

**Town Council Meeting**  
**June 27, 2019**

The June 27, 2019 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Town House at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
<b>Denise L. DiFranco, President</b>	Mark Tourgee, Town Solicitor
<b>Cheryl Hawes, Vice President</b>	Kelly Russ
<b>Chris Stone</b>	
<b>Heidi Rogers</b>	
<b>Joe Cardillo</b>	

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>                    | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>PUBLIC COMMENT /ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>           | Ron Cervasio spoke.  |
|             | <b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>                          | <div>1. Approval of the Town Council Meeting minutes for the June 13, 2019</div> <div>2. Approval of Payroll Warrants</div> <div>    a. #50 \$33,073.01</div> <div>    b. #51 \$42,600.21</div> <div>    c. FY 2019 General Warrant #22 \$106,031.77</div> <div>    d. FY2019 General Warrant 22A \$3,360.80</div> <div>    e. FY2020 General Warrant#1A \$5,139.20</div> <div>3. Monthly Reports</div> <div>    • Building and Zoning</div> <div>    • Department of Human Services</div> <div>    • Planning Department</div> <div>    • Foster Police Department</div> <div>    • RIRRC</div> |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>PRESENTATION Planner</b>                    | Jennifer Siciliano, Town Planner, discussed recent activity in the Planning Department..   |
|             | <b>OLD BUSINESS Building Rentals</b>           | <div>Heidi Rogers moved, to approve the building use rental agreement as presented by the Town Clerk.</div> <div>Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Denise DiFranco, Susan Dillon, Heidi Rogers, Kelli Rogers, Lynne Rider, and Mr. Paul</div> <div>Motion passed 5 – 0.</div> <div>Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to create a designated fund for the money received from rental of the Woody Lowden as a separate line item for repairs and maintenance.</div> <div>Motion passed 5 – 0.</div>   |
|             | <b>Recreation Field</b>                        | Bob Lohr, DPW director, updated the council on the status of the Recreation Field. Work will begin on July 9 <sup>th</sup> .   |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>                            | <div><i>Item 6 under New Business moved to this position</i></div> <div><i>Cheryl Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded to move Item 6 to the position of item 1. Motion passed 5 – 0.</i></div>  |
|             | <b>6. Painting funds</b>                       | <div>Kelli Russ discussed carrying over \$30,000 for painting the Town Hall from the fund balance.</div> <div>Cheryl Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to move the commitment of unused funds from DPW for painting to FY 2020.</div> <div>Discussion: Kelli Russ, Denise DiFranco</div> <div>Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to commit up to \$30,000 of the fund balance for painting of the Town Hall in FY 2020.</div> <div>Motion passed 5 – 0.</div>  |
|             | <b>Return to OLD BUSINESS Recreation Field</b> | <div>Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to return to Old Business Concerning the Recreation Field and putting the surplus from the fund balance into the recreation field for fencing.</div> <div>Heidi moved, Chris Stone seconded, to commit up to \$10,000 of the unused fund balance for the purpose of fencing and / or netting for the difference in price.</div> <div>Discussion: Lynne Rider, Chris Stone, Bob Lohr, Kelli Russ, Patti Moreau</div> <div>Motion passed 5 – 0.</div>   |

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**RETURN TO NEW  
BUSINESS**

1. Conservation Commission Appointment

Denise L. DiFranco stated she had received a letter from Kathy Zahansky expressing interest in serving on the Conservation Commission.  
Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Kathy Zahansky to the open spot on the Conservation Commission.  
Discussion: Heidi Rogers, Denise L. DiFranco  
Motion passed 5 – 0.
2. Abandoned Dog Rescue- F-1 Liquor License

Denise L. DiFranco stated the board received an application for the Abandoned Dog fundraising Liquor License for July 27.  
Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconde, to give them the F-1 license.  
Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone  
Motion passed 5 – 0.
3. RPF – Audit Bid Approval

Kelli Russ stated that the RFP was approved by the auditor general according to the state law mandate. She noted that it was a 3-year bid is for \$102, 000.  
Cheryl Hawes moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to award the bid to Bacon & Co. upon approval of the auditor general.  
Discussion: Kelli Russ, Denise L. DiFranco  
Motion passed 5 – 0.
4. Vision Upgrade for Tax Collections and Administration

Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve the Vision software upgrade for tax collection and administration for \$58, 875.00.  
Discussion: Patti Moreau explained the need for the new system. Heidi Rogers, Kelli Russ  
Motion passed 5 – 0.
5. Zoning Board of Review Resignation

Denise L. DiFranco stated that the council received a resignation letter from Bob DeLuca from the Zoning Board  
Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept Robert DeLuca’s resignation letter with regrets.  
Motion passed 5 – 0.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING  
Application for  
Kennel License “The  
Country Mutt”**

Denise L. DiFranco reviewed the public hearing procedure.  
Michelle and Alex Ziemba explained their request for a Kennel License at 110 South Killingly Road and gave a PowerPoint presentation.  
The following people spoke in favor: Carol Sholly, Lynne Rider, Jeannette Hall, Michelle Bouchard, Jodi Violette, Claire Connors, Bob Moreau, Edwina Matteson, Patti Moreau, and Joe Carey.  
The following people spoke against: Claire Livingston and Bill Maher.

Denise L. DiFranco suggested the council continue the application. Chris Stone moved to continue, Cheryl Hawes added that it be continued to the 25<sup>th</sup> and that a decision be made then, Joe Cardillo seconded.  
Heidi Rogers stated that she was comfortable making the decision now.  
Chris Stone withdrew his motion, Joe Cardillo withdrew his second.  
Denise L. DiFranco stated that she wanted to discuss it with the Building & Zoning official and the Planner.  
Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve the application of The Country Mutt and limit overnight dogs to 25.  
Discussion: Cheryl Hawes, Lynne Rider  
Motion passed 5 – 0.

**VI. EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into executive closed session according to RIGL 42-46-5 for a work session regarding Personnel according to RIGL 42-46-5(A), (1) for discussions of litigation considerations related to the acquisition and lease of real purposes of the disposition of publicly held property where advance notice would be detrimental to the interest of the public according to RIGL 42-26-5 (a) (5).  
Motion passed 5 – 0.

**VII. RECONVENE IN  
OPEN SESSION**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 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