

Foster Town Council Meeting Agenda

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

Thursday, October 12, 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 September 14, 2023 and September 28, 2023
2. Approval of General Warrants **FY2024 #6** \$130,805.73
3. Abatements
4. Approval of July and August 2023 Monthly Reports

B&Z	DPW	Police Dept.	PB & ZBR	RIRRC	FINANCE
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IV. PUBLIC HEARING 2nd Hearing *disc/action*

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.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Police Station Update *disc/action*
2. Vote to combine RFP for Police Station *disc/action*
3. Department Head Meetings (per Charter Sec. 2.21) *disc/action*
4. Signage and Landscaping/Maintenance at the Town Hall (letter from Planning Board dated 7/26/23) *disc/action*
5. Multipurpose Community Facility Projects Municipal Grant Fund: Update *disc/action*

VI. SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMEBER

VII. PUBLIC HEARING 1st Hearing *disc/action*

Sec. 38-91 – Procedure

Proposes amendments necessary to meet the requirements of RIGL effective January 1, 2024. Relating to appeals heard by the zoning board of review and the superior court.

Sec. 38-93 – Public Hearing

Proposes amendments necessary to meet the requirements of RIGL effective January 1, 2024. Relating to appeals heard by the zoning board of review and the superior court.

Sec. 38-94 – Decision and records of the zoning board of review

Proposes amendments necessary to meet the requirements of RIGL effective January 1, 2024. Relating to appeals heard by the zoning board of review and the superior court.

Sec. 38-277 – Sewerage Disposal

Proposes reduction of setbacks in conjunction with proposed amendments to dimensional regulations.

Sec. 38-285 – Standards for commercial and industrial development

Proposed removal of this reserved section and replacement with supplementary regulations pertaining to drive-through uses.

Sec. 38-131 – Division of town into; enumeration

Proposes removal of the MI, NC, and R-SC in continuity with the proposed amendments to Sec. 38-132 – Official Zoning Map. Proposes addition of HC2 zoning district.

Sec. 38-272 – Yard Exceptions

Proposes removal of the MI, NC, and R-SC in continuity with the proposed amendments to Sec. 38-132 – Official Zoning Map. Proposes addition of HC2 zoning district.

Sec. 38-292 – Solar Installations

Proposes removal of the MI, NC, and R-SC in continuity with the proposed amendments to Sec. 38-132 – Official Zoning Map. Proposes addition of HC2 zoning district.

Proposes the addition of battery storage as a major solar installation.

Sec. 38-430 – Planning board report

Proposes the lack of changed conditions as a viable reason for the Planning Board to recommend an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Nomination of Town Council Vice President *disc/action*
2. Appointment of Tax Collector-Administrator *disc/action*
3. Letter from the Conservation Committee *disc/action*
4. Town Hall Second Floor Build Out *disc/action*
5. Approval of Bid for Winter Sand *disc/action*

6. Bid Award for Municipal Technical Assistance Program Grant: RFP and Spec *disc/action*
7. Bid Award for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update *disc/action*

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION *disc/action*
PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5A (2) Contract Negotiations

Contract Negotiations (DPW) Update between the Town of Foster and RI Laborers District Council, Local 1322

X. ADJOURNMENT

AMENDED