

July 6, 2006

The July 6, 2006 town council meeting was called to order by Heidi Rogers at the Town Hall 181 Howard Hill Road, Foster, Rhode Island at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Heidi Rogers, President
Steven Bellucci, Vice President
Ralph Berkowitz, absent
Colette J. Matarese
Harold R. Shippee, Sr.
Steven Woerner, Finance Director from the Town of Lincoln
Bradford Gorham, Esq., Town Solicitor

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to go into executive session according to 42-46-4&5 for the purpose of discussing personnel and to conduct interviews with four candidates for the position of Treasurer and to reconvene and further to keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all executives sessions held previous to this meeting be closed and remain closed pursuant to provisions of General laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4.

(SEALED)

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to go back into the regular session

Heidi Rogers, President opened the regular town council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House, 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster, RI.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heidi Rogers announced that the Town Council Members were in executive session before the council meeting and no votes were taken.

The following people spoke under concerned citizens.

Thomas Walden, Chief of Foster Center Volunteer Fire Company commented that he noticed that there were no warrants listed and did that mean the town was not paying any bills. He asked if it was necessary for the quarterly payments to the volunteer services be on the warrants because it looked like it would not be until August when they get their monies. Heidi Rogers said that she would check with Lisa Mills. She then asked the Town Solicitor if the appropriations had to go before the council as it was approved at the Financial Town Meeting. Mr. Gorham said that the council did not necessarily have to have the warrant before them, they could vote to make quarterly appropriations to the various emergency service agencies without having a written warrant for it. He told the council members that they could simply have the vote if that was the way they wanted to proceed.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. commented that it was not posted on the agenda. Mr. Gorham asked if there was anything on the agenda that would cover the subject. Mr. Gorham said it was an unusual procedure but otherwise you have these organizations that won't be able to operate. Heidi Rogers suggested approving the amounts, having the checks cut and place on the next warrant. Heidi Rogers noted that there was a holiday this week and they did not get done.

Cheryl Davis Abbey Lane, Lynne S. Rider, Burgess Road, Gordon Rogers
Cucumber Hill Road, Norma Garnsey, East Killingly Road, Rose Salvadore, East Killingly Road, Thomas Hall of Anthony Road.

Heidi Rogers did comment that locks were put on the conference room door because the temporary help noticed that files were disturbed or missing from there.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. commented that the doors should be unlocked during working hours so the Tax Collector can use the office equipment or the Tax Collector should have a key.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. commented that he noticed that five of the public works trucks did not have current inspection stickers. He asked that someone check on that. Steven Bellucci said he would speak with the Public Works Director.

Colette J. Matarese moved Steven Bellucci seconded, and it was so voted to change the order of the day by moving Item C. under new business to be combined with Item A. Old Business.

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve the minutes of May 4, 2006.

Steven Bellucci moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the minutes of May 24, 2006.

Steven Bellucci moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the monthly reports that were submitted and they are on file at the town hall.

Colette J. Matarese moved to change the order of business by moving Item A under new Business to 6B.

Attorney Charles Knowles, Attorney for William Fortin explained to the town council that he represented William Fortin who was in the process of purchasing the assets of Snagwood Liquors and would be coming before the town council to transfer the license. He noted that his client wanted to move the business to Hartford Pike to be located in the office building for Turnquist Lumber. Mr. Knowles noted that the Zoning Ordinance in Foster did not allow a package store in a Manufacturing Industrial Zone. He proposed to the council members to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow package stores in the MI Zone. Mr. Knowles asked

the Town Council to prepare a public hearing for the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

John Lewis, Chair of the Planning Board reported that the Planning Board did discuss the matter at the Planning Board meeting the night before and they would make a full recommendation to the council after their second meeting in July. He said that the Planning Board wanted to look into why it was prohibited in the MI Zone in the first place and they wanted to research if it was more appropriate to allow with a special use permit or to just allow the package store in the MI Zone.

The council will hold a public hearing for the zoning amendment on August 10, 2006.

