

**Town Council Meeting  
October 12, 2017**

The October 12, 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:
<b>Denise L. DiFranco, President</b>	Solicitor, Joann Achille
<b>Chris Stone, Vice President</b>	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
<b>Gordon Rogers</b>	Chief Ziehl
<b>Michael Dillon</b>	
<b>Cheryl Hawes</b>	

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| <b>I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b> | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  |
| <b>II. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>       | Denise L. DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.<br>Ms. DiFranco also related that Matt Hanes wanted to express his thanks to the Council and DPW for the paving of North Road.   |
| <b>III. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>     | Guenter Bay  |
| <b>IV. MINUTES</b>             | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2017, as presented.<br>Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0. Denise L. DiFranco abstained as she was not present for that meeting.  |
| <b>V. WARRANTS</b>             | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve <b>Payroll Warrant #12</b> for \$34,045.35.<br>Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.<br><br>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve <b>Payroll Warrant #13</b> for \$43,752.51.<br>Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.<br><br>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve <b>General Warrant #6</b> for for \$49,136.35.<br>Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.<br><br>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve <b>General Warrant #28</b> for \$385.27.<br>Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.  |
| <b>VI. PUBLIC HEARING</b>      | Denise DiFranco opened the Public Hearing request for a zone change from an Agricultural / Residential District (A/R) to a General Business Mixed Use District (GBM) from owner / applicant Michael & Judy Paolucci for property located a 0 Danielson Pike, Plat 14, Lot 3A on approximately two acres.<br>Gordon Rogers recused himself.<br>Denise L. DiFranco explained the rules of procedure.<br>Michael Paolucci presented his request for the change.<br>Denise L. DiFranco asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the change. Ronald Cervasio and Lynne Rider asked for clarification. Ms. DiFranco noted that the Planning Board recommended that the change be made. Roger Bouvier, abutter, spoke against. Discussion: Jeff Sheldon, Roger Bouvier, Lynne Rider, Mike Paolucci, and Joe Carey.<br>Ms. DiFranco closed the Public Hearing. Ms. DiFranco asked if the council had any questions. Mike Dillon, Joann Achille, Cheryl Hawes, and Denise DiFranco spoke.<br>Chris Stone moved, Denise L. DiFranco seconded, to change Mr. Paolucci’s property Plat 14, Lot 3A from A/R to GBM. Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0, with one recusal. |

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- VII. OLD BUSINESS**  
**A. EMA Director**

Denise L. DiFranco stated that EMA Director Guenter Bay resigned at the last meeting and she thanked him for his service. She also stated that Sharon Cotter was filling in as she is the Assistant Director.  
Cheryl Hawes moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to post the position. Lynne Rider asked about additional ad placement.  
Cheryl Hawes moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to post the position on the website, Facebook page, and *Foster Home Journal*.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**  
**A. Additions and Abatements**

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Additions and Abatements of the 2017 MV Supplemental Phase Out 2 for a total of \$626.49, and the 2017 Real Estate Abatements for a total of \$230.18 as presented by the Tax Assessor.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Appointments to Juvenile Hearing Board**

Mr. Janis requested reappointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board. Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint James Janis as an alternate to the Juvenile Hearing Board.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation**

Denise L. DiFranco read the Proclamation for Red Ribbon week (see Exhibit A). Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation as read. Discussion: Lynne Rider, Gordon Rogers, Denise DiFranco.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Thanksgiving Proclamation**

Cheryl Hawes read the Thanksgiving Proclamation (see Exhibit B). Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Thanksgiving Proclamation as read by Cheryl Hawes. The proclamation will be presented on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock in the Town House.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a) Swamp Meadow Theater Half-Shell

b) Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations

c) The Trust’s revision of drug policies

d) EMA-EOC Follow-up
- X. 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, Hohler vs. Town of Foster, and Town of Foster vs. Saint23, LLC.  
  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.  
Executive Session started at 8:22 p.m.  
  
Return to Open Session: Denise L. DiFranco said that one vote was taken: Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Arbitration Proposal and keep the financial aspect of this case sealed.  
Denise L. DiFranco, Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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