

Town Council Meeting
December 03, 2020

Denise L. DiFranco, President, called the Foster Town Council to order on December 3, 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
Patti Moreau
Mark Tourgee
Joanna Achille
Julia Chretien
Chief David Breit

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Transitional Meeting
Between Current and
Newly Elected Councils**

Denise L. DiFranco stated that there were two Public Hearings scheduled on December 10, but one has withdrawn and the other will be postponed, so the meeting would not be as long. Tonight's meeting will be discussion only.

- Appointment to
Boards/Committees

Denise L. DiFranco stated there were a number of people who have applied to be reappointed. There are openings on some of the boards and committees. Two for the Zoning Board, 1 full member and 1 alternate. One on the Conservation Commission and one on the Land Trust. Susan Dillon said she had received letters of interest and will send them to the town council for the next meeting.

- Police Building

Denise L. DiFranco said the police building plans were still at a standstill. Cheryl Hawes said it may be because of the appraisal. Denise L. DiFranco said that she thought it was due to (the lack of) comparisons. Bob Moreau agreed and said there are no comparisons so it is hard to get a number. Tom Walden said Mr. Valentine was in the hospital for a while, and a closing is scheduled for December 17th.

- Upcoming Public
Hearings

Denise L. DiFranco said there will be some on the 10th but they will be continued.

- Upcoming Licenses

This will be on the December 10th Consent Agenda. Denise L. DiFranco explained that with a Consent Agenda, a motion would be made to accept it, but anything questioned can be pulled out. Denise L. DiFranco asked if there would be a spreadsheet for the licenses. Susan Dillon said there would. Denise L. DiFranco explained that it would list all the approvals needed for each license.

- Swearing In Meeting
(December 10th)

Denise L. DiFranco said the Swearing In would be next Thursday and she was hoping to have it in-person at the Town House, but if that's not for everyone, at least the councilpersons, but you can be sworn in via Zoom. Cheryl Hawes said that with the governor's request to quarantine she doesn't think in-person was the right thing to do. Heidi Rogers asked if Mike Chippendale could do it. Denise L. DiFranco said she checked with the solicitors and it is okay to be done on Zoom. David Paolino said he would like

to meet in person and Chris Stone agreed. Heidi Rogers asked about the location. Denise L. DiFranco she was thinking of the Town House. Heidi Rogers said she was good with that everybody agreed. Denise L. DiFranco everyone can choose. Susan Dillon said she would run the Zoom from her office. Kelli Russ reminded them of muting a turning down the volume so as not to pick up others.

- Future Agenda Items

Denise L. DiFranco asked if anyone had Future Agenda Items to discuss.

There were none.

Denise L. DiFranco asked if there was anything else that wasn't touched upon.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-
5(a), Personnel**

III.

- Personnel Policies and Procedures

**PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-
5A (2) Litigations / Potential
Litigation (Discussion Only)**

- TOF v Saint 23, LLC
- TOF v Chabot (Foster Feed & Grain)
- TOF v Wright's Auto
- DEM v. TOF
- Balfour v. TOF
- TOF v RP Investments (Price Auto)
- TOF v Israel Solano
- TOF v Mark Audet
- Opioid Litigation

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 for a work session regarding Personnel according to RIGL 42-46-5-a and to RIGL 42-46-5(a) 2 Litigation to reconvene into open session and to further keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all executive sessions held previous to this meeting remain closed in accordance with provisions in RIGL 42-46-4 & 5.

No discussion.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Hawes moved, Bob Moreau seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan M. Dillon, Town Clerk