

Foster Town Council Meeting Agenda

BENJAMIN EDDY BUILDING, 6 SOUTH KILLINGLY ROAD, FOSTER, RI 02825

Thursday, August 10, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA *disc/action*

1. Meeting Minutes

Approval of July 13, 2023 amended and July 27, 2023

Warrants

Approval of General Warrant **FY2023 #24** \$53,613.00 **FY2024 #03** \$207,059.96

2. Monthly Reports June 2023

- B & Z b. DPW c. Finance d. Planning e. Police f. RIRRC

3. Additions and Abatements

2020 Motor Vehicle Abatement \$401.10 2021 Motor Vehicle Abatement \$389.76

2023 Tangible Tax Abatement \$5178.57 2022 Tangible Tax Abatement \$250.82

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS *disc/action*

- 1. Event Permit Application for Eric Weiner of P&EE Consulting Inc. dba PVD Food Truck Events, with the support of the Recreation Department, for a Mobile Food Establishment Event to be held on **8/23/2023** at the Foster Fairgrounds, 181 Howard Hill Road, Foster**

- 2. Second Hearing**

Recommended by the Planning Board at its May and June meetings.

- The recommendations include amendments to Sec. 38-191 – Public and Semi Public Uses - #2 & #3, Sec. 38-191 – Business Uses #19, Sec 38-191 – Notes: #3.
- The recommendations also propose an addition to Sec. 38-191 Wholesale Business and Storage.
- The recommendations propose the removal of Sec. 10-101 – 10-113

- 3. First Hearing**

- The recommendations include amendments to the Foster Zoning Ordinance Sec. 38-2 - (Definitions) of “Community residence”; “Day care — Family daycare home”; to meet RIGL 45-24-31.
- The recommendations include additions to the Foster Zoning Ordinance Sec. 38-2 (Definitions) of “Cannabis Cultivator”; “Cannabis establishment”; “Cannabis product manufacturer” or “marijuana product manufacturer”; “Cannabis retailer” or “marijuana retailer”; “Medical cannabis treatment center” or “Medical marijuana treatment center”; “Winery”; “Farm Brewery”; “Micro-Brewery”; “Distillery”; and “Farm Distiller”.
- The recommendations also include amendments to the Foster Zoning Ordinance Sec. 38-191 (Table of Uses) for the residential use of “Community residences, and family daycare homes”; and for the restaurants and entertainment use of “Microbrewery, attached to or maintained as part of a restaurant”.
- The recommendations also include additions to the Foster Zoning Ordinance Sec. 38-191 (Table of Uses).

- The additions include business uses for “Winery”; “Farm Brewery”; “Micro-Brewery”; “Distillery”; “Farm Distiller”; “Cannabis or marijuana cultivator”; “Cannabis establishment or marijuana establishment”; “Cannabis product manufacturer or marijuana product manufacturer”; “Cannabis retailer or marijuana retailer”; “Medical cannabis treatment center or Medical marijuana treatment center”; and “Day care — Family daycare home”
- The recommendation also proposes the removal of “Brewery or distillery” from Sec. 38-193 – (Prohibited Uses) The recommendation also proposes the addition of supplementary regulations for recreational marijuana uses.

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VI.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Police Building Update *disc/action*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Always Learning Rhode Island: Community Center *disc/action*
2. Recreational Field Update *disc/action*
3. Land Trust Appointment *disc/action*
4. Recreation – Letters of Resignation *disc/action*
5. Department Head Meetings (per Charter Sec.2.21) *disc/action*
6. Juvenile Board Reappointment David Sweet *disc/action*
7. Juvenile Board Reappointment Mary Jo Chretien *disc/action*
8. Bid Award Tree Removal *disc/action*
9. Signage and Landscaping/Maintenance at the Town Hall *disc/action*
10. Request from Cornerstone Farm horse shows; Date are Aug. 20th, Sept. 27th and Oct. 15th, to use the fairgrounds. *disc/action*
11. Assignment of Bid Award Authority- Police Admin Vehicles *disc/action*
12. Review July 18th Meeting Minutes *disc/action*

VII.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (2) Litigation

1. PC-2022-04591 Mill Road Realty Associates, LLC et al .v. Town of Foster et.al. *disc/action*

2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), (1) Personnel

Alison Bouchard – Social Services Director, drafting and approval of written warning (no substantive discussion) *disc/action*

VIII.

3. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (A) (2) Contracts

Proposed Amendment to Lease between Town of Foster and Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company (discussion only)

ADJOURNMENT

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