

OCTOBER 13, 2016
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The October 13, 2016 Town Council Meeting was called to order by John L. Lewis, Jr., President of the Foster Town Council, at the Foster Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:01 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
John L. Lewis, Jr., President	Renee M. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor
Denise DiFranco, Vice President,	Chief William Ziehl
Cheryl Hawes,	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Gordon Rogers,	Joe Carey, Planning Board Chair
and Jon Restivo.	

**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 announced that Town Planner Juliana King had been appointed to serve on a State Special Legislative Commission to Study the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act. Mr. Lewis also referenced that work was progressing on the new Town website.

**III. PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There was none.

IV. MINUTES

Denise DiFranco moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2016 meeting.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, abstained; Gordon Rogers, abstained. Motion passed 3-0, with two abstentions.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Lewis asked for a correction to a spelling error on page 3.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

V. WARRANTS

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #11 in the amount of \$32,076.74.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$35,655.16.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$43,478.91.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve General Warrant #7 in the amount of \$271,697.49.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Jon Restivo seconded, to approve General Warrant #7A in the amount of \$200.00.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon

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- Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused. Motion passed 4-0, one recusal.
- VI. MONTHLY REPORTS**
- Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to accept the August, 2016 monthly reports from the DPW Department, and Finance Department, as presented.
- John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS**
- Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to accept the quarterly reports from the Land Trust, as presented.
- John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS**
- a.) Recreation Field Grant Update/Confirmation letter to DEM**
- John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the Council had a letter in front of them from the Dept. of Environmental Management regarding grant funds to be issued to the Town if the Green Economy bond issue passes the November election (Exhibit A). Information on that bond issue was also in front of the Council (Exhibit B).
- Mr. Lewis passed a letter out to the Council that he had written in response to the letter from DEM, and read it aloud. He asked the Council if they would permit him to send the letter to DEM.
- Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to send the letter to the State.
- John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- b.) Update, Police Station/Fire/Rescue Radio System**
- Police Chief Ziehl reported that Verizon had rerouted the damaged underground line to an above-ground fiber optic cable, so that all the phone lines were operational again. There had not been any further issues with the radios since the last rain storm; but the Council needed to determine next steps to solve future issues.
- Topics of discussion were:
- Replacing the old underground conduit and wiring.
 - Associated costs with all options
 - Going out to bid for the microwave system and new technology
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- a.) Additions & Abatements, Tax Assessor**
- Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to honor the request of the Tax Assessor for the following additions and abatements: Motor Vehicle Abatements in the total amount of \$327.60, and Tangible Abatements in the total amount of \$327.60. (Exhibit C)
- Discussion: The tangible amount listed on the face sheet was incorrect; the actual amount was \$236.16.
- Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to amend the motion to Tangible Abatements in the total amount of \$236.16.
- John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Amended motion passed 5-0.
- John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Main motion passed 5-0
- b.)Thanksgiving Proclamation**
- Council President John L. Lewis, Jr. read a request from DHS Director Carol Mauro, on behalf of the Foster Clergy Association, for this annual Proclamation, to be read at the Thanksgiving ecumenical service to be held on Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the Town House.
- Denise DiFranco read the Proclamation. (Exhibit D)
- Cheryl Hawes moved, Denise DiFranco seconded, to approve the Proclamation as read.
- John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

- X. PUBLIC HEARING

a.) Second Hand License Application, Paul Hayhurst d/b/a GCC Auto Sales, LLC

Mr. Lewis stated that this new license was for the old Wilson’s Auto location.

Mr. Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Lewis asked for any comments in favor of the application. Heidi Rogers spoke in favor.

Mr. Lewis asked for comments in opposition: there were none.

The public hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Denise DiFranco moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to grant the second hand license application for Paul Hayhurst, d/b/a GCC Auto Sales, LLC at 175 Danielson Pike contingent upon receiving proof of the State dealer’s license.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Website Presentation
 - Bid Award, Police Station Microwave Antenna
 - LESO Program Update
 - Financial Statements and Standards Policies & Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
 - Public hearing, Dog License Ordinance Revisions, October 27
 - Kennel Ordinance Revisions
 - PRISM Streetlights, Next Steps
 - Bid Award for Revaluation, November 10
 - Amendment to Dog License Ordinance(s)
 - Bid Award, Town House Concrete Stair Replacement, October 27
 - Liquor Licenses, next steps.
- XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Jon Restivo, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 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