

Town Council Meeting
August 24, 2017

The August 24, 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	Chief Ziehl
Michael Dillon	
Cheryl Hawes	

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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. ANNOUNCEMENTS | None |
| III. PUBLIC COMMENTS | Lynne Rider and Ron Cervasio |
| IV. MINUTES | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the meeting minutes for August 10, 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, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #5 for \$38,595.29
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #6 for \$33,996.73.
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, to approve General Warrant #3 for \$114,499.36.
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 #3A 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, Chris Stone seconded, to approve General Warrant #26 for \$1,614.22.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| VI. MONTHLYREPORTS | Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports for Building & Zoning, Public Works, Finance Department, Human Services, Police Department, RIRRC, Tax Assessor and Planning Department for July.
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 Report as presented for April, May, and June for the Foster School Committee.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| VIII. OLD BUSINESS | |
| A. Status of EMA Trailer Placement | Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Chief Ziehl, Gunter Bay, Denise DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Lynn Rider and Chris Stone |
| B. Addition to Use Table | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to send the “Firearms, Ammunition, Archery, Edged Weapons Shops” back to Planning Board for review to consider allowing these in an AR Zone and to put these shops in the “Addition to Use Table”. Reviewed and brought back to the Town Council.
Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Joe Carey, Chief Ziehl, Cheryl Hawes, Betty Lou Terry, Gunter Bay, Julia Parmentier, Ron Cervasio and Lynn Rider. |

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Appointment to
Planning Board**

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded to appoint Jeff Sheldon to the open position on the Planning Board.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Gordon Rogers, Denise DiFranco, Lynn Rider, Joe Carey.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, recused; Cheryl Hawes, any; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 3-1.

**B. Appointment to
Conservation
Committee**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to appoint Tony McClellan to the Conservation Committee.

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

**C. Appt. to Animal
Ord. Comm.**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes, seconded to table this until the next meeting.

**D. RI Designated
Grant Agreement**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve the State of Rhode Island Designated Grant Agreement and have the council president sign it (see Exhibit 1).

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

**E. Resolution 2017-
07 RE: Police
Academy**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded to adopt Resolution 2017-07 in Support of the Adoption of Legislation that Provides Reimbursement for the Cost of the Municipal Police Training Academy (see Exhibit B).

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

**F. Additions &
Abatements**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to approve the 2017 Motor Vehicle Abatements for \$1,694.86.

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

**X. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Future agenda items include:

- Animal Control Ordinance Committee
- Swamp Meadow Theater Half-Shell
- Dog Ordinance Committee
- Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations.

**XI. EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon 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 and RIGL 42-46-5: (A), (2) Litigation.

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

Executive Session began at 8:29 p.m.

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.

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

Executive Session ended at 8:53 p.m.

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

TOWN OF FOSTER RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION 2017-08

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HB 6023 RELATING TO ANIMAL HUSBANDRY – UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Foster Town Council held on Thursday September 14, 2017, in the Foster Town House, at which time a quorum of the Council was present and acting throughout; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council finds that the enactment of proposed legislation HB 6023 will have a detrimental effect on the Town of Foster and Foster residents as the proposed bill would effectively put the largest private employer in the Town of Foster out of business; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council finds that the proposed legislation HB 6023 will place an unfair burden on Little Rhody Farms, a family run business in operation in the Town of Foster since 1955; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council finds that the intent and purpose of the proposed legislation, animal welfare, as it pertains to "shell eggs" has already been addressed by the current Rules and Regulations Governing Livestock Welfare, as adopted and enforced by DEM since 2016. That these rules and regulations were compiled by the Livestock Welfare Council, a council created by the General Assembly, to specifically address animal welfare; and

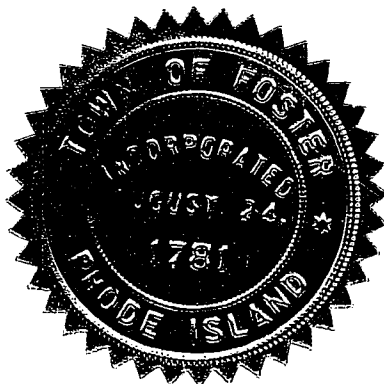
WHEREAS, the Rules and Regulations created by the Livestock Welfare Council and adopted by DEM provide Little Rhody Farms, and other locally owned and operated farms, a reasonable period of time to convert certain industry practices to meet newly imposed standards. This will ensure that local farms are able to remain in business while updating their practices.

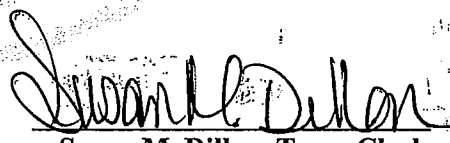
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Kettle and Representative Chippendale respectfully requesting that they oppose the proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Foster Town Council respectfully request that the Rhode Island General Assembly oppose the Proposed Legislation An Act Relating to Husbandry – Unlawful Confinement of a Covered Animal.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage.


Denise L. DiFranco
Town Council President




Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk
Dated this September 14, 2017