

Town Council Meeting
January 7, 2021

The January 7, 2021, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President, via Zoom™ in Foster, RI at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Denise L. DiFranco, President
Heidi Rogers, Vice President
Chris Stone
Cheryl Hawes
David Paolino

Also present:

Julia Chretien, Solicitor
Kelli Russ, Finance Director

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

II. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Building & Zoning
Appointment**

Chris Stone moved, David Paolino seconded, to hire Jeff Lykins for the Building & Zoning Official.
Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
Denise L. DiFranco asked Mr. Lykins when he could start. He replied any day and Monday was decided. Kelli Russ asked what his schedule would be. Denise L. DiFranco said he could set that when he begins and that it would be 24 hours (per week).
Kelli Russ asked if anyone had references to please forward to her for his personnel file.

**B. Probate Court Judge
Appointment**

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to appoint Nichole Carroll-Barnes as probate judge.
Discussion: Cheryl Hawes said there was a recommendation by Susan Dillon for Mr. Strachman who has impressive qualifications. Denise L. DiFranco said she spoke to all three candidates. David Paolino said he had interviewed family members who said he was highly recommended. Heidi Rogers said she had reasons to prefer Nicole. Denise L. DiFranco said she would support Nicole as a result of her conversations.
Motion passed 4 – 2.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, no; Cheryl Hawes, no; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to adjourn.
Motion passed 5 – 0.
Heidi Rogers, aye; Chris Stone, aye; David Paolino, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Denise L. DiFranco, aye.
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk