

Foster Town Council Meeting Agenda

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

Live Stream using Zoom via Computer or Phone

Thursday, April, 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA *disc/action*

1. Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2024, April 11, 2024
2. Approval of General Warrants FY2024 #19 \$46,275.28
3. Monthly Reports (February & March)
4. Quarterly Reports (January – March)

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS *disc/action*

1st Hearing

Sec. 38-280 – House trailers or mobile homes.

Recommendation to amend terminology to match definitions listed in 38-2 for “manufactured home”, “mobile home”, and “house trailer”. Recommendation to cite exceptions by which a temporary structure may be permitted as a temporary substitute residence following damage, pursuant to RISBC-1.

2nd Hearing – Homestead Exemption

1. Homestead Exemptions. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general or special laws to the contrary, the town council may annually fix the amount of homestead exemptions with respect to assessed value from taxation on taxable real property used for owner occupied residential purposes in the town and to grant homestead exemptions to such residential real estate in an amount not to exceed forty percent (40%) of the assessed value. Any such exemption shall only apply to residential property improved with a dwelling house. Any such dwelling house shall consist of no more than four (4) dwelling units.

2nd Hearing:

1. Sec. 6-51. - Required.

This section is not moving forward with recommendation. Event licenses are currently only required for recreational events or amusements where a fee is charged.

2. Sec. 6-52 - Relief from zoning board of review required prior to acceptance of application.

Recommendation to remove section. Application procedure is covered in Sec. 6-53.

3. Sec. 6-54 – Notice to owners of meeting

Recommendation to require the Town Clerk to provide proof of mailing to property owners within 300 feet of the subject property at a public hearing for a recreational event or amusement. Recommendation to specify a time period for legal advertising. Recommendation to allow a waiver of a hearing to be granted by the Town council for reoccurring events or events held on town-owned property.

4. Sec. 6-55 – Notice to chief of police and building inspector of meeting

Recommendation to specify that the town clerk shall notify the police chief and the fire chief of the upcoming hearing for an event and to forward such persons the application for comment prior to the hearing. The fire chief of the fire company of which the subject property is under the jurisdiction of shall be notified. Recommendation to remove the building official from the review of events.

5. Sec. 6-56 – Fees.

Recommendation to include that any additional fees specified by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, or Town Council during review shall be paid prior to the date on which the event or amusement is proposed to be held.

6. Sec. 6-57. - Review of application; approval or approval with conditions.

Recommendation to remove the building official from review of events. Recommendation to specify that the town council shall only review event license applications during the public hearing described in Sec. 6-54, after the application has been reviewed by the police chief and jurisdictional fire chief.

7. Sec. 16-31 – Definitions.

Recommendation to define “mobile home”, “house trailer”, and “manufactured home”. Definition for manufactured home is that which is defined in RISBC-2. Definition for “mobile home” is the same as the definition for “manufactured home” with the condition that a “mobile home” was built prior to 1976. Definition for “house trailer” is a temporary structure with or without a permanent foundation that is used as a temporary residence following an unexpected event.

8. Sec. 16-57 – Procedure for applying for installation permit.

Recommendation to specify that the procedure for application for installation permit is the same as that which is found in RISBC-2.

9. Sec. 16-58 – Standards to govern issuance of installation permit.

Recommendation to specify that installation permits shall only be issued if the standards found in RISBC-2 are met.

10. Sec. 16-59 – Hearing on issuance of installation permit; issuance or denial of permit.

Recommendation to remove this section. There is no requirement for a hearing for an installation permit in RISBC-2.

11. Sec. 16-60 – Temporary permits.

Recommendation to specify that a temporary structure may be issued by the building official as described in RISBC-1.

12. Sec. 38-2 – Definitions.

Recommendation to define “mobile home”, “house trailer”, and “manufactured home”. Definition for manufactured home is that which is defined in RISBC-2. Definition for “mobile home” is the same as the definition for “manufactured home” with the condition that a “mobile home” was built prior to 1976. Definition for “house trailer” is a temporary structure with or without a permanent foundation that is used as a temporary residence following an unexpected event.

13. Sec. 38-272 – Yard exceptions.

Recommendation to replace the word “yard” with the word “setback” to explain that the exceptions listed in this section are related to obstructions within a setback.

VI. OLD BUSINESS *disc/action*

1. Engineering Board Meeting (2 Council Members to attend)
2. Update on APRA Funds
3. Town Hall Storage 2nd floor
4. Reconsideration of December 14th 2023 Minutes

VII. NEW BUSINESS *disc/action*

1. Reevaluation Letter and Assessments
2. Multipurpose Community Facility Projects Municipal Grant Fund (MOU)
3. Charter Amendments
4. Recycling/Tipping Fees
5. Construction Permit Fee Increase.
6. To Support and Approve the Foster School District’s Necessity of School Construction Application for RIDE Stage II Approval.
7. Food Truck Events, June 26th, August 21st, Alternate Dates June 10th, 17th and August 28th.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION *disc/action*

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

1. Letter of Representation from Sam Kennedy-Smith, Esq. –S. Dillon, C. Sholly, S. Boucher, J. Stoos.

A. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5 (A), (1) Personnel

1. Gordon Rogers – Procedure
2. DPW Director – Gordon Rogers

B. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5 (A), (2) Collective Bargaining

1. Lt. Eva – Family Medical Leave/MOU

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

SUSAN DILLON is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Foster Town Council Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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