Heidi Rogers, President opened the public hearing for the proposed changes to the Town Charter. The advertisement that was in the Observer & Valley Breeze on June 29, 2006 was read.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor and Chair of the Charter Review Commission reported that the 5 member commission reviewed the current Charter and met with the Heads of Departments and Boards and Commission to find any problems that they may have under the present charter, he noted that the commission also spoke with people from other towns and reviewed other Charter. He noted that the commission was assisted by the Town Clerk at all their meetings. Mr. Gorham remarked that the Commission submitted the amendments in order of importance that the council may consider important for the ballot.

Section 1.01(a) Powers of the Town

Add sentence: "Provided that the power of eminent domain shall be exercised only for municipal purposes and not to benefit a private party."

Mr. Gorham remarked that the Commission believed that it would be a good statement in the outset of the Charter that it would say in this town that private property cannot be taken by the public accept for municipal purposes. He noted that in New London, Connecticut the City Council took private homes for a shopping center and that would not be permitted in Foster.

Section 8.02 Chief of Police and Section 8.03 Declaration of Emergency by Chief of Police

Revise section 8.02 to read:

There shall be a Chief of Police appointed by the Town Council for a term of three years, with a first term to commence on January 1, 2007, pursuant to an employment contract setting forth the terms of his or her employment and the compensation for same, which shall not be reduced during the period of the contract; such contract shall provide for removal only in the event of conviction of any felony or any misdemeanor involving moral ineptitude, violation of any provision of his or her

contract, violation found by the Rhode Island Ethics Committee, or disability certified by a physician selected by the Town Council.

Revise section 8.03 to read:

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to declare a state of emergency in the Town in the event of a disaster, or imminent danger thereof, which endangers the health, safety or welfare of the people, and to take such lawful action as the Chief deems necessary under the circumstances.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor commented that the Commission believed to professionalize the Office of the Chief and to give him a longer term in a contract that they proposed would be a three year term for the Chief of Police. Mr. Gorham believed that making it a three year term would make it a professional office. He also commented that someone in town should be able to declare an emergency. Mr. Gorham said that there was an Emergency Plan for Foster but there was no one designated to declare the Emergency and the Commission thought it should be the Chief of Police.

Section 2.01(b) Election and Terms

Revise section to read:

“The terms of the council members shall begin at the regular December meeting of the council on the first Thursday after the first Monday in December immediately following the approval of the minutes by the out-going council as the first order of business. Prior to this meeting the out-going council shall meet in work sessions with the in-coming council to plan an orderly transition.”

Mr. Gorham noted that in Section 2.01(b) would set a precise time for the beginning of a term for the council members. He said it would also be at the first council meeting in December right after the outgoing council approved the minutes of the previous meetings and the new council would then be sworn in. Mr. Gorham remarked that the amendment also provides that the out going and the incoming councils are to meet prior to taking office so that there would be a friendly exchange of views and ideas.

Section 9.02 (a) Planning Official

Add new Section:

“Planning Official

There shall be a Planning Official appointed by the Town Council to serve at the pleasure of the Council who shall be responsible for maintenance of the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance, the Five-Year Highway Plan, long range and short range planning, and such other duties as may be prescribed by Rhode Island law, by town ordinance or by the Town Council or Planning Board. The Planning Official shall receive such compensation as the Town Council

shall fix, within the limits of the amount appropriated by the financial town meeting.”

Mr. Gorham stated that the office of the Planning Official was never defined and it should be recognized and the official duties and authority in the Charter as other town officials.

Section 2.10 Independent Audits

Revise section to read:

“The council shall provide for financial audits and for performance audits in a five year cycle commencing in 2007. Financial audits shall be conducted in each year. A performance audit shall be conducted in year three (commencing in 2009) by a Performance Review Committee of five members appointed by the Town Council from among the citizens of the town; the committee shall review and analyze the performance of each town department, committee, board and official, both financially and for effectiveness in carrying out duties, in accordance with the standards for operational audits, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the Town Council by the end of the year of its appointment; the committee shall serve without compensation, but may require the assistance of any official, board or committee.

