

August 10, 2006

The August 10, 2006 town council meeting was called to order by Steven Bellucci at the Town House, 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster, Rhode Island at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Heidi Rogers, President excused for vacation
Steven Bellucci, Vice President
Ralph Berkowitz, absent
Colette J. Matarese
Harold R. Shippee, Sr.
Bradford Gorham, Esq., Town Solicitor

The following spoke under concerned citizens:

Thomas Walden , Chief Foster Center Fire Volunteer Fire Co and Treasurer of Foster Ambulance Corps, Central Pike
Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector
Lynne Rider Burgess Road
Cheryl Davis , Abbey Lane
Ronald Cervasio Old Plainfield Pike

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded to add correspondence Tax Collector's Office under New Business Item I.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor advised that it should be discussed now under concerned citizens and not added to the agenda.

Pamela Fontaine showed the council a letter she received from a Bank stating that they sent tax payments for two different properties and included copies of the two checks indicating that the checks were deposited to the general fund instead of going through the tax collector's office. Pamela Fontaine explained that she did contact Lisa Mills, the Acting Treasurer and asked her to issue the checks so they could be processed through the tax collector's office and the accounts credited. Mrs. Fontaine explained that it looked like she was not doing her job applying tax payments to accounts when in fact she never saw these two checks as they were directly deposited into the general fund.

The minutes could not be approved because of absent council members.

Harold Shippee moved, Colette Matarese seconded to approve Payroll Warrant #3 in the amount of \$26,970.76, Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$21,666.55, Payroll Warrant #5 in the amount of \$22,125.49, General Warrant #G-31 in the amount of \$70,997.17 and General Warrant G#3 \$267,758.30.

Colette Matarese noted that General Warrant G-31-06-06 should be General Warrant G 31-05-06 and on page 3, the 8th item down lists petty cash for stamps for \$250.59 and it is coming out of department operations/hand tools and she believed it should come out of office expenses and not department operations /hand tools. Councilor Matarese said she did not know what the \$250.59 was for but that was a lot of postage. Mrs. Matarese noted that on page 4, the 6th item down, account #10134442500 which was the wetlands study for Paine School, a deposit for family day was taken out and she did not believe that was what the wetland study account was for.

Colette Matarese questioned \$5,000 electric work deposit and asked if it was for a deposit for the Town House fire alarm electrical work. Walter May, Friends of the Town House answered that the town council had agreed in last year's budget to take money from building & grounds public works department and money was coming from the town house trust and also grant money was being used for the fire code upgrades. Mrs. Matarese thanked Mr. May for his clarification.

Councilor Matarese questioned General Warrant G-3-06-07, page 2 the first line item for Delta Dental from the Town Clerk's budget. She believed that there was an extra payment as there were five people in the office and it looks like the payment was for 6 people. The Town Solicitor remarked that there must be an answer to that. The Town Clerk pointed out that it was brought up at the July 20th meeting for the July payment and now the august payment is the same amount. Mr. Gorham said it should be held until it was clarified and the warrant should be amended. Colette Matarese said that on page 3 the item for Foster Public Library the quarterly appropriation was wrong. She noted that the quarterly appropriation \$76,614 was allocated at the town's financial town meeting and if you divide that by 4 it should be \$19,153.50 and the payment is only \$18,601.00. Colette Matarese noted that it was the same for the Tyler Free Library. She pointed out that on page 4 the first item for Foster Recreation miscellaneous supplies of \$257.20 should not be deducted from field trips. Colette Matarese then noted that Hopkins Transportation, bus rental for field trip was taken out of travel and that travel is for the Director's mileage not for buses for field trips and that the item should be coming out of field trips.

Colette Matarese questioned if Sungard Pentamation for purchased services was for the Phoenix system and Stephen Woerner answered that it was for the Phoenix system software.

Councilor Matarese then noted that the Tyler Free Library on Page 6 should be \$17,143.50 because the appropriation at the Financial Town Meeting was \$68, 574.00 and the check is made out in the amount of \$15,825.75.

Colette Matarese remarked that a check has been made for Gorham & Gorham escrow account for program expense from the Land Trust for a closing on a property. Mrs. Matarese stated that she believed that the town council already approved in a previous warrant and she did not believe it should be on another warrant.

