



## Benjamin Eddy Building

*For information only:*

The Benjamin Eddy Building is named after former Town Clerk Benjamin G. Eddy who held the position of Town Clerk from 1918 to 1960.

The building served as the original Town Hall until the new and current building was erected in 1990.

This building, located on the corner of Howard Hill Road and South Killingly Road, is now used as a meeting house for many of the Town Boards and Commissions. The address is 6 South Killingly Road.

The single story building includes a restroom facility but has very limited parking on the road. It is suitable for small groups, training sessions, and informational meetings for town organizations. It is also the site of the Veterans Memorial and a ceremony is held there every Veterans Day.

The Eddy Building is not available for rental. Capacity: 42 persons (with tables and chairs)

## Equipment & Decorations

Any equipment brought to any Town facility must be pre-approved at the time of application. Rented trampolines or inflatables are allowed only with proof of insurance from the supply vendor. Decorations must be reviewed by the Town Clerk and the Fire Chief in advance.

Waterslides, fireworks, bonfires, pyrotechnics, and incendiary devices of any kind are strictly forbidden, including sky lanterns with a fuel source.

## Amplified Sound / Live Music

Approval from the Foster Police and Town Council must be specifically obtained if amplified music is planned for any event. This would include karaoke, live DJs, and / or live music. Strict hours for the end time will be set.

## Food Vendors

Must show current Dept. of Health license.

## Trash

Applicants are responsible for removal of any trash / debris generated at their event.

## Insurance Requirements

A minimum of \$1,000,000.00 general liability (TULIP) insurance policy may be required prior to your event (as determined by the Town Clerk), naming the town of Foster as an additional insured. Applicants may obtain their own policy; or alternatively, a policy may be acquired as recommended by the RI Interlocal Trust at [onebeaconentertainment.com](http://onebeaconentertainment.com)

*The Town of Foster is not responsible for any equipment or entertainment items brought onto the grounds. The Town is not liable for any injuries sustained while on Town property.*

**The Town of Foster has the right to refuse any applicant for rental of a town building.**

# Town Facilities Rental Policy

The Town of Foster has three public facilities available for rental: the Town House, the Woody Lowden Center, and the Fairgrounds. Individuals and groups may request to use the facilities for various functions. Fees vary for each facility and may be waived for local non-profit organizations.

The Foster Police and /or the area Fire Chief may be called upon to approve applications and make recommendations for safety and security if necessary. Events with more than 200 attendees may require a police detail, the cost of which will be borne by the applicant.

The Town has a strict no-alcohol policy, and there is no smoking allowed inside any town buildings.

Reservations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis and are subject to availability. Town Boards and Commissions have preference.

*Fees are detailed on the application form and vary by residency and number of attendees.*



## Woody Lowden Center

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The Woody Lowden Recreation Center was constructed in the mid-1970s with funds raised by the Boy Scouts. Through the efforts of over 150 volunteers, the building was erected in an old style “barn raising”. In 1976 it was given to the Town of Foster as a Bicentennial gift to be used as a youth center.

The building now functions as a polling place and community center with senior groups, scouts, and various clubs meeting on a regular basis. The ball fields are used by organizations for baseball and soccer. Outdoor exercise equipment and the playground area are open to the public.

There is no smoking or alcohol use at the center. Food is allowed. All functions must be over by 9:00 p.m. out of respect for the nearby residents.

The building must be reserved ahead of time. Please see the rental application for fees.



## Town Fairgrounds

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The Town Fairgrounds encompass about two acres of open field. Individuals and groups may request to use the grounds for various functions.

Event parking is permitted on the field. Events anticipating more than 50 cars on the field must provide parking attendants to direct traffic in an orderly fashion.

Renters may have the use of the grounds, including the performance platform in front of the Town House, the show ring and bleacher seats, and the open air area of the supper shed. Not included are the kitchen area behind the supper shed, the blacksmith shop, or the livestock pens.

The Town House is not included with the rental unless rented in addition.

Applicants must supply their own restroom facilities (port-a-johns). The roadway must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.



## Town House

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Built in 1796 by the Second Baptist Church of Foster, the Town House was deeded to the Town in 1822. Town meetings have been held continuously there since 1801.

The main floor of the Town House and the immediate surrounding grounds and parking lot are available for limited activities such as wedding ceremonies, dedications, or small performances.

Rental for the use of the entire Fairgrounds is not included with the rental unless specified and rented in additions.

Access to the second floor, and under stair storage places are denied. The relocation of existing seating benches is not permitted except with special permission.

Food, beverages, and smoking are not allowed inside the building. There are no bathroom facilities; applicants must supply their own portable toilets if needed.

Parking is allowed on the south side of the building. The north lot is only available Friday through Sunday.