Mr. Gorham noted it was still provided that there would be the usual financial audits however a performance audit would be done on how well the job is getting done and see if the manpower or woman power was enough to do the job, how was the operation of the town. He also noted that the council would select 5 people from the town who have experience in business affairs and management who can conduct the performance audit.

ARTICLE XVII **Town Administrator**

Section 17.01 Office and Appointment

There shall be a Town Administrator appointed by the Town Council to serve at the pleasure of the Council. The position of Town Administrator need not be a full-time position.

Section 17.02 Qualifications

The Town Administrator shall be chosen by the Town Council solely on the basis of character and executive and administrative qualifications. The Town Administrator shall preferably be a citizen and elector of the Town.

No paid employee or official of the Town shall hold the office of Town Administrator. The Town Administrator shall not be eligible to accept any

other paid Town of Foster office or employment during tenure of office, and shall devote such time to the duties of office as shall be determined by the Town Council.

Section 17.03 Compensation

The Town Administrator shall receive such compensation as the Town Council may fix, within the limits of the amount appropriated by the Financial Town Meeting.

Section 17.04 Powers and Duties

The Town Administrator shall be chief of administration of Town government and shall see that the laws and ordinances of the Town are faithfully executed; supervise the activities of all Town officials, departments and agencies, excepting clerical and office employees under the jurisdiction of the Town Clerk, and recommend such measures to the Town Council for consideration as deemed appropriate for the welfare of the Town. In addition to the foregoing, the Town Administrator shall:

- (a) Recommend to the Town Council the appointment of all Town officials and department heads whose appointment is not otherwise provided for in this Charter. All other employees of the Town shall be appointed, promoted or dismissed by the Town Administrator with the recommendation of the cognizant department head and Town Council. The Town Administrator shall search for Town citizens to fill vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions and such other Council appointments as set forth in this Charter, and shall make recommendations for their appointments to the Town Council.
- (b) Supervise and coordinate the development and management of the operational and capital budgets of the Town departments. Review the annual budget requests of the volunteer fire and rescue companies and the libraries. Prepare recommended rates of compensation for Town office holders and employees. He or she shall not recommend rates of compensation of himself or herself, or members of the Town Council.
- (c) Submit the annual budget recommendations, as developed in (b) above, to the Town Council, and attend Town Council budget workshops, the public budget hearing and the Financial Town Meeting.
- (d) Attend regularly scheduled Town Council meetings, and such other meetings that the Council may require.
- (e) Serve on all labor contract-negotiating committees, in the capacity assigned by the Town Council.

- (f) Recommend all contracts for purchases on behalf of the Town. He or she shall see to it that the terms of all such contracts are carried out.
- (g) Have final responsibility for the care and preservation of all Town property and equipment, except that under the jurisdiction of the Land Trust or the volunteer fire and rescue companies.
- (h) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or required of him or her by the Town Council.

Section 17.05 Temporary Absence or Disability

During temporary absence or disability the Town Administrator with concurrence of the Town Council may designate by letter filed with the Town Clerk a qualified administrative officer of the Town to perform his or her duties. In the event of failure of the Town Administrator to make such designation the Council may appoint an officer of the Town to temporarily perform the duties of the Town Administrator. If any such absence or disability lasts more than sixty (60) days, the Town Council may either grant an extension or declare a vacancy in the office of Town Administrator.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor noted that the Town Administrator was a new idea while the other amendments were to get the Charter into good shape. He said it would establish a Town Administrator to administer the town, keep things coordinating, prepare the budget and make sure the departments are working together and there is cooperation between the town and the school. He said it was modeled closely on West Greenwich.

ARTICLE XVIII

Recreation Committee and Chairman

Section 18.01 Recreation Committee

There shall be a Recreation Committee which shall be responsible for Town recreation programs and facilities and the development and administration of the capital and operational budgets for same.

