

**OCTOBER 8, 2015**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The October 8, 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 7:06 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  
Joe Cardillo, DPW Director  
Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer  
Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor  
Police Chief William Ziehl

- I. OPEN SESSION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS** John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the notice of the meeting was properly posted on the Secretary of State's web site.  
Mr. Lewis also stated that Mr. Rogers had advised him of the death of former EMA Director Bob Carnevale, and asked for a moment of silence.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT** None.
- IV. MINUTES** Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2015 Town Council meeting, as presented.  
  
Discussion: at the request of the Town Clerk, a vote from the previous meeting was clarified.  
  
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 #12 in the amount of \$29,465.26.  
  
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 #13 in the amount of \$29,567.34.  
  
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 #7 in the amount of \$90,775.04  
  
John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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- VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS (four past due)** There were none. Denise DiFranco reported that she had spoken to Sharon Cotter regarding the EMA and Ambulance reports, and to Joe Garlick regarding the Home Repair report, but had yet to reach Victoria Sikorski, the new secretary to Moosup Valley Fire Station.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
- a.) Request for Professional Cleaning Services at Police Station** This request was continued from the last meeting, to address the means in which the cleaning service could be financed. DPW Director Joe Cardillo listed several Buildings & Grounds projects in the budget, suggesting areas that the Council could prioritize or push back until the next fiscal year, in order to cover the cost.
- Jon Restivo moved, Denise DiFranco seconded, to defer to the DPW director as to how to allocate a sum of \$10,000 that was set aside for the repair of the police storage barn, in order to include the cleaning of the police station.
- John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
- a.) Additions & Abatements, Tax Assessor** Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to honor the request of the Tax Assessor for the proration Real Estate 1<sup>st</sup> appeal additions of \$683.30.
- 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 honor the request of the Tax Assessor for the proration Motor Vehicle abatements of \$500.60.
- 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, 2009 Freightliner – M917A2MCS Plow & Sander Set UP** John L. Lewis, Jr. announced that one bid had come in, and opened that bid from Howard P. Fairfield, LLC, d/b/a W. H. Rose, from Columbia, CT, for a total of \$45,346.00.
- Mr. Cardillo also stated that two other companies had come to the DPW yard to view the truck; neither had felt they had the ability to perform this project.
- Gordon Rogers moved, Roger Hawes seconded, to refer the bid to the DPW Director for review.
- John L. Lewis, Jr, aye; Denise DiFranco, aye; Roger Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Jon Restivo, aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- c.) Appointment /Hire of Part-Time Employee at Town Hall** John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the Council had a letter of recommendation from the Town Clerk requesting approval to hire a permanent, part time union clerk in town hall. Creation of part time clerical positions had been approved by the union by a signed addendum to the existing contract, included with the clerk's request.
- Denise DiFranco moved, Roger Hawes seconded, that the Town Council honor the request of the town clerk in the approval to bring Carol Sholly in as the new permanent, part time administrative clerk, to begin work as early as

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**NEW  
BUSINESS.  
Cont.**

next week.

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

**IX. FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS**

- Policy For Use of Town Grounds
- Police Station Update
- NIKE site committee update
- Foster Home Journal articles

**X. EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**XI. ADJOURN-  
MENT**

Roger Hawes moved, Denise DiFranco 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 7:44 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