

**Town Council Meeting
September 26, 2019**

The September 26, 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.

The following members were present: Denise L. DiFranco, President Cheryl Hawes, Vice President Chris Stone Heidi Rogers Joe Cardillo was excused	Also present: Joanna Achille, Assistant Town Solicitor Chief David Breit Bob Lohr, DPW Director
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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. PUBLIC COMMENT | None |
| VI. (1) <i>Recognition of Joanne Law moved to this position</i> | Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move Item VI. (1) to this position. Joanne Law was recognized for her 30 years of service. Chief Breit spoke on her behalf. |
| III. CONSENT AGENDA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of the Town Council meeting minutes for August 27, 2019, and September 12, 2019.• Approval of Payroll Warrants<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. #11 \$36,705.60b. #12 \$39,091.26c. FY2019 General Warrant #26 \$15,000.00d. General Warrant #4 \$79,370.18• Monthly Reports (August)<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Building & Zoningb. Human Servicesc. RIRRCd. Police Departmente. Financef. Planningg. DPW <p>Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of the August 27 minutes.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.</p> <p>Chris Stone stated that he was at the August 27 meeting and that Joe Cardillo was excused.
Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to approve the August 27 meeting minutes with that correction.
Motion passed 4 – 0.</p> |
| IV. PRESENTATION
1. DPW | DPW Director, Bob Lohr, listed the work done by the public works department; DPW bought a new brush mower head, to use while mowing the sides of the road; completed 1 mile of asphalt on South Killingly Road and a portion of Johnston where Moosup Valley begins; painted both the front and side doors of the Police Station; and helped with the Food Truck Event by removing all trash and cleaning the grounds. Also the DPW department bought a new chipper. |
| V. OLD BUSINESS
1. Historic District Oversight Committee update | <p>No one was present from the Historic District Oversight Committee, but Denise L. DiFranco stated that she had received a letter from Bob Boyden stating that they did not have a quorum for the last meeting so they would like the committee extended to November 14.</p> <p>Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to extend the term of the Historic District Oversight Committee to November 14.</p> <p>Discussion: None.
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<p>2. Recreation Field update</p>	<p>DPW Director Bob Lohr introduced Jay Desilva who is working on the site. They stated that progress is being made. Chris Stone asked if they will make the deadline. They assured him that they will.</p> <p>Discussion regarding fencing: Lynne Rider, Bob Lohr, Jay Desilva, Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, Cheryl Hawes</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to install the 6-foot fence.</p> <p>Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Chris Stone, Denise L. DiFranco</p> <p>Chris Stone withdrew his motion. Cheryl Hawes withdrew her second.</p> <p>Denise L. DiFranco stated a 10-foot fence would cost an additional \$12,200.00.</p> <p>Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to put a 10-foot fence in.</p> <p>Discussion: Jay Desilva stated that would put them over the grant cap.</p> <p>Further discussion: Harold Shippee, Jr., 49 Mt. Hygeia Road; Robert Moreau, 157 Central Pike; Joanna Achille, Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, Lynne Rider</p> <p>Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. With one recusal. Heidi Rogers recused.</p>
<p><i>VI 6. Recreation Field change Order for Boulder Removal \$12,400 moved here.</i></p>	<p>Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move item “VI 6. Recreation Field Change Order” for Boulder Removal \$12,400 to be the next item.</p> <p>Discussion: Heidi Rogers recused.</p> <p>Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1. With one recusal.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to pay the boulder removal in the amount of \$12,400.</p> <p>Discussion: Chris Stone</p> <p>Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1 with one recusal.</p>
<p>3. Police Building Committee update</p>	<p>Joe Walsh, 53C Danielson Pike, Chair of the Police Bldg. Committee, updated the council on the discussions of the committee and the libraries. They are working on minor design changes.</p>
<p>4. RIPTA Contract</p>	<p>Carol Mauro, Human Services Director, could not attend. Joanna Achille, Solicitor, discussed the particulars for the lease agreement of the van and the insurance policy terms.</p> <p>Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the RIPTA contract for the Senior Van with a provision that in <u>#9 FTA Interest</u> the payment “within 10 days” be changed to “payment within 30 days” of RIPTA’s demands.</p> <p>Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Joanna Achille</p> <p>Motion passed 4 – 0.</p>
<p>5. Polices & Procedures</p>	<p>Denise L. DiFranco noted that the council received a letter that Ms. Achille had written in regards to personal vehicles being used by town employees.</p> <p>Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the provisions that Joanna provided.</p> <p>Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Joanna Achille</p> <p>Motion passed 4 – 0.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>VI. 1. Recognition of Joanne Law <i>(moved to top)</i></p> <p>2. Awarding of Town Hall Roofing Bid</p>	<p><i>Moved.</i></p> <p>DPW Director Bob Lohr recommended bidder Guaranteed Roofing, a division of JPW Building, LLC.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to choose JPW Building, LLC in the amount of \$30,532.00 as recommended. Plus \$57 for gutters, and \$8.00 linear if needed.</p> <p>Discussion: Bob Lohr, Denise L. DiFranco</p>