Section 18.02 Membership, Terms of Office and Vacancies

The Recreation Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Town Council from the citizens and electors of the Town, each for a term of five years. One or two members shall be appointed each year at the December meeting of the Town Council, to the end that the members shall have staggered five-year terms. At the December 2007 council meeting,

the council shall appoint two members for 5 years, one member for 4 years, two members for 3 years, one member for 2 years and one member for 1 year. No member shall be an elected official or employee of the Town. Vacancies shall be filled by the Town Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. The committee shall annually elect from its membership a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee shall serve without compensation.

Section 18.03 Recreation Chairman

The Chairman shall be responsible for implementation and operation of all town recreation programs and facilities as established by and under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Committee. The Chairman shall receive such compensation as the Town Council may fix, within the limits of the amount appropriated by the Financial Town Meeting.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor commented that the Recreation Committee was never established or defined and whether that needs to be done is probably a good idea however there may be too many referenda questions for the ballot.

Section 2.20 and 2.21 Reports and Meetings

Revise and combine sections as follows:

“All town departments, committees and boards, including the School Committee, shall make a report to the Town Council at such frequency, not less than quarterly, as required by the Town Council and with such content and in such form as required by the Town Council.”

Mr. Gorham said that Reports and Meetings was to clean up some language and to make sure that the council in charge gets the information they want and the frequency they want.

Section 10.17 Special Donative Accounts

Add new section:

Special Donative Accounts

The Town Council may authorize accounts to receive donations from private parties for specified public purposes (such as donations to the Recreation Committee for Little League). Such accounts shall be controlled and monitored by the Town Treasurer who may authorize persons to expend from the account on behalf of the town organization, without the necessity of the Town Council approval.

Mr. Gorham commented that Donatives account has been a problem that has popped up in the recreation committee where there is no authorization for accounts that are off budgets where people have given donations of money and the recreation committee can run a particular program. He noted that there is no provision in the Charter on how those accounts are accounted for or supervised and this would make sure it happens.

Section 5.01 (a) Non-Partisan Candidacy for School Committee

Delete entire section.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor said that if the council wants to the town could go to a partisan school committee.

Mr. Gorham told the Council Member s that it was now up to them on which ones were to go on the November ballot. He noted that the proposals have to get to the Secretary of State by August 9th so tonight was night for the council to vote.

Lynne S. Rider of Burgess Road questioned Section 2.01 Election and Terms and asked what was behind the thinking of that proposal of having the new council deal with Old Business.

Heidi Rogers noted that Mr. Gorham did discuss having meetings for the new and old council and issues would be discussed at those meetings. Mr. Gorham said that the idea was if there was an election and there was the same council or majority of the same council then the old business would be taken up however if new people came in it would not be correct for a lame duck council to be voting on important issues.

Colette J. Matarese said that she did like the idea of a specific date and the transition work sessions with the other council. She believed that a council should finish up their old business and a new council should do new business and that has been a tradition even if it wasn't written.

Gordon Rogers of Cucumber Hill Road questioned that executive session did not meet the criteria of the old and new council meeting. He was told it would be a work session.

Robert Peterson of Foster Center Road commended Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor and Chair of the Charter Commission because it takes a person of considerable moral insight to admit a past mistake and then do something about it in the future. Mr. Peterson said that the amendment would never allow a private swearing in ceremony for the majority of a new council. He said that he did not know any lawyers who would have the personal courage to admit that a legal ruling was not particularly good leadership or good for the whole town. Mr. Peterson said that he hoped for the whole council would follow the fine example of the Solicitor and not only approve this Charter Revision but work to see that it is voted into law. Mr. Peterson noted that most of the trouble that this council had had those direct events on which the council started. He asked that the council adopt the revision and follow the courageous example of Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor.

Thomas Walden of Central Pike noted that in the matter of declaring an emergency in the Emergency Operation Plan adopted by the Town Council specifies that the Town Council President declares the emergency. He believed that the council

would be hard pressed to find anywhere that where it is not the elected head of Government more importantly the Police Chief. He said that you do not want the people carrying guns declaring an emergency it was not good policy.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor said that very often in Town Government you have people on the council who have jobs out of Town and if something happens in Town you have to have someone ready to push the button.

