

The March 9, 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 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

Also present:

Solicitor, Atty. Joanna Achilles
Police Chief William Ziehl
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

**I. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise stated Molly Thoman passed away and she would like a moment of silence.

III. MINUTES

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to accept the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded to accept the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

IV. WARRANTS

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #33 for \$33,236.19.

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 #34 for \$32,693.50.

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

Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve General Warrant #16 for \$174,381.95.

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

V. OLDBUSINESS

Road and Bridge Plan

Bob Clarkin reviewed the Road and Bridge Plan; he has not made any changes, but stated that if the five year road plan is not funded then there wouldn't be much to talk about. He would like to see more dirt roads paved on the list. He will review the plan and bring it back to the council at a later date.

Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Cheryl Hawes, Michael Dillon, Joe Carey.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to re-bid the Ball field with the performance bond listed.

Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, nay; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-1, Cheryl Hawes voting no.

Discussion: Atty Joanna Achille, John Lewis, Cheryl Hawes, Gordon Rogers and Denise DiFranco

Cheryl Hawes amended the motion, Michael Dillon seconded to have the town pay the cost of the bond. Premier Tree would submit two bills one for the price of the field and one for the performance bond amount.

Denise DiFranco, nay; Chris Stone, nay; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, nay; and Michael Dillon, nay 1-4 motion failed.

Nehemiah Angel Barn

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded to move agenda item G. lease property beneath the Nehemiah Angell Barn to agenda item A., to be heard first.

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 move forward with signing the lease for the property beneath the Nehemiah Angell Barn that was donated to the Foster Preservation Society so they can get grants to repair the property and the 3-foot boarder from the existing foundation for a period of 10 years.

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

Roadkill Bike Race

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded to approve the Roadkill Bike Race route on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Discussion: Chief Ziehl, Gordon Rogers, Atty Joanna Achille, Michael Dillon, Cheryl Hawes.

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

ECCC Road Race

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded to approve the ECCC Road Championship Race Saturday, April 22, 2017.

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

Gordon Rogers amended the motion to include the Chief Ziehl's signature on the RI Department of Transportation Parade/Event Permit, Michael Dillon seconded.

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

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| Planner Resignation | Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the Planners Resignation with regrets. Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| Planner Position advertising | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to advertise the Planners Position. Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0 |
| Animal Control Retirement | Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the Animal Control Officer Resignation with regrets. Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| Animal Control Advertising | Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone moved to advertise to replace the Animal Control Officer. Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0 |
| VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations. Town House Basement Stairs Replacement. Road and Bridge Plan Executive Session began at 8:45p.m. |
| IX. 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) - Grievance. and pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) – Negotiations. Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0. |
| RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION | Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon 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. Executive Session ended at 10:03p.m Public Session resumed 10:04 p.m. |

Denise DiFranco stated that no were taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

**Gordon moved, Cheryl Hawes 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 10:05 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