

Town Council Meeting
December 10, 2020

Denise L. DiFranco, President, called the Foster Town Council to order on December 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. This was a virtual meeting using Zoom via computer or phone.

The following members were present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President
Cheryl Hawes, Vice President
Chris Stone
Heidi Rogers
Bob Moreau
David Paolino

Also present:
Susan Dillon
Kelli Russ
Mark Tourgee
Susan Sprague
Patti Moreau
Joanna Achille
Julia Chretien

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| I. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. | PUBLIC COMMENT | None. |
| III. | MINUTES | Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Bob Moreau, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye. |
| IV. | SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL | Denise L. DiFranco thanked Bob Moreau for filling the remainder of the term of Joe Cardillo. David Paolino took his seat. |
| V. | SWEARING IN CEREMONY | Representative Michael Chippendale administered the Oath of Office to the Town Council members and the Town Clerk. |
| VI. | NOMINATION OF TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT | Chris Stone moved, David Paolino seconded, to nominate Denise L. DiFranco as President.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye. |
| VII. | NOMINATION OF TOWN COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT | Cheryl Hawes moved, David Paolino seconded, to nominate herself as Vice President.
Discussion: None.
Motion failed 2 – 3.
Heidi Rogers, no; Chris Stone, no; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, no.

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to nominate Heidi Rogers for Vice President. Ms. Rogers said she would accept the position.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye. |
| VIII. | CONSENT AGENDA | <div>1. Approval of Payroll Warrants
a. #20 \$37,914.51 b. #21 \$33,343.98
c. #22 \$32,251.54 d. #23 \$36,074.67
e. General Warrant # 8 \$239,773.58</div> <div>2. Correspondence
a. Letter to Board of Canvassers and Response
b. DPW Recommendation letter from Walter May</div> <div>3. License Renewals</div> <div>Secondhand Licenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Russell Smith, d/b/a Chelsea’s Trading Post, 151 Danielson Pike• CBI LLC, d/b/a Cooke Brother’s Imports, 184A Danielson Pike• MCC Inc., d/b/a Mike’s Auto Repair, 45 Anthony Rd.</div> |

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- Paul Hayhurst, d/b/a GCC Auto Sales, 175 Danielson Pike
- Keith LaFazia, d/b/a Rhody Outdoors, 2 Goldmine Rd.
- Adam David Dacko, d/b/a Route 6 Outpost, 52 Danielson Pike
- Danny's Auction Barn LLC, d/b/a Danny's Auction Barn, 150 Danielson Pk
- Nick Guarino, d/b/a Old Volks Haus, 10A Danielson Pike
- Wendy O'Shea, d/b/a Old Man Mercantile & Antiques, 52 Danielson Pike
- William Wilbur, Coastal Atlantic, d/b/a Foster Auto, 40 Mill Road
- Thomas Neves, d/b/a Diablo Custom Workz LLC, 52 Danielson Pike

Victualing License Renewals

- Drake Petroleum, d/b/a Foster Xtra Mart, 188 Danielson Pike
- Paul Oueidat, d/b/a JP's General Store LLC, 189A Hartford Pike

Gun Shop License Renewals:

- Laurence Costa Mello, d/b/a Alarry Farm, 7 Rickard Road
- Keith LaFazia, d/b/a Rhody Outdoors, 2 Goldmine Road
- Adam David Dacko, d/b/a Route 6 Outpost, 52 Danielson Pike
- Thomas Neves, d/b/a Diablo Custom Workz LLC, 52 Danielson Pike

Holiday Sales Renewals:

- Adam David Dacko, d/b/a Route 6 Outpost, 52 Danielson Pike
- Bonita Lambert, d/b/a Lladly Love Llama, 82 Cucumber Hill Rd.
- Drake Petroleum, d/b/a Foster Xtra Mart, 186 Danielson Pike
- Russell Smith, d/b/a Chelsea's Trading Post, 151 Danielson Pike
- Wendy O'Shea, d/b/a Old Man Mercantile & Antiques, 52 Danielson Pike
- Paul Oueidat, d/b/a JP's General Store LLC, 189A Hartford Pike
- Thomas Neves, d/b/a Diablo Custom Workz LLC, 52 Danielson Pike

Private Investigator's License Renewal

- Alan Pittman, d/b/a Alan Pittman Investigations, 117 Central Pike

Campground License Renewals:

- Virginia Bassett, d/b/a Ginny B Campground, 7 Harrington Road
- Legacy Land Preservation LLC, d/b/a Dyer Woods Campground, 114 Johnson Rd.

Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes moved to pull out the letter to the Board of Canvassers, the letter from Walter May, and the license for William Wilbur. Joanna Achille said to pull them out separately. Chris Stone seconded. Heidi Rogers asked if they would be dealt with one at a time. Cheryl Hawes stated

that this was what she wanted to do.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;
Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco stated that first is a letter Chris Stone sent to the Board of Canvassers and the response from Bobby Depalo.

Cheryl Hawes read the letter (see Exhibit A). Ms. Hawes also read the response (see Exhibit B).

Discussion: Chris Stone said he got a phone call from a constituent, which prompted the letter so that it would be investigated. Bobby (Depalo) did a very thorough investigation and Mr. Stone was happy with the result. Cheryl Hawes said she was surprised that the letter had gone out. Ms. Hawes thought it was ridiculous, insulting, demeaning and demoralizing and would do a lot to the Town Hall. It went out anyway. Ms. Hawes felt that Mrs. Dillon and others had a right to know who would accuse them of such a thing. Ms. Hawes thought it was meant to undermine them and was of malicious intent; she was furious when she read it and still is and feels an apology is owed.

Denise L. DiFranco said that Chris Stone was contacted by a constituent and could not ignore it. She compared it to other situations in which constituents made a complaint. Ms. Hawes said that was not what she meant and that this was an attack on Susan Dillon and Susan Sprague. Denise L. DiFranco said they were not mentioned in the letter. Susan Dillon stated that she asked Mr. Depalo who they were talking about and Mr. Depalo said that Chris Stone told him it was about Susan Dillon and Susan Sprague. Ms. Dillon said this was an attack on her. Who are they? She said she has consulted legal counsel and has a right to know. Cheryl Hawes noted that it was not a constituent but an employee, and if it was an employee she feels that the person should stand up to it.

Denise L. DiFranco stated that she did not think a public forum was the place to discuss who it was. Mrs. Dillon said she has a right to know because it is not true.

Denise L. DiFranco stated they could discuss it for another three minutes. Ms. DiFranco said she did not feel comfortable discussing this in a public forum because the employee has rights. Ms. DiFranco said she heard nothing about either name but she will check with legal. Susan Sprague said that if it has to be put off to another time, okay, but that it needs to be in a public forum because her reputation has been damaged unjustly when she has done her job extremely well and is extremely honest but has been dragged into political craziness which she does not become involved in. Ms. Sprague feels she has a right to have her reputation cleared; that she was “saddened and disgusted”—to use Chris (Stone’s) words—to be dragged into this. She prides herself in not becoming politically involved and it needs to be addressed.

Denise L. DiFranco assured her that it would.

Susan Dillon asked to face her accuser. Marc Tourgee pointed out that they brought up their own names, not the letter. Bobby Depalo stated that of course their names were brought up because he had to question them as part of the investigation.

Cheryl Hawes stated that the news was all around town.

Susan Sprague said people were asking her about it at the window while she was waiting on them—that’s public.

Kelli Russ said that when the letter was received at the Town Hall, it caused a big uproar with the staff because it inferred all of us and made us all suspect. It was better to identify who it referred to.

Denise L. DiFranco said that she would address it further.

Ms. DiFranco only allowed town council members to discuss it further.

Cheryl Hawes said she did not think pulling an item (the letter from Walter May) from the Consent Agenda required a vote. Denise L. DiFranco said that, historically, they always did that. The motion was not seconded.

Denise L. DiFranco said the next item was the license for William Wilbur. Ms. DiFranco said they had received an email from Jon Restivo. Cheryl Hawes asked why they should not renew the license. Denise L. DiFranco said it should be investigated and put on a later agenda.

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to put under License Renewals, William Wilbur, Coastal Atlantic, d/b/a Foster Auto, 40 Mill Road to a future agenda item.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

IX. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1. Town Solicitor

Cheryl Hawes moved to appoint a new Town Solicitor from Saccocio Law Firm.

There was no second.

Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to reappoint Mark Tourgee as town solicitor.

