

Town Council Meeting
April 27, 2017

The April 27, 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:	Also present:
Denise DiFranco, President	Solicitor, Atty. Mark Tourgee
Chris Stone, Vice President	Police Chief William Ziehl
Gordon Rogers	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Michael Dillon	
Cheryl Hawes	

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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. ANNOUNCEMENTS | Denise DiFranco wanted to thank everyone who participated in Earth Day. She also asked for a moment of silence for Danny Calise who passed away this week. |
| III. PUBLIC COMMENTS | Betty Lou Terry and Guenter Bay. |
| IV. MINUTES | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to accept the meeting minutes for March 23, 2017, corrected to remove Cheryl Hawes’ name from the Executive Portion of the meeting.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the meeting minutes for April 13, 2017, corrected to remove Guenter Bay’s name from Public Comments.</p> <p>Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye; Motion carried 5-0.</p> |
| V. WARRANTS | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #37 for \$33,734.27
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #40 for \$31,538.58.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Mike Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #41 for \$32,088.38.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone, to table General Warrant #19 for \$28,142.30.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone, to accept General Warrant #19A for \$350.00.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; and Michael Dillon, recused. Motion carried 3-0, with 2 recusals.</p> |
| VI. MONTHLY REPORTS | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Monthly Reports for Building & Zoning, Public Works, Finance Department, Human Services, Planning Department, Police Department, RIRRC and Tax Assessor for March.</p> <p>Chris Stone and Denise DiFranco noted that the Planning Department did not submit a report for March. Denise DiFranco also stated that she would like Juliana King to submit a summary of what she is working on for the new Planner.</p> |

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**VII. QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the Quarterly Reports as presented for January, February, and March from the Board of Canvassers, Civil Preparedness, Conservation Commission, Engineering Board, Foster Ambulance Corps, Foster Center Fire Co., Foster School Committee, Land Trust, Libraries, Planning Board, Recreation Committee, South Foster Fire Co., and Tax Board of Review.

Discussion: Denise DiFranco noted that we are currently looking for two members to serve on the Conservation Committee.

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Appointment
of Advisory
Committee**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to table the appointment of the Advisory Committee for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan until the next scheduled meeting.

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

**B. Bids for sale of
LESO
equipment**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to accept the LESO bid for the diesel engines in the amount of \$30,501.00.

Discussion: Chief Zeihl and Gordon Rogers

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Zero Waste
Presentation**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to table the Zero Waste Presentation by Kristen Brown until a later date as she did not attend the meeting.

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

**B. Wedding
venue request**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept the request to allow the use of the Town House for the Grimley/Hearns Wedding on August 19, 2017, at 3:00p.m.

Discussion: Chief Zeihl will have an officer open and close the Town House on the day of the wedding.

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

**C. Temporary
Dog
Ordinance**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to table the Temporary Dog Ordinance for Foster Old Home Days until the next council meeting.

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

**D. Regionaliza-
tion of Animal
Control**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded that the council would appoint two council members to discuss the possibility of regionalizing the Animal Control Department with Scituate.

Discussion: Chris Stone and Gordon Rogers will be on the committee.

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

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**E. Appointment
of Animal
Control
Officer**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to table the Animal Control Officer Position to a later date.

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

**X. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations.
- Temporary Dog Ordinance for Foster Old Home Days
- Policies and Procedures for use of Town Buildings
- Regionalization of Animal Control with Scituate
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Appointment of Advisory Committee

**XI. EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to:
RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 637, negotiations;
RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) – International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 637- Arbitration;
RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) –Litigation Cedar Swamp Realty;
RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) –Litigation Tzitzouris vs Foster Zoning Board, and
RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) –Litigation Balfour vs Town of Foster.

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

Executive Session began at 7:28 p.m.

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 7:53 p.m.

Denise DiFranco stated that two votes were taken during Executive Session. The first was a matter regarding litigation: Cedar Swamp Realty and the Tzizouris vs. Foster Zoning Board. Both votes were 5-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by unanimous vote.

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