

Town Council Budget Meeting
April 11, 2019

The April 11, 2019, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Benjamin Eddy Building at 5:30 p.m.

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

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| I. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. | PUBLIC COMMENT /ANNOUNCEMENTS | Denise L. DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for Sharon Cotter who was the EMA Director and Ambulance Corps commander for many years |
| III. | CONSENT AGENDA | 1. Approval of the Town Council Meeting Minutes for the March 28, 2019
2. Approval of Payroll Warrants
a. #39 \$30,902.48
b. #40 \$37,769.79
c. Approval General Warrant #17 \$107,873.84
Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Discussion: None
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| IV. | OLD BUSINESS | |
| | A. Appts. To the Historic Bldg. Committee | Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Helen Hardy from the Planning Board, and Manny Linhares from the Zoning Board to the Historic Building Committee.
Discussion: None
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | B. Human Services Grant Approval | Carol Mauro, Human Services Director explained that the Grantor needed confirmation that the Town Council president was authorized to sign as the approver of the grant.
Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve Denise DiFranco as having the authority to act as signatory for the Town.
Discussion: Cheryl Hawes asked if the town had to meet the grant money in kind. Carol Mauro stated they did not.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | C. Resolution 2019-05 Impoundment of Uncollared Dogs | Denise L. DiFranco explained that this Resolution (see Exhibit A) had previously been passed but needed to be increased to \$15.00 for future needs. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to accept the Resolution as presented.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0. |
| | NEW BUSINESS | |
| | A. (was item B.) Recognition of Tax Board of Review | Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move item B Recognition of Tax Board of Review to before A.

Denise L. DiFranco recognized Ruth Spencer (current member), Sandra Sheldon (current member, not present), Elwood Hopkins who was on for 35 years starting in 1968, Lynne Rider who served for many years, Mary Agnes (Maggie) Fennessey (current member, not present). Denise L. DiFranco also thanked Patti Moreau Tax Assessor who heads the board. |
| | B. (was item A.) Recreation – Food Truck Events | Tammy Steinkamp, Recreation Director, explained the request for food trucks at events, noting the Providence Food Trucks are not likely to come to an event if alcohol sales are not approved. Discussion: insurance, one day riders, and one day event liquor licensing. Location at Green Acres discussed. It was noted the the Town of Scituate did not approve the liquor trucks.
Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve food trucks for events on July 17 th and August 14 th without alcohol .
Discussion: Eric Devine, Mark Horner |

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	Motion passed 5 – 0.
C. Library Request RE: Champlin Grant	Katherine Chansky stated that the grant was for the bell tower repair and painting. Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to submit the grant request to the Champlin Fund. Discussion: None Motion passed 5 – 0.
D. Resolution for Animal Control Ordinance Enforcement	Denise L. DiFranco explained that this Resolution was to increase the fines for penalties (see Exhibit B). Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve the ordinance regarding the imposing of penalties. Discussion: None Motion passed 5 – 0.
E. Planning Board Request: PWSB Letter	Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to send a letter requesting the Providence Water Supply Board to supply 0%, 3-year loans to Foster residents to upgrade septic systems. Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Ron Cervasio Motion passed 5 – 0.
F. Planning Board Letter RE: Capital Improvement Plan	Denise L. DiFranco explained that the Planning Board submitted a letter requested the adoption of improved procedures for the Capital Plan. Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adopt the capital Improvement Plan procedure. Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Denise L. DiFranco, Ron Cervasio, Anthony Renzi Motion passed 5 – 0.
G. Resolution for 2020 Census	Cheryl Hawes stated that it was presented to her to bring forward to emphasize the importance of the Census in terms of how funds are distributed (see Exhibit C).. Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adopt the resolution and send it to all cities and towns encouraging all people to participate in the census. Discussion: none Motion passed 5 – 0.
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION	PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (1) Personnel- Open Session 1) Ron Cervasio - Planning Board Chair Denise L. DiFranco read a letter the council received from Amita Rodman concerning Ron Cervasio verbal bullying in a open hearing setting. A second letter was received from Monique Taylor concerning the same incident.Mr. Cervasio denied the details of the incident. Denise L. DiFranco also noted that comments concerning upcoming meetings were made by Mr. Cervasio on Facebook prior to meetings. Mr. Cervasio said he was posting as a private citizen. Denise L. DiFranco requested that he refrain. He stated he would not be on Facebook again. Discussion: Cheryl Hawes and Lynne Rider Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to follow up the conversation with a letter to Mr. Cervasio. Discussion: None Motion passes 4 – 1. Joe Cardillo voted nay. Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 for a work session regarding Collective Bargaining / Negotiations or Litigation according to RIGL 42-46-5-a (2) 1) RI Laborers District Council, Local # 1322 Negotiations and to reconvene into open session and to further keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all executive sessions held previous to this meeting remain closed in accordance with provisions in RIGL 42-46-4 & 5. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
VI. Open Session	No Votes Taken
EMERGENCY SERVER ISSUE	Discussion with Steve Gorriaran from Genesys Consulting about a new Private Cloud and Hosting Server or a Onsite System. Discussion, Joe Cardillo, Kevin Donavon, Denise DiFranco, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Heidi Rogers and Chris Stone.

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Cheryl Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded to go with the Hosted Server as
posposed by Steve Gorriaran .
Motion passed 5-0

Cheryl Hawes amended her motion, Joe Cardillo seconded to approve the
proposal contingent upon agreeable contractual terms with Genesys
Consulting.
Motion passed 5-0

ADOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 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