David Paolino said he had no knowledge or history of what they were voting on and asked to abstain.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes felt that the extra charges were high, from July to November there was an additional \$7000 on top of the \$5,625 per month. Ms. Hawes had been told it is for research and letters. Ms. Hawes noted that there is no contract and asked for a contract that specifies exactly what it includes. They had an offer from another law firm cutting the price to \$55,000 per year and \$100/hour and spells out the terms. Ms. Hawes stated that this could save additional money by appointing a law firm familiar with municipalities. Ms. Hawes noted that they say they haven't gone to litigation because the courts aren't open but they are via Zoom.

Heidi Rogers said that she was a paralegal for 24 years and knows what billable hours are and that it is a common practice but she would insist on a contract.

Julia Chretien said the phone calls were related to litigation, all of which is billable. As for her research, she has reached out to Town Hall and told by Cheryl Hawes that the minutes are all online and that the town hall clerks weren't going to help her to look them up. Susan Sprague noted that the minutes had already been sent to Joanna Achille. Susan Dillon agreed that they were. Ms. Achille said they were not. Heidi Rogers moved the question. Denise L. DiFranco stopped the discussion. Cheryl Hawes wanted to see a contract before voting.

Motion passed 3 – 1 – 1.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Cheryl Hawes, no; David Paolino, abstained.

Denise L. DiFranco said the contract would be discussed in Executive Session in January.

2. Probate Court Judge

Denise L. DiFranco stated that they received a letter of from the current probate judge saying that she would not be continuing. There is someone the judge recommended but Ms. DiFranco said she would prefer to table this appointment.

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to table the appointment.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes said she had reviewed the resume in the packet and that Atty. Strachman has a very impressive resume. Susan Dillon said that the next probate court date will be January 13th and asked if someone would be

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appointed by then. Denise L. DiFranco said they would not have a meeting before then. Joanna Achille suggested that we contact Bill Bernstein to fill in temporarily.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

3. Tax Collector

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint Nancy Delaere as Tax Collector.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

4. Tax Assessor

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint Patricia Moreau as Tax Assessor.

Discussion: None

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

5. Town Planner

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint Michael Antonellis as Town Planner.

Discussion: None

Motion passed 5 - 0. Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye;

David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

6. Director of Human Services

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint Carol Maura as Director of Human Services.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

7. Building & Zoning Official

Cheryl Hawes moved, Denise L. DiFranco seconded, to reappoint Rhett Bishop and the Building & Zoning Official.

Discussion: Denise L. DiFranco said there was need for a 24 hour (a week official). Ms. DiFranco said she spoke with Rhett and asked if he could but he could not. Ms. DiFranco said they had another resume from someone who can. She stated that Rhett had done a good job and it had nothing to do with his job performance.

Cheryl Hawes said there was an email on 12/9 which sounded like it was already decided before the council had even sat. Denise L. DiFranco said it wasn't decided. Cheryl Hawes said that issues had come up after the interview.

Denise L. DiFranco said they still needed 24 hours. Cheryl Hawes said they could still find someone to work with Rhett. Denise L. DiFranco said that didn't work.

Heidi Rogers suggested tabling it until the next meeting.

David Paolino asked if it could be tabled till the next meeting.

Denise L. DiFranco said there was a motion on floor.

Cheryl Hawes, yes; Chris Stone, no; Heidi Rogers, no;

David Paolino, yes, Denise L. DiFranco, no.

Motion failed 2 – 3.

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to table the appointment until January 14th.

Ron Cervasio asked what happened to posting positions?

Denise L. DiFranco said that it has been done in the past and also not been done in the past.

Cheryl Hawes said she would like to amend to advertise for a new Building & Zoning official. Heidi Rogers seconded.

Heidi Rogers asked where it would be posted. Kelli Russ said the best would be in the RI Cities and Towns and locally.

Denise L. DiFranco said it should be in Executive Session.

Discussion: none.

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Amendment passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;
Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Main motion passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;
Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

8. Plumbing Inspector

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint
Jeff Lowe as Plumbing Inspector.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;
Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

9. Electrical Inspector

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint
Michael Paolucci as Electrical Inspector.

Discussion: None

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;
Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

10. Recreation Director

Denise L. DiFranco said there was no letter in the packet but
that she had spoken with Tammy and that she wanted to
continue in the position.

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint
Tammy Steinkamp to the position of Recreation Director.

Discussion: Heidi Rogers said she was so sad there was no
Bright Night this year.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;
Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

11. DPW Director

Heidi Rogers recused herself.

