

**Town Council Meeting
January 10, 2019**

The January 10, 2019, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Benjamin Eddy Building at 7:00 p.m.

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| The following members were present: | Also present: |
| Denise L. DiFranco, President | Mark Tourgee, Town Solicitor |
| Chris Stone, Vice President | |
| Cheryl Hawes | |
| Heidi Rogers | |
| Joe Cardillo | |

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| I. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. | PUBLIC COMMENT /ANNOUNCEMENTS | Denise L. DiFranco wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Judy Gravel. |
| III. | MINUTES | Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018. Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| IV. | WARRANTS | Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded. to approve Payroll Warrant #24 for \$40,396.14. Motion passed 5 – 0. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded. to approve Payroll Warrant #25 for \$34,566.79. Motion passed 5 – 0. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded. to approve Payroll Warrant #26 for \$31,577.22. Motion passed 5 – 0. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded. to approve Payroll Warrant #27 for \$33,093.77. Motion passed 5 – 0. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded. to approve General Warrant #10 for \$114,442.11. Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | EXECUTIVE SESSION ADDED | Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to convene in Executive Session to discuss a letter from DEM. Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| V. | OLD BUSINESS | |
| | a. Letter RE: Regionalization | Denise L. DiFranco stated that a letter had been sent to the Town of Glocester regarding regionalization. Heidi Rogers read the letter in response (see Exhibit A.) |
| | b. Traffic Light | Denise L. DiFranco stated that a letter was sent in 2017 regarding adding a stop light at the intersection of Cucumber Hill Road and Route 6. DOT has responded stating that they have determined that a light is needed and that this section of Route 6 should be reduced to two lanes. It will not happen until 2020 but it is definite that it will happen. |
| | NEW BUSINESS | |
| VI. | a. Planning Bd. recommendations RE Solar Installations | Denise L. DiFranco stated that the Council has received recommendations from the Planning Board regarding Solar Farm installations as there are an increasing number of applications and there were concerns. Discussion: Heidi Rogers, Jennifer Siciliano, Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, Joe Carey. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to move forward with a Public Hearing to include changes to the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board along with the possibility of prohibiting solar installations in Commercial Zones or allow them only as an accessory use or any other proposals put forth that night. |

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| b. Friendship Lodge Donation | Mr. Bob Fontaine and a member of the Friendship Lodge of Masons donated \$2,500 to provide heating assistance to those in need in the Town of Foster. |
| c. Request from Foster Schools | Denise L. DiFranco stated that she had received a request to meet with the Foster School Committee for future planning purposes. A workshop was set for February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eddy Building. |
| d. Int’l. Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 637 request | <p>Denise L. DiFranco stated that the council received a letter from the International Brotherhood of Police Officers. Cheryl Hawes read the letter (see Exhibit B). Cheryl Hawes and Chris Stone agreed to meet with the police.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to have Cheryl Hawes and Chris Stone meet with the police.</p> <p>Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| e. Consent Agenda | <p>Denise L. DiFranco explained what a consent agenda was and what most of the cities and towns are now using.</p> <p>Discussion: Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda format.</p> <p>Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Mark Tourgee, Kelli Russ, Joe Cardillo, Heidi Rogers, Lynne Rider, Chris Stone, Ron Cervasio, Patti Moreau, and Denise DiFranco.</p> <p>Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| f. EMA Liaison | <p>Denise L. DiFranco stated that they are still looking for an EMA assistant. Heidi Rogers stated that she wanted to liaison with the EMA to help with storm situations.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Heidi Rogers as the EMA liaison.</p> <p>Discussion: None.</p> <p>Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| g. Reflective Number Placards | <p>Denise L. DiFranco explained that the fire companies and other responders have requested that each house be properly numbered. Heidi Rogers suggested an ad be put in the Foster Home Journal. Ms. Dillon stated that the application form was posted on the web site.</p> <p>Discussion: Heidi Rogers, Denise DiFranco, Chris Stone, Gordon Rogers, Lynne Rider</p> |
| h. Charter Review Committee | <p>Denise L. DiFranco stated there may be some things that need to be changed in the Charter.</p> <p>Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Susan Dillon</p> <p>Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to form a Charter Review Committee consisting of five members and to advertise in the Foster Home Journal to have applicants send in letter of interest by February 21, 2019.</p> <p>Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Chris Stone, Mark Tourgee, Ron Cervasio.</p> <p>Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| i. Economic Dev. Committee | <p>Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to form an Economic Development Advisory Committee consisting of five members and to advertise in the Foster Home Journal to have applicants send in a letter of interest by February 21, 2019.</p> <p>Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Gordon Rogers, Lynne Rider, Ron Cervasio, and Audrey Carey.</p> <p>Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| j. Additions & Abatements | <p>Heidi Rogers m oved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the 2018 Real Estate Abatements in the amount of \$1,064.34, the 2018 First Appeal Abatements in the amount of \$977.55, and the 2018 Tax Board Abatements in the amount of \$623.52.</p> <p>Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department Heads attending meetings• Recognition of Mike Polouski for his years of service |

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**VIII. EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Cheryl Hawes moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-42-4 for the reasons stated in RI General Laws 42-46-5 for discussion of possible litigation.
Motion passed 5 – 0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Hawes moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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