

**Town Council Meeting
May 9, 2019**

The May 9, 2019, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Captain Isaac Paine School at 7:00 p.m.

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

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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. PUBLIC COMMENT /ANNOUNCEMENTS | There were none. |
| III. CONSENT AGENDA | <p>Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of the minutes for the April 25, 2019 Town Council Meeting2. Approval of Payroll Warrants<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. #43 \$31,495.58 b. #44 \$32,490.48c. General Warrant #19 \$68,112.623. Approval of Quarterly Reports for January/February/March<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Ambulance Corps, b. Engineering Board, c. Foster Center Fire Co., d. Land Trust, e. Zoning Board, f. Libraries of Foster, g. Moosup Valley Fire Co., h. Planning Board, i. School Dept., j. South Foster Fire Co., k. Conservation <p>Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| IV. RECOGNITIONS: | <p>Councilwomen Cheryl Hawes passed out a Certificate of Recognition to Julie Vieira, a student at Ponaganset High School for being a Rhode Island short story winner.</p> <p>Ms. Hawes handed out Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Conservation Committee for all of the hard work they did at the Earth Day cleanup on Saturday April 27, 2019.</p> |
| V. PUBLIC HEARING
Lisa Johnston /
Old Man Mercantile
And Antiques | <p>Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve the Second Hand and Holiday Sales licenses for Lisa Johnston, d/b/a Old Man Mercantile.</p> <p>Discussion: Lisa Johnston spoke in favor.
Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| VI. OLD BUSINESS
a. Wright’s Auto
Salvage | <p>Town Solicitor Mark Tourgee stated that he had spoken with Mr. Ricci’s (Wright’s Auto Salvage) Attorney and informed him that this was an ongoing zoning violation and that he is not being issued a new license. Mr. Tourgee stated that a new license was not needed to remediate a problem that they created, and that they need to remove the vehicles from the property.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to continue to require Mr. Ricci to remediate the ongoing zoning violations by removing the vehicles from the property. The vehicles must not be taken apart, they must be removed as a whole vehicle or a car crusher could be used. The Town will not regrant or reopen or give any type of temporary license as the State wanted issued.</p> <p>Discussion: Heidi Rogers clarified that this was no longer in expectation of Wright’s reducing the number of vehicles to 500 and then renewing their license, that it was in fact a total remediation of the property.
Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| b. Transportation
Grant
(Grant/Contract) | <p>Carol Mauro spoke and gave details regarding the Transportation Grant. Ms. Mauro stated that RIPTA was willing to give us the grant, but they want a 20% match, which would be \$18,000 for a \$90,000 bus, to transport the Town’s elders. State Representative, Michael Chippendale, has been working</p> |

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with RIPTA on the amount that will be required from the Town and the amount may be as low as \$13,000. Ms. Mauro asked the Council to consider taking money from the current fiscal year’s contingency fund to be used as the Town’s 20% match.

Joe Cardillo moved, Chris Stone seconded, to take money out of the contingency fund, not to exceed \$18,000.

Discussion: Heidi Rogers inquired as to what type of license would be required for the driver of the bus. Carol indicated that a Chauffeur’s license would be required. There was discussion of the five-year lien that would be on the van to prevent the Town from selling it before five years was up. The cost of the driver, insurance, gas, maintenance and admin. time were estimated at \$10,860 per year. Kelli mentioned that if because of ongoing litigations, there weren’t enough funds in contingency, the rest would be taken from Capital, as it was already approved at the Financial Town Meeting on May 7, 2019.

Joe Cardillo amended his motion, Chris Stone seconded, to take the money, if needed, from capital as it was approved at the Financial Town Meeting. Ammended motion passed, 5 - 0.
Main motion passed, 5 - 0.

**c. Request use of
Fairgrounds
Recreation Food
Event**

Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to approve the use of the Fair Grounds for the Food Truck event on June 17th and August 14th 2019 from 4:00 p.m. on.
Discussion: There was discussion as to whether or not alcohol would be sold. It was clarified that it would not be sold.
Motion passed, 5 - 0.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS
a. Second
Amendment
Sanctuary
Resolution**

Council President Denise DiFranco reviewed the rules of the meeting. Councilwoman Heidi Rogers read Resolution 2019-06. (Exhibit A.)

Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve and accept Resolution 2019-06.
Discussion: Denise DiFranco and Heidi Rogers spoke in favor of the Resolution, and Councilwoman Cheryl Hawes spoke in opposition. Members of the audience spoke in favor of the Resolution – Walter May, Gordon Rogers, Tim Baxter, Bob Salisbury and Leonard Watson..
Members of the audience that spoke in opposition to the resolution were Lauren Gresh.
Motion passed 4 - 1. Cheryl Hawes voted nay.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

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.

Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to come out of Executive Session.
Executive Session ended at 9:03
No Votes Taken

**IX. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

24 Danielson Pike follow up.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Denise DiFranco moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted by,

Susan Sprague, Deputy Town Clerk