

Town Council Meeting
August 10, 2017

The August 10, 2017, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Foster Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
Denise DiFranco, President	Solicitor, Atty. Mark Tourgee
Chris Stone, Vice President	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Gordon Rogers	
Michael Dillon	
Cheryl Hawes	

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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. ANNOUNCEMENTS | Denise DiFranco requested a moment of silence for both Clodomiro Gabriele and Tom Mercier. Congratulations were extended to the Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School for winning a \$200,000.00 award in the Lighthouse School Challenge. Chris Stone presented Elwood Hopkins, and Gordon Rogers presented Carolyn Kerttula “Citizen of the Year” awards at Foster Old Home Days, July 28, 2017. |
| III. PUBLIC COMMENTS | None |
| IV. MINUTES | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the meeting minutes for July 13, 2017 as presented.
Denise 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 July 27, 2017 as presented.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Motion carried 5-0. |
| V. WARRANTS | Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #1 for \$38,574.88
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #2 for \$40,425.05.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #3 for \$36,136.35.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #4 for \$34,962.96.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon, to approve General Warrant #2 for \$55,504.97.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chris Stone moved, Mike Dillon seconded,, to approve General Warrant #2A for \$150.00.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; and Michael Dillon, aye; Motion carried 4-0, with 1 recusal.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #25 for \$10,701.02.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |

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VI. MONTHLY REPORTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports for Building & Zoning, Public Works, Finance Department, Human Services, Police Department, RIRRC and Tax Assessor for June
Denise DiFranco noted that the Planning Department did submit a report for June but it was not listed on the agenda.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Quarterly Reports as presented for April, May, and June. Board of Canvassers, Civil Preparedness, Conservation Commission, Engineering Board, Foster Ambulance Corps, Foster Center Fire Co., Land Trust, Libraries, Planning Board, South Foster Fire Co., and Tax Board of Review.
Missing reports were Conservation Commission, Foster School Committee, Home Repair, Moosup Valley Fire Co. and Recreation Committee.
Discussion on Land Trust and the Deer Management Program.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation Field

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to move forward with discussions with Mr. Clarkin to put together an RFP on the Captain Henry L. Philips Recreation Field.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Resignation
Conservation
Board**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the resignation of Todd Sholly from the Conservation Commission with regrets.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Planning Board
Opening**

Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Denise DiFranco, Chris Stone and Michael Dillon.

**C. Resignation
Recreation
Committee**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the resignation of Ron Cervasio from the Recreation Committee with regrets.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Resignation Sealer
of Weights and
Measures**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the resignation from Kenneth Knight as Sealer of Weights and Measures with regrets.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Proclamation
Recognizing Town
Volunteers**

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept the Proclamation of Recognition of Town Volunteers.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Appointment of
Committee --
Animal Control
Ordinance**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint a three to five member committee to review the dog ordinances. One or two from the council and two or three townspeople.

Discussion: Raf Kula and Betty Lou Terry, Ron Cervasio, Gordon Rogers, Chris Stone, and Mike Dillon.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**G. Request to use
Fairgrounds --
SFVFC**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to allow the South Foster Fire Co. to use the Town House Grounds for Fall Foliage 5K and 10K Road Race on 10/13/2017 and 10/14/2017.

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Denise DiFranco, recused; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0. 1 recusal

H. Lighting for Woody Lowden	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to ask the DPW Director to discuss with Robert DePalo the need for additional lighting at the Woody Lowden polling place to rectify the problems encountered during voting season.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
I. Updates to Rental Policy	<p>Chris Stone moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to accept the updates to the Town Rental Policy as presented.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
J. Transportation Improvement Program	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the attached Staff Report and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
K. Modification of Accounting System	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept Kelli Russ’ request to make changes to the accounting system and method of reporting.</p> <p>Discussion: Kelli Russ, Gordon Rogers, Cheryl Hawes, Mike Dillon and Chris Stone.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
L. Additions & Abatements	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the request from the Tax Assessor for Additions and Abatements: 2017 Real Estate Additions \$106.95; 2017 Real Estate Abatements \$7315.82; 2017 Real Estate 1st Appeal \$1262.48; 2017 Motor Vehicles Additions \$4818.68; and 2017 Motor Vehicle Abatements \$1807.13.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
M. Borders’ Farm, letter of support	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the letter as written in support of Border’s Farm for a RI State Preservation Grant.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>
N. Cancellation of 8/24/17 Meeting	<p>No motion made</p>
X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	<p>Future agenda items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Control Ordinance Committee• Appointment to the Planning Board• Appointment to the Conservation Board• Appointment to Recreation Board
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-42-4 for the reason stated in RI general Law 42-46-5: (A), (9) International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 637, negotiations.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Executive Session began at 8:29 p.m.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, 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 in RIGL 42-46-4 and 5; and further move to reconvene into public open session to announce any votes taken during executive closed session that must be disclosed as required under Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>

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Executive Session ended at 7:53 p.m.

Denise DiFranco stated that one vote was taken during Executive Session to accept the contract for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, with minor changes, after reviewing with Paul Saccoccio. Kelli Russ will then review with the chief. Motion was approved 5-0.

XII ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 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