Linda Los Tibbetts, Chair of the Foster Land trust spoke up and said that she specifically told the Treasurer that it did not have to go before the town council. She also noted that she was pleased to announce that the Land Trust did receive grant money in the amount of \$80,000 and the Land Trust did not have to write such a large check from their account as was thought. She also noted that the check was supposed to be done over two weeks ago and mailed directly to Gorham & Gorham so the closing could have been held. Colette Matarese said that since it was already approved a statement or a letter stating that you received the grant money and the amount the council approved was decreased by \$60,000 would have been more appropriate than another warrant. Colette Matarese noted that it now looks like the town is spending, spending and spending.

There was a discussion on the Delta Dental to only hold the legislative legal amount or the whole Delta Dental check and then the Town Solicitor advised to hold it across the board.

Colette Matarese moved Harold Shippee seconded and it was so voted to amend the motion to decrease Warrant G-3-06-07 by \$140,000 reflected to the Foster Land Trust account and state that it was already approved on a previous warrant and that the amount has been decreased do to

the increase in the grant award and to amend that Tyler Free Library receive \$17,143.50 instead of \$15,825.75 and Foster Public Library be amended to \$19,153.50 instead of \$18,601 and that the warrant be decreased by \$2,563.77 to reflect the Delta Dental until the department heads look over their expenses to see if there was anybody on the Delta Dental that should not be on it and the line item for travel paid Hopkins Transportation be deducted from the field trips account and that the line item for postage be moved from Department Operations/hand tools to office supplies on Warrant G-31.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette Matarese commented that also on G-31 the deposit for family day was in a line item that was inappropriate as it was not a wetlands study. Colette Matarese noted that during the budget process she had suggested to insert a line item for family day however it was not done by the council and now there is not a line item for it. She also noted that during the budget process the explanation was that it would come out of their check book (Recreation Committee checkbook). The Town Solicitor commented that that was possible as they may have funds to appropriate it.

Colette Matarese moved, Harold Shippee seconded and it was so voted to amend by decreasing Warrant G 31-05-06 by \$1,000 and contact Mr. Costa to see if he would use the check book and if not what line item would it be appropriate to come out of.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Steven Bellucci asked for a vote on the main motion and the following vote was taken.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to go into the public hearing portion of the meeting for a proposed amendment for ARTICLE IV, Section 7, and Subsection #18 Package Store discussion/action. She noted that the advertisements were placed in the Observer & Valley Breeze. She noted that the purpose of the public hearing was to consider an amendment to the Foster Zoning Ordinance and the purpose of the proposed amendment was to allow package stores in a Manufacturing/Industrial Zone. Mrs. Matarese noted that the proposed change may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further hearing. Mrs. Matarese read the advertisements and the rules of the public hearing.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Charles Knowles, Attorney for Twisted Liquors, LLC addressed the Town Council regarding the amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow a package store as a permitted use in a Manufacturing zone. He listed other communities that allowed a package store as a permitted use. Mr. Knowles questioned why the package store was in the zoning ordinance as a non permitted use and he did not have the in depth knowledge of Foster as others however he believed it was there because of the State of Rhode Island's Land Use Law that there had to be a Manufacture Industrial Zone. He noted that the only area in Foster that came close to that zone was the Turnquist Lumber Co. and that satisfied the state requirement of Manufacturing Industrial Zone. He reported that it was his opinion and opinions expressed by some members of the Planning Board that in fact if that was not a requirement that area probably would have been zoned Highway Commercial and it then would have been a permitted use. He asked the council members to consider that point.

Colette J. Matarese read the recommendation from the Planning Board which recommended that the town council amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow a package store in a Manufacturing Industrial Zone; however by Special Use Permit only.

Mr. Knowles said that if it was done by a Special Use Permit, the applicant would go before the Zoning Board of Review which they could propose certain conditions on the business if they felt it was necessary. He said if it was a new liquor store or a new liquor license and or the transfer of the license that was this case it would be the Town Council that would be acting in the same capacity as the Zoning Board of Review. He said the council could give the same considerations as the Zoning Board if and when the license transfer was before the Town Council. He believed it was a benefit for the town in taking the lumber Office and turning it into a package store. He said the members of the Town Council have the same capabilities that the Zoning Board would if it was done by Special Exception. He noted that the Town Council cannot grant a liquor license transfer unless the members exercise their discretion to grant it with or without conditions and the council could have the same capacity as the Zoning Board. He believed the amendment should be changed to Permitted and not Special Use Permit.

The following people spoke in favor of the allowing the Package Store in the Manufacturing Industrial Zone.