Thomas Walden noted that there was a chain of command in the Emergency Operation Plan.

Cheryl Davis of Abbey Lane asked what would happen if the Chief was at home. Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor answered that the police always know where to get him.

Colette J. Matarese remarked that she remembers all the work done on the Emergency Plan and the Chain of Command and it was very well thought out and there was rationale behind it. She believed that the elected government were ultimately responsible for the citizens of the town whether they are at work or not. She believed that at least one out the five could be reached. She said she agreed with Thomas Walden. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. noted he agreed too.

John Lewis of Rams Tail Road that there were two changes to the Police Chief and wondered if they should be considered separate. Mr. Gorham noted that the problem with a referenda ballot was that if you put too many questions in people do not study in and reject them all. He said that it was up to the council to include both clauses or not.

Lynne S. Rider of Burgess Road said that it seems that something as important as analyzing the performance of each town department, committee and board both financially and carry out their duties should be something more than once every five years. She believed it should be an ongoing assessment of each department monthly not every five years.

Colette J. Matarese noted that there already was a provision in the Charter for a performance audit that is supposed to be done every 5 years and the difference is that it is not done by a volunteer committee.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor said that the commission thought that a comprehensive review on how the town was working with all its departments and how they were interacting and how each one does its job and related to others. He said it would be a comprehensive study of the town departments. He believed that 5 volunteers could be found to do the job.

Walter May of Anthony Road believed it was the council's responsibility to set goals and objectives for the employees.

Colette J. Matarese remarked that the council should talk about how many questions they should put on the ballot and then talk about the importance of the question. She believed that there should only be one to five questions on the ballot.

Mike Wood of Hartford Pike commented that there should be an automatic clause if there is any change in Treasurers an audit should be done.

Colette J. Matarese remarked that the question on eminent domain should be placed on the agenda. Heidi Rogers agreed with that.

Linda Prew from Round Hill Road said that she would like to see that question on the ballot.

Heidi Rogers requested that the questions on Election and Terms be placed on the ballot. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. agreed.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. believed that the question on a three year contract for the Police Chief should be on the ballot. It was agreed not to place the question on declaring an emergency on the ballot.

Colette J. Matarese believed that the question on the planning official was vitally important for the town.

Gordon Rogers of Cucumber Hill Road said that the question on the donative accounts was important to him.

Colette J. Matarese said that it was fine with her but people in the audience should discuss if they felt anything else was important.

Cheryl Davis of Abbey Lane believed that it should be placed on the ballot.

Heidi Rogers asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none she closed the public hearing.

Steven Bellucci said he moved to approve the 5 as the number to put on the ballot , Colette J. Matarese seconded his motion and clarified by indicating that the Sections were 1.01 (a), Section 2.01 (b), Section 8.02, Section 9.02 (a) and Section 10.18 and that the President is authorized to sign a Resolution adopting said amendments. Heidi Rogers asked for a vote and the motion passed.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Colette J. Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye,
Heidi Rogers aye

The Resolution is as follows:

Town of Foster
Rhode Island

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council and the qualified electors of said Town adopted a Home Rule Charter in 1976, and

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council on December 8, 2005, did appoint a Charter Review Commission to review and recommend changes to the Foster Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2006 the Charter Review Commission submitted its findings and recommended changes to the Foster Home Rule Charter, and

WHEREAS, the Foster Town Council has reviewed such findings and after public meetings has itself approved a number of matters to be submitted to the electorate in referendum form at General election to be held in the Town of Foster on November 7, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOSTER, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:

That the Town Council of the Town of Foster does hereby petition the Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island to cause to be placed upon the November 7, 2006 Election Ballot, after due publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the Town, the following questions which would result in changes to the Foster Home Rule Charter, to become effective upon the certification of the results of said election by the proper authorities, as follows:

1) Section 1.01(a) Powers of the Town

Shall the Foster Home Rule Charter be amended by adding the sentence “Provided that the power of eminent domain shall be exercised only for municipal purposes and not to benefit a private party?”

