

**Town Council Meeting
February 14, 2019**

The February 14, 2019, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Capt. Isaac Paine School at 7:00 p.m.

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

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| I. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. | PUBLIC COMMENT /ANNOUNCEMENTS | None |
| III. | CONSENT AGENDA | Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to approve the consent agenda.
Discussion: None.
1. Approval of the minutes for the January 24, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting.
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants a. #30 \$30,433.54 b. #31 \$34,941.08
c. #32 \$34,294.48
3. Approval General Warrant a. #13 \$201,295.15
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| IV. | OLD BUSINESS | |
| | a. Appt. of Assistant EMA Director | Denise L. DiFranco stated that the council had received a letter from EMA Director Michael Dexter requesting that Eric Rotondo be appointed as Assistant EMA Director.
Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to appoint Eric Rotonda as Assistant EMA Director.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | b. Appt. of Private Roads Committee | Denise L. DiFranco stated she had contacted the members of the previous committee and that they have agreed to be reappointed. She also stated that Chris Stone and Bob Lohr would also be on the committee.
Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to appoint Lisa Cardillo, Anne Cardoza, Jane Cruz, Lorraine Bowen, Janice Hannert, Chris Stone and Bob Lohr.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| V. | NEW BUSINESS | |
| | a. Contract Negotiations (DPW) | Denise L. DiFranco stated they council received a letter from the RI Laborers District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322.
Cheryl Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to accept the letter to open negotiations with Local Union 1322.
Discussion: Heidi Rogers and Denise L. DiFranco volunteered to be on the negotiating committee.
Motion passed 5 – 0.

Cheryl Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to appoint Heidi Rogers and Denise L. DiFranco to the negotiaing committee.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | b. Budget Workshop Schedule | Denise L. DiFranco said they had received a budget schedule from the Treasurer. Ms. DiFranco reviewed the schedule. Thursday the 7 th was chosen for a meeting. Also 3/14, 3/21at 5 o'clock |
| | c. Letter to Gloucester Town Council | Denise L. DiFranco stated she would like to table this item for a later date.
Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to table the letter to the Gloucester Town Council to a later date.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |

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- d. Verizon Pole Petition #1**

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve a pole petition for Anthony Road Plan 1770237-1 as recommended by the DPW Director.
Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco stated that it should be posted three feet in from the edge of the road.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
- e. Verizon Pole Petition #2**

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to approve a pole petition for Anthony Road Plan 1770237-2 in accordance with the recommendation of the DPW Director provided the poles are installed at least three feet from the edge of the road.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
- f. Additions & Abatements**

Heidi Rogers moved, seconded to approve the Tax Assessor’s recommendation for abatement of the 2016 Motor Vehicle tax in the amount of \$143.74.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Ray Cooke Secondhand Sales License**

Denise L. DiFranco explained that the request is for a license for new car parts and used car parts. She opened the Public Hearing.
She asked for anyone speaking in favor.
Gordon Rogers spoke in favor.
Discussion: Larry Olivo, Ray Cooke, Mr. Horner, Denise DiFranco, Ron Cervasio, Heidi Rogers and Cheryl Hawes.
Ms. DiFranco closed the public hearing.
Cheryl Hawes moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to grant Mr. Cooke a license on a provisional 90-day trial limited to 25 cars on site.
Discussion: None.
Heidi Rogers amended the motion, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to restrict to twenty vehicles as parked cars in the back.
Amendment passed 5 – 0.
Discussion: Gordon Rogers
Main motion passed 5 – 0.
- b. Animal Control Ordinance**

Denise L. DiFranco reviewed the public hearing procedures.
Copies of the proposed Animal Control Ordinance were available for review.
Denise L. DiFranco noted the people who were part of the Animal Control Ordinance committee. Denise L. DiFranco read the approved ordinance.
Those who spoke in favor: Pat Shaw, Gordon Rogers, and Jennifer Leddy.
Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Jennifer Leddy, Heidi Rogers, Aaron Marsland, Pat Howarth, Lynne Rider, and Linda Tibbetts.
Denise L. DiFranco stated that the Ordinance would be adopted at the next meeting because a second reading is required.
Denise L. DiFranco closed the public hearing.
- c. Solar Ordinance**

Denise L. DiFranco introduced Town Planner Jennifer Siciliano to read the ordinance. Ms. Siciliano stated that she provided suggestions to the Planning Board such as increases vegetation as a buffer, additional requirement for bonding for landscape issues, and that the panels only cover thirty percent of the property. She reviewed the planning board recommendations that were voted on.
Denise L. DiFranco opened the public hearing and reviewed the procedures.
Discussion:
People who spoke in favor: Joe Carey, Gordon Rogers, Ron Cervasio
Questions and answers: Cheryl Hawes, Jennifer Siciliano, Heidi Rogers, Denise DiFranco, Mark Tourgee, Kelli Russ, and Paul Allen.
People who spoke against: Lynne Rider, Monique Taylor, Walter May, Amita Rodman
Denise L. DiFranco closed the public hearing.
- d. Marijuana Ordinance**

Denise L. DiFranco opened the public hearing. Jennifer Siciliano read the ordinance.
Denise L. DiFranco asked for anyone to speak in favor.
Discussion:
Those who spoke in favor: Ron Cervasio, Al Faella
Questions and answers: Cheryl Hawes, Jennifer Siciliano, Kelli Russ, Denise

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DiFranco, Dennis Therrien, Heidi Rogers
Those who spoke against: Lynne Rider, Gordon Rogers, Walter May
Denise L. DiFranco closed the public hearing.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Ordinances

**VIII. EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 for the reasons stated in RIGL 42-46-5a(2) for discussions or work sessions regarding collective bargaining or contract negotiations or litigation according to RIGL 42-46-5a(2).
for the discussion of personnel or job performance according to RIGL 42-46-5a(1)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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