Cheryl Hawes moved, David Paolino seconded, to appoint
Bruce Colwell to the position of DPW Director.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes said that Bruce or “Kip” as he’s
called has done an excellent job, saving the town at least
\$100,000 by painting, removing a tree, installing a bathroom
and he works well with all the guys and has been her 20
years.

David Paolino said that he thought highly of Mr. Colwell but
felt that Mr. Rogers interviewed better and had better skills
at a director’s level.

Motion failed 1-3 with one recusal.

Cheryl Hawes, aye; Chris Stone, no; David Paolino, no;
Denise L. DiFranco, no.

Chris Stone moved, David Paolino seconded, to appoint
Gordon Rogers as DPW Director.

Discussion: Cheryl Hawes asked the solicitor look into
R.I.G.L. 36-14-5 to see if it is an ethics violation to hold the
position when he is also a senator. She stated that she did
not feel he would be of service to everyone in the town
because that he would not help those he sees as enemies, and
¾ of the employees will not be happy.

Mark Tourgee said there would not be a conflict. Joanna
Achille said that it would not be an Ethics violation and that
you cannot deny someone a job because they are a civil
servant.

Motion passed 4 – 0 with one recusal.

Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, nay;
Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

**X. APPOINTMENT OF
DEPUTIES**

1. Deputy Town Clerk

Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded to appoint
Susan Sprague to the Deputy Town Clerk position.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye;

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Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

2. Deputy Treasurer

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Kelli Russ's recommendation of Karen Williams as Deputy Treasurer.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- XI. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Denise L. DiFranco asked Susan Dillon to swear them in. Ms. Dillon asked to swear them in on Monday instead.
- XII. APPOINTMENT OF NON-STANDARD EMPLOYEES**
 1. Corder of Wood

Robert Thurber as Corder of Wood wants to continue. Chris Stone moved, Heidi Rogers seconded, to reappoint Robert Thurber as Corder of Wood.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
 2. Fence Viewer

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint Thomas D'Agostino as Fence Viewer.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
 3. Keeper of Keys

Denise L. DiFranco said she had spoken to Aden Mott and that he did not want to continue so we will have to table that. Heidi Rogers asked how it would be advertised. Denise L. DiFranco said on the town website.
 4. Town Historian

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint Stanley Hopkins as Town Historian.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Discussion: None.
 5. Civil Preparedness (EMA Director)

Denise L. DiFranco said that Mike Dexter did not want to continue. Assistant EMA Director Eric Rotondo did not want to continue either. Jayme Pirzynski has applied for the position. Heidi Rogers said that Jayme's father worked with the ambulance corps for many years and that Jayme grew up in the EMA field and is studying to be an EMA director. Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Jayme Pirzynski to the position of EMA Director.
Discussion: None
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
 6. Assistant EMA Director

Denise L. DiFranco suggested that Ms. Pirzynski recommend an assistant and that the assistant position be tabled.
Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to table the EMA Assistant' to a future agenda item.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
 7. Tree Warden

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint Robert Thurber as Tree Warden.
Discussion: none
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

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8. Constables
- Denise L. DiFranco said that constables were usually the three fire chiefs, the ambulance commander and the town council and anyone else who wanted to be though there were none to apply.
Heidi Rogers moved to appoint Denise L. DiFranco, myself Heidi Rogers, Chris Stone, David Paolino, Cheryl Hawes, Denise L. DiFranco, Gordon Brayton, Paul Cuniff, Aaron Marsland, and Virginia Colwell as constables.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- XIII. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED NON-STANDARD EMPLOYEES**
- Denise L. DiFranco said they were not present but had been told to reach out to Mrs. Dillon
- XIV. PUBLIC HEARING**
- Denise L. DiFranco stated that there were two public hearings planned but that Partners Auto had withdrawn.
- The other one is for an ordinance for Hawkers, Peddlers, Mobile Food Establishments and Door-to-Door Salespersons.
Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to continue the public hearing for Hawkers, Peddlers, Mobile Food Establishments and Door-to-Door Salespersons to the February 11, 2020 meeting.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- XV. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. Town Council Meeting Dates
- Denise L. DiFranco stated that the council would likely want to continue the meeting dates of the second and fourth Thursdays but looking ahead, June, July and August they might want to have only one meeting, and in November the 11th and 25th are holidays, and in December is would be the 23rd.
Cheryl Hawes suggested moving the November meeting to the 18th.
Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to continue with the second and fourth Thursday meetings except for the November one which would be held on the 18th.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- B. Council Liaison to Departments
- Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint the following liaisons: Heidi Rogers, Finance & Human Services; Cheryl Hawes, Town Clerk & Police; Chris Stone, DPW; David Paolino, Planning and Building & Zoning; Denise L. DiFranco, School Department.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
- C. Resolution 2020-07 State of RI Response to COVID-19 Emergency
- Heidi Rogers read the Resolution (see Exhibit C).
Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the Resolution as read.
Denise L. DiFranco said that a similar Resolution had been passed in Gloucester.
Cheryl Hawes said that she could not see how we could hold the governor to a specific date and that she did not want her name on it.
Motion passed 4 – 1.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye, Cheryl Hawes, no.

