordinance

IX.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-42-4 for the reason stated in Rhode Island General Law 46- 42-46-5a (1) Personnel.
Motion passed 5 – 0.

- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Submitted by,

Susan Dillon
Town Clerk