

Town Council Meeting
September 14, 2017

The September 14, 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 L. 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. PUBLIC COMMENT | No public comment. |
| III. ANNOUNCEMENTS | Chris Stone stated that he read the Proclamation at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, and there was a good turnout. They handed out keychains that read “Standing Tall for our Community, Thank You, Foster Church Community”. |
| IV. MINUTES | Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept the Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2017, as presented.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| V. WARRANTS | Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #7 for \$39,215.81.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #8 for \$35,890.31.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #5 for \$34,347.08.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #4 for \$129,615.44.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| VI. OLD BUSINESS | |
| A. Status of EMA Trailer | Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to continue this item until September 28, 2017, to get a complete EOC package together.
Discussion: Chief Ziehl, Guenter Bay, Denise L. DiFranco, Mike Dillon, Gordon Rogers, Chris Stone, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, and Betty Lou Terry.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| B. Appointment of Animal Control Ordinance Committee | Cheryl Hawes moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to appoint Betty Lou Terry, Raf Kula, Michelle Ziemba, and Lisa Sambain to the Animal Control Ordinance Committee.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chris Stone moved, Gordon Rogers seconded to appoint Denise L. DiFranco to the Animal Control Ordinance Committee.
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| VII. NEW BUSINESS | |
| A. Solar Town Property Presentation | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to move forward with guidance from Treasurer Kelli Russ and Planner Cheryl Maynard to look into writing a grant and come back with a plan to move forward.
Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Palmer Moore, Mike Dillon, Kelli Russ, Cheryl Hawes, Guenter Bay, and Denise L. DiFranco. |

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

B. Additions and Abatements

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the 2017 Abatement for \$2,769.07; 2017 Tangible Abatements for \$3,046.90; 2017 Motor Vehicle Abatements for \$1,033.87; and 2017 MV Phase Out Supplemental Corrections for \$318.07.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Resolution Opposing HB-6023

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the Resolution in opposition to HB-6023.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Request to use Fairgrounds

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the request from the Recreation Committee to use the Fairgrounds for the Annual Community Yard Sale, September 15th- 17th.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Swamp Meadow Theater Half-Shell
- b) Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
- c) EMA-EOC Follow-up

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael 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 Arbitration and RI General Law 42-46-5⊕A),(2) Litigation.
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Session ended at 9:20 p.m.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 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