

## Town Council Meeting February 23, 2017

The February 23, 2017, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Benjamin Eddy Building, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

**Denise DiFranco, President**  
**Chris Stone, Vice President**  
**Gordon Rogers**  
**Michael Dillon**  
**Cheryl Hawes**

Also present:

Solicitor, Atty. Mark Tourgee  
Police Chief William Ziehl  
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

### I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter read from Barbara Tucker and Stacie MacLeod commending all of the volunteers who assisted in rescuing a deer from the Barden Reservoir.

### III. WARRANTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve **Payroll Warrant #31** for \$34,917.15.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve **Payroll Warrant #32** for \$40,111.24.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve **General Warrant #15** for \$62,376.32

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve **General Warrant #15a** for \$150.00

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

### IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports as presented for January.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. School Budget

Regional School Department Budget Presentation by Superintendent Michael Barnes.

#### B. Assessor's Additions and Abatements

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the Tax Assessor's Additions and Abatements: Motor Vehicle Abatements totaling \$163.80.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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**C. Resolution to  
support the Town  
of Gloucester's Low  
and Moderate  
Income Housing**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve a resolution in support of Gloucester's Resolution requesting a special legislative commission to study the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act (see Exhibit A).

Discussion: Gordon Rogers, Denise DiFranco.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS**

1. Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
2. Kennel Ordinance Revisions
3. Town House Basement Stair Replacement

**VIII. EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant RIGL 42-46-5, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) - Personnel.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session began at 7:49pm.

Executive Session ended at 8:43 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN  
OPEN SESSION**

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers 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.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Session resumed 8:44 p.m.

Denise DiFranco stated that no were taken during Executive Session.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Gordon moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Submitted by

Susan M. Dillon  
Town Clerk