

Town Council Meeting  
May 25, 2017

The May 25, 2017, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Foster Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
<b>Denise L. DiFranco, President</b>	Asst. Solicitor, Atty. Joanna Achille
<b>Chris Stone, Vice President</b>	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
<b>Gordon Rogers</b>	
<b>Michael Dillon</b>	
<b>Cheryl Hawes</b>	

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| <b>I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>                             | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  |
| <b>II. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>                                  | None.  |
| <b>III. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                                  | Denise L. DiFranco reminded everyone of the Parade on Memorial Day.  |
| <b>IV. WARRANTS</b>  | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, move accept Payroll <b>Warrant #44</b> for \$33,133.15.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, move accept Payroll <b>Warrant #45</b> for \$32,059.76.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes, to accept General <b>Warrant #21</b> for \$63,966.25.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes, to accept General <b>Warrant #21A</b> for \$150.00.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 4-0. 1 recusal.</p> |
| <b>V. MONTHLY REPORTS</b>                                  | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to accept April’s Monthly Reports for the Building &amp; Zoning Department, Department of Public Works, Finance Department, Human Services, Police Department, RIRRC and Tax Assessor.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0</p>   |
| <b>VI. PUBLIC HEARING</b>                                  |  |
| <b>A. Temporary Dog Ordinance for Foster Old Home Days</b> | <p>Denise L. DiFranco read the Proposed Temporary Dog Ordinance for Foster Old Home Days.<br/>Discussion: Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Mooney, Gordon Rogers, Denise L. DiFranco, Michael Dillon and Cheryl Hawes.</p> <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to approve the Temporary Dog Ordinance for Foster Old Home Days as read.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0</p>   |
| <b>VII. OLD BUSINESS</b>                                   |  |
| <b>A. Procedures for Use of Town Buildings</b>             | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to have the Town Clerk come up with a list of exemptions for rentals of particular events.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>   |
| <b>VIII. NEW BUSINESS</b>                                  |  |
| <b>A. Town Ordinance Review – Fire Departments</b>         | <p>Denise L. DiFranco read the Proposed Town Ordinance – Chapter 29: Volunteer Fire Departments. Ms. DiFranco announced that there would be no discussion tonight and that the proposed ordinance would be on the next Town Council Agenda for discussion.</p>   |
| <b>B. Resignation from Conservation Commission</b>         | <p>Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept Ed Schernau’s letter of resignation from the Foster Conservation Commission.<br/>Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.</p>   |

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**C. Use of  
Fairgrounds**

Cheryl Hawes moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve the use of the Town Fairgrounds on September 9, 2017, for the Foster Churches Association’s Volunteer Supper.  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**IX. FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS**

- Financial Statements and Standards Policies and Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
- Appointment to Conservation Committee
- Exceptions to Rental Agreement
- Zero Waste Presentation by Kristen Brown

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session began at 7:39 p.m.

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (9) Arbitration and RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) Litigation.

Denise L. 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, 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 L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.  
Executive session ended 8:03 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Gordon Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adjourn the meeting  
Denise L. DiFranco, aye; Chris Stone, aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; and Michael Dillon, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 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