2) Section 2.01(b) Election and Terms

Shall the Foster Home Rule Charter be amended by revising the section to read “The terms of the council members shall begin at the regular December meeting of the council on the first Thursday after the first Monday in December immediately following the approval of the minutes by the out-going council as the first order of business. Prior to this meeting the out-going council shall meet in work sessions with the in-coming council to plan an orderly transition.”

3) Section 8.02 Chief of Police

Shall the Foster Home Rule Charter be amended by revising Section 8.02 to read as follows? “There shall be a Chief of Police appointed by the Town Council for a term of three years, with a first term to commence on January 1, 2007, pursuant to an employment contract setting forth the terms of his or her employment and the compensation for same, which shall not be reduced during the period of the contract; such contract shall provide for removal only in the event of conviction of any felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, violation of any provision of his or her contract, violation found by the Rhode Island Ethics Committee, or disability certified by a physician selected by the Town Council.

4) Section 9.02 (a) Planning Official

Shall the Foster Home Rule Charter be amended by adding the following new section?

“Planning Official There shall be a Planning Official appointed by the Town Council to serve at the pleasure of the Council who shall be responsible for maintenance of the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance, the Five-Year Highway Plan, long range and short range planning, and such other duties as may be prescribed by Rhode Island law, by town ordinance or by the Town Council or Planning Board. The Planning Official shall receive such compensation as the Town Council shall fix, within the limits of the amount appropriated by the financial town meeting.”

5) Section 10.18 Special Donative Accounts

Shall the Foster Home Rule Charter be amended by adding the following new section?

“Special Donative Accounts The Town Council may authorize accounts to receive donations from private parties for specified public purposes (such as donations to the Recreation Committee for Little League). Such accounts shall be controlled and monitored by the Town Treasurer who may authorize persons to expend from the account on behalf of the town organization, without the necessity of the Town Council approval.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2006.

ATTEST:
S/Anne M. Irons

Anne M. Irons, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FOSTER
S/Heidi Rogers

Heidi Rogers, President

Colette J. Matarese moved, Steven Bellucci seconded and it was so voted to appoint Thomas Moon as Town Treasurer to start on Monday July 10, 2006, Zachary Taylor as summer intern at a rate of \$15.44 and Lisa Mills to consult in completing the paperwork for 2005/06 audit at the current hourly rate as June 30, 2006. Colette J. Matarese remarked that the council interviewed 3 candidates. She noted that Mr. Moon had extensive Phoenix experience as well as Opal experience and has been a Finance Director in a small municipality, Martha’s Vineyard and as well as in Plainfield Connecticut. She also noted that he has done consulting work for human resources and consulting work for auditing. She noted that he has an MBA and a under graduate BS in accounting.

She noted that Zachary Taylor is a graduate from Bryant University and has accounting experience and can help with some of the input of the data as a summer intern and can bring a lot to the position.

Pamela Fontaine of Danielson Pike asked how many hours the intern would be working in the Treasurer’s office. Colette J. Matarese replied that it was flexible part time and probably starting off higher from what Mr. Woerner suggested and going lower and lower as everything gets caught up. She said her thought was that it should be reviewed on a monthly basis to see where it stands. Pamela Fontaine

commented that money is going out and out. Heidi Rogers answered that Mr. Woerner would be facing himself out.

Cheryl Wright of Foster Center Road asked where all the money was coming from to pay all the salaries. Heidi Rogers said that Mr. Woerner assured the council he would find it.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Colette J. Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye,
Heidi Rogers aye

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to request from the new Treasurer a report at every council meeting as to the status of the accounting processes within the office and as to the need for further personnel assistance.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Colette J. Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye,
Heidi Rogers aye

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Colette J. Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye,
Heidi Rogers aye

A petition was received from Verizon and Narragansett Electric to place three new poles and one anchor guy location on Central Pike.

Steven Bellucci moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the petition for three new poles and one anchor guy on Central Pike.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Colette J. Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye,
Heidi Rogers aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Anne M. Irons
Town Clerk

An electronic tape is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting. This tape is on file in the vault at town hall.