

**JULY 9, 2015**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The July 9, 2015, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John L. Lewis, Jr., President of the Foster Town Council, at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:03 p.m.

The following members were present:

**John L. Lewis, Jr., President**  
**Denise DiFranco, Vice President,**  
**Roger L. Hawes,**  
**Gordon Rogers, and**  
**Jon Restivo**

Also present:

Renee M. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor  
Kelli Russ, Treasurer,  
DPW Director Joe Cardillo  
Police Captain Robert Bolger

**I. OPEN  
SESSION  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**II. ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS**

John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the notice of the meeting was properly posted on the Secretary of State's web site.

Mr. Lewis asked for a moment of silence for residents Walter Grass and Margaret McKenna, who had recently passed away.

Mr. Lewis also announced that assistant EMA director Guenter Bay had been sworn in as a United States Citizen on this day.

**III. PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

There was none.

**IV. MINUTES**

Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve the amended minutes of May 28, 2015 as presented.

Solicitor Renee Bevilacqua noted an additional correction to page 4.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve the corrected minutes of June 25, 2015 as presented.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**V. WARRANTS**

Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #51 for \$32,313.39.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #52 for \$30,181.97.

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**WARRANTS,  
CONT.**

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve General Warrant #24 for \$64,364.67.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve General Warrant #1 for \$32,850.60.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**VI. OLD  
BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**VII. NEW  
BUSINESS**

**a.) Bid Opening,  
Project 2015-  
03, Woody  
Lowden Log  
Shell Rehab**

John L. Lewis, Jr. stated there had been only one bid received for the Woody Lowden Log Shell Rehabilitation project. Mr. Lewis opened and read the bid from French Mountain Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$15,500.00.

Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to refer the bid to the DPW Director.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**b.) Bid Opening,  
Project 2015-  
04, Paving**

John L. Lewis, Jr. announced that there were six bids for Paving. He read the bids in this order:

	Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat
Hartford Paving Corporation	\$99.54/ton	\$2.25/lf	\$ .27 sq. yd.
D'Ambra Construction	\$87.00/ton	\$1.50/lf	\$ .40 sq. yd.
Narragansett Improvement Co.	\$87.95/ton	\$5.00/lf	\$ .45 sq. yd.
T. Riozzi, Inc.	\$74.00/ton	\$6.50/lf	\$ .25sq. yd.
All States Asphalt, Inc.	\$90.00/ton	\$8.00/lf	\$ .35 sq. yd.
Cardi Corporation	\$73.49/ton	\$2.00/lf	\$ .35 sq. yd.

Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to refer the bids to the DPW Director.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**c.) Bid Opening,  
Project 2015-  
05, Old DPW  
Garage Roof  
Replacement**

Mr. Lewis stated that there was a single bid for the Old DPW Garage Roof replacement. The bid was opened, from Giovanni Homebuilders of Sterling, CT, in the amount of \$12,100.00

Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to refer the bid to the DPW Director.

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**New Business, cont.** John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**d.) Bid Opening, Project 2015-06, Gravel** John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the Council had received four bids for Gravel, opened and read the bids in this order:

	Per ton/delivered	Per ton/picked up
Material Sand and Stone	\$11.95	\$ 8.50
J.R. Vinagro Corp.	\$12.00	\$ 9.00
P.J. Keating	\$14.80	\$ 9.25
Cherenzia Excavation	\$18.00	\$11.00

Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to refer the bids to the DPW Director.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**e.) Appointment of Building Official** John L. Lewis, Jr. announced that the Council had interviewed a candidate for Building Official, and were ready to make an appointment.

Gordon Rogers moved, Denise DiFranco seconded, to appoint Rhett Bishop as Building Inspector, not to exceed 540 hours per calendar year.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Town Clerk swore Mr. Bishop in.

**f.) Resolution Re: Employee Retirement System of RI, Amortization Schedule** Mr. Lewis reported that the Town had received a letter from the State allowing the town some options on the amortization of the pension settlement; the two options were for either a 21 year or 25 year payback schedule. If the Town takes no action, the State will automatically set the payback schedule for 25 years.

Treasurer Kelli Russ recommended that the town adopt a 21 year re-amortization schedule, as the payments are very close to the existing Town and Police pension plan payment. Taking the 21 year schedule will not significantly impact operations and should not cost the town any additional funds.

Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, that the Council send a letter of intent to remain on the current 21 year amortization plan for the employer reserve groups of Foster unit # 3012 and Foster police unit # 4082.

Denise DiFranco interjected that she had asked the solicitor if she needed to recuse from this vote; the answer had been no, she could vote.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Tannerite Binary Exploding Rifle Targets/Use of
- Police Station Update (July 23, 2015)
- PRISM Streetlight Management Program

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**FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS, cont.**

- EMA Director Job Description
- Continuation of Public Hearing on Solar Ordinance Change (July 23, 2015)
- Request for Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Bicycle “Woony Ride” on Sept. 19, 2015
- Policy for Use of Town Grounds

**IX. EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Jon Restivo moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 for the reasons stated in RIGL 42-46-5a(2), for discussions or work sessions regarding Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Open session ended at 7:43 p.m. Executive session convened at 7:47 p.m.

**RECONVENE  
TO OPEN  
SESSION**

Jon Restivo moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve, adopt and seal the minutes - with or without corrections – of all prior executive closed session minutes and to close and seal the current executive closed session minutes in RIGL 42-46-4 and 5; and further move to reconvene into public open session to announce any votes taken during executive closed session that must be disclosed as required under Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Open session reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

John L. Lewis, Jr. announced that one vote was taken in Executive Session, to Approve the Dispatcher’s contract contingent on review and acceptance by the negotiating committee, the Treasurer and Solicitor

The motion carried 5-0.

**X. ADJOURN-  
MENT**

Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was so moved to adjourn the meeting.

John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted by,

Jane H. Christopher  
Town Clerk