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Cheryl Hawes amended the motion to go with the better shingles for an additional \$500 and have a better guarantee to go with a better recommendation. Heidi Rogers seconded. Amendment passed 4 – 0.
Main motion passed 4 – 0.

3. Awarding of Town Hall Painting Bid

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve the DPW Director's recommendation of Superior Home Improvements for the painting project.
Discussion: Bob Lohr, Cheryl Hawes, Heidi Rogers
Chris Stone moved to table the award to the first meeting in March. There was no second.
Heidi Rogers withdrew her motion. Cheryl Hawes withdrew her second.

Discussion: Heidi Rogers, Bob Lohr, Cheryl Hawes
Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded. to table the bid award for the painting of the Town Hall to the October 24 meeting.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

4. Planning Board Resignation

Denise L. DiFranco stated that they received a letter from James Jeff Sheldon. Heidi Rogers read the letter (see Exhibit A).
Cheryl Hawes moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to accept the resignation of James J. Sheldon from the Planning Board.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Denise L. DiFranco
Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. Planning Board Appointments

Denise L. DiFranco noted that they received applications to the Planning Board from Robert Moreau, Ann Grenier, Warren Ducharme, Julia Parmentier, and David Paolissi. Heidi Rogers noted that there were two openings.
Heidi Rogers moved to appoint Ann Grenier to the planning board to fulfill the term ending December 31, 2021. Chris Stone seconded.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Ann Grenier, Denise L. DiFranco, Ann Grenier withdrew her application pending Ron Cervasio's appeal / removal from the board.
Heidi Rogers withdrew her motion. Chris Stone withdrew his second.

Cheryl Hawes moved to interview the applicants. Chris Stone seconded.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone
Motion passed 4 – 0.
Further discussion: Lisa Johnston, 41 South Killingly Road, Denise L. DiFranco stated they will set up interviews before October 10. Cheryl Hawes stated she would volunteer. Joe Carey, Oak Hill Road, spoke about the mandates for the board and how they need to be attended to and not ignored in favor of personal agendas.

6. Tri-Town Shelter

Heidi Rogers explained that this item was something she had been involved with when she was EMA Director and working on it with Glocester and Scituate's EMA Directors. They discussed their emergency shelter plans and how some of them might not be big enough for a large scale emergency. They focused on getting Ponaganset High School as the shelter for the three towns. The problem was that there was no generator big enough for the high school; however, Glocester can supply this.

Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding of the Emergency Management Agency for the towns of Foster, Glocester and Scituate regarding public shelter for emergency.

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Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Heidi Rogers, Cheryl Hawes
Motion passed 4 – 0.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Planning Board Appointments
- Public Hearing – Ron Cervasio
- Juvenile Hearing Board Appointment
- Recreation Field – Phase Two
- Opiod Crisis for Executive Session

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Heidi Rogers moved to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-42-4 for the reasons stated in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) for potential Litigation. Chris Stone seconded. Motion passed 4 – 0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed 4 – 0.
Meeting adjourned 9:05 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