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D. Board Appointments
• Board of Canvassers

Denise L. DiFranco said that Lisa Costa had applied as an alternate. Bobby DePalo contacted Kevin Donovan who approved.

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Lisa Costa to the Board of Canvassers as an alternate.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

• Land Trust

Denise L. DiFranco said that they had received letters from Chris Bain and Linda Tibbetts. Heidi Rogers read a letter from the Land Trust in support of Linda Tibbetts (see Exhibit D) and a letter from Linda Tibbetts (see Exhibit E). Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to reappoint Linda Tibbetts to the Land Trust.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco said they received a letter of resignation from Walter May from the Land Trust. Denise L. DiFranco read the letter (see Exhibit F).

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept his letter with regret.

Motion passed 5 – 0 with regrets.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Heidi Rogers moved, David Paolino seconded, to appoint Zachary Bain to the Land Trust for a 3-year term.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

• Zoning Board

Denise L. DiFranco said that Donna Carchia would like to be reappointed.

Heidi Rogers moved, David Paolino seconded, to reappoint Donna Carchia to the Zoning Board for a 5-year term.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco said that Jim Finnegan had applied for the full member position. David Paolino asked that new members be appointed as alternates because people do not understand the commitment and leave.

Mr. Finnegan said he was familiar with the working of the Zoning Board and was willing to commit. Michael

Antonellis said he had spoken with Mr. Finnegan and would recommend him.

Cheryl Hawes moved, David Paolino seconded, to appoint Jim Finnegan as a full member to the Zoning Board for a 5-year term.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

• Conservation

Denise L. DiFranco said Anthony McClellan has asked to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission.

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint Anthony McClellan to the Conservation Commission.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco Kathleen Collins sent a letter of resignation because she is moving.

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Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept Kathleen Collins letter of resignation with regrets.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

Denise L. DiFranco said the Dave Rathbun, if not appointed to the Land Trust would like to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission.

Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint Dave Rathbun for a 5-year term.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye..

- Juvenile Hearing Board Denise L. DiFranco said that David Sweet, Tom DiRaimo, and Mary Jo Chretien had asked to be reappointed to the Juvenile hearing Board.
Heidi Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to reappoint David Sweet, Tom DiRaimo, and Mary Jo Chretien to the Juvenile Hearing Board for 3-year terms.

Denise L. DiFranco asked about the Planning Board. Susan Dillon said it was not on the agenda but can put it on a future one.
- Land Trust Equipment Locations Denise L. DiFranco said that it had been brought to their attention that there is Land Trust equipment in various places and with Walter May leaving, it is an issue, and the council would like a list. Linda Tibbetts said that the equipment rotates according to its use. Ms. Tibbetts also pointed out that the Trust insures them separately. Kelli Russ asked to have that in writing. Walter May said he would call the Trust.
- Police Contract Negotiations Denise L. DiFranco stated that they received a letter to open contract negotiations with the Police Union. Cheryl Hawes and Chris Stone volunteered to be on the negotiating team. Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to be on the negotiating team for the police contract.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
Denise L. DiFranco said the council will send a formal letter.

XVI. 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 for discussion or work sessions regarding collective bargaining, contract negotiations, or litigation according to R.I.G.L 42-46-5 (A)(2).

OPEN SESSION

Denise L. DiFranco stated that two votes were taken in Executive Session.
One was to give Denise L. DiFranco the ability to resolved the Balfour case, contingent upon the previous court order.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
The second was to remove the Town of Foster from the opioid class litigation.
Motion passed 5 - 0.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 5 - 0.
Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Submitted by,
Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk