

Foster Town Council Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA *disc/action*

A. Warrants

Approval of General Warrant **FY2023 #26** \$30,115.43 **FY2024 #05** \$237,538.10

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS *disc/action*

1st Hearing – Zoning

Sec. 38-358 – Development Standards for Highway Commercial 2 (HC2) (Addition)

- Proposed addition of development standards to accompany the addition of the proposed HC2 zoning district. Development standards are proposed to assist in maintaining a balance between commercial, residential, and agricultural uses. Sec. 38-358 is currently reserved.

Sec. 38-191 (Table of Uses) (Amendment)

- Proposed removal of NC, MI, and R-SC zoning districts. Proposed addition of HC2 zoning district. Uses amended based on least restrictive permitted uses in districts to be removed. Notes found in Sec. 38-191 to be removed and replaced for organizational purposes.

Sec. 38- 192 (Dimensional regulations) (Amendment)

- Dimensional regulations proposed to be amended to create more consistent setback regulations. Setback regulations designed based on the Rural and Suburban Fire Safety Manual. Removal of districts as proposed by Sec. 38-191 and 38-132 is proposed in Sec. 38-192. Overlay districts proposed to be added for municipal uses and uses within historic districts.

Sec. 38-288 (Sign Regulations) (Amendment)

- Sign regulations proposed to be amended to account for removal and addition of the zoning districts explained in the paragraphs above. Some sign regulations amended in effort to work toward a future dark sky ordinance proposal, to clarify prohibited signs, or to alleviate inconsistencies existing within the section.

The proposed amendments, additions, and removals may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing

2nd Hearing- Zoning

The recommendation includes the removal of Sec. 38-132 of the Foster Zoning Ordinance (official zoning map) and its replacement as an attachment to the Zoning Ordinance with several significant amendments.

V. OLD BUSINESS *disc/action*

Approval of funding for two 4"x 8" signs from a concept picture of the New Police Station

VI. NEW BUSINESS *disc/action*

- A. Multipurpose Community Facility Projects Municipal Grant Fund (Library)
- B. Resignation of Board of Canvassers' Member (Bruce Kopec: Republican)
- C. Appointment of Board of Canvassers' Member (Republican)
- D. Resignation of Alternate Board of Canvassers' Member (Cristina DiChiera: Democrat)
- E. Appointment of Alternate Board of Canvassers' Member (Judy Williams: Democrat)
- F. Recreation Committee - Appointment requests

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. ADJOURNMENT

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