

The April 13, 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 requested a moment of silence for Matthew Alsfeld. |
| III. PUBLIC COMMENT | The following people spoke with concerns about 6 Mount Hygeia Road: Lynne Rider, Atty. Mark Tourgee, John Neule, Pam Fontaine, Roger Michaud, Catheryn MacDonald, and Eva Szosz. Guenter Bay. |
| IV. WARRANTS | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #38 for \$33,412.78.
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 #39 for \$41,206.47.
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 General Warrant #18 for \$99,774.07.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> |
| MEETING MOVED | <i>The meeting was moved to the Foster Town House due to the large number of attendees which exceeded the seating capacity of the Benjamin Eddy Building.</i> |
| V. OLDBUSINESS
EMA Department Trailer | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to put the EMA trailer at the Woody Lowden Center.
Discussion: Lynne Rider, Guenter Bay, Gordon Rogers, Denise Difranco, Cheryl Hawes, and Chief Ziehl.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> |
| VI. NEWBUSINESS
Nat'l Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee | <p>National Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation by Carissa Lord of Vanasse Hanger Brustin, Inc.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to postpone the selection of a Advisory Plan Committee for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan until the next Town Council Meeting.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> |
| FY 2017-2018 Budget | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded to give the Department Heads a ½ % increase in salary.
Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Lynne Rider, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Patti Moreau, and Chris Stone.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, nay; and Michael Dillon, recused. Motion carried 3-1 with 1 recusal.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to approve the FY 2017-2018 Budget to include the additional increases that were approved.
Denise DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, nay; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-1.</p> |

Discussion: Denise DiFranco, Gordon Rogers, Lynne Rider, Cheryl Hawes, Kelli Russ, Patti Moreau, Chris Stone, and Jeff Sheldon.

Cheryl Hawes moved, Chris Stone seconded, to amend the motion to include a \$4,000.00 increase to Human Services and a \$2,175.00 increase to the Perpetual Care.

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

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to have two council members, Cheryl Hawes and Gordon Rogers; a Planning member, Tom Mercier; and a Zoning member, John Esposito; to meet and review resumes for the Town Planner position.

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. Town House Basement Stairs Replacement.
- 3. Road and Bridge Plan
- 4. Status on Rt. 6

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) - 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.
Executive Session began at 8:25p.m.

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 9:15p.m
Public Session resumed 9:16 p.m.

Denise DiFranco stated that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

IX. 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