Ronald Cervasio, Old Plainfield Pike
Chris Stone, Foster Center Road
Anne M. Irons, Mt Hygeia Road
Cheryl Davis, Abbey Lane
Dorothy Billington, Shippee School House
Robert Moreau, Central Pike
Thomas Shemick, Winsor Road

Rose Salvadore of Walker Road questioned the location of a Package store across the road from a Day Care Center.

Mr. Knowles noted that it was other liquor licenses that could not be within 500 feet of a school or daycare not a Class A Package Store License.

Lynne S. Rider of Burgess Road questioned why is the business not asking for a complete zone change and asking for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Knowles answered that it was mostly because of time issues and time constraints.

The following people spoke against:

John Charyan, Danielson Pike

Marsh Bowden was concerned about traffic on Route 101 and vehicles coming out of the Package Store on to a busy road.

Colette J. Matarese said that what is before the council tonight is whether or not one way or another zoning has to be changed and does the council want to just allow it or change it with a review by the Zoning Board and that is the question before the council.

Steven Bellucci said he would make a motion to pass it.

Steven Bellucci moved Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded for the town council to pass it as a permitted use. Colette J. Matarese said she had concerns and believed the way to go was for a Special Use Permit. Colette J. Matarese said she did want Mr. Fortin to open up and build a good business there. She said that a Special Use Permit would put a layer of protection for the towns' people and she did not see a problem doing it that way. Steven Bellucci disagreed. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. said that it would be a great improvement for Route 6 to move the Liquor Store to Route 101. Colette J. Matarese asked Robert Moreau of the EDAC for the rationale on Special Use versus permitting.

Robert Moreau, Chair of the EDAC said that what happened at the Planning Board Meeting with the EDAC when it was discussed more questions came up than opposition. He said it was a very large piece of property and the change would affect the entire piece of property not just the corner. He said we had no opposition to it. He said with discussion with the Planning Board everyone felt more secure if there was an extra layer of review because of the large piece of property and the impact on that property would be more secure. Patricia Moreau agreed.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese nay, Steven Bellucci aye

Steven called for a vote and the motion did not pass.

Colette J. Matarese moved to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow a package store in a MI Zone by Special Use Permit only. There was no second to the motion. Colette J. Matarese withdrew her motion.

Charles Knowles asked to continue the public.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to continue the public hearing to August 24, 2006.

Colette J. Matarese read the advertisement that was published in the Observer & Valley Breeze for the Public Hearing for a second hand license for Morris Maglioli dba Wright's Auto Salvage Plat 12 Lot 71 at 37 Mill Road in Foster. She explained the rules for the public hearing.

Mr. Morris was represented by John Brunero, Jr. from the Law Offices of Nolan, Dailey & Gallo of Coventry. Mr. Brunero explained that the Maglioli family bought the property in December 2005 and for some reason did not renew the secondhand town license in error because the state license was for a three year period. He apologized for that. He said that nothing has changed they would still have a junk yard. It was noted that if any motions were made they would have to be pending approval by the Police and Fire Chiefs and Tax Collector.

Steven Bellucci asked for any comments in favor of the application.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. did ask if they would be operating on Sundays as car carriers have gone down King Road on Sundays.

Jim Lawson of Mill Road said that they were promised by previous owners that they would only be 50 cars and would not operate on weekends and that never really happened. Mr. Lawson said that water quality issues were raised a few years ago also and believed it was only surface water and ground water should be checked.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. stated that the previous conditions were not to operate on Sundays and to close at Noon on Saturdays and no deliveries in the evenings.

The following residents spoke: Linda Tibbetts, Mill Road, Walter May, Anthony Road, Newell Wright Mill Road, Jim Lawson, Mill Road. Cheryl Davis, Abbey Lane

Colette J. Matarese asked if the ground had ever been checked for PCB. Mr. Brunero did not believe that it had been checked.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded to approve the transferring of the license to Morris Maglioli with the following conditions of no operations on Sunday, no operations before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., DEM inspection and approval of the area, and a ground testing for PCB's and satisfactory reports from the Police & Chief, Zoning Official, Tax Collector and no operations on Saturday afternoon. Steven Bellucci commented that there was no discussion about DEM or PCB and there is no law that says they have to do it. Steven Bellucci said he could not vote for that motion. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. said that it would be opening a can of worms for DEM to come in.

Steven Bellucci moved to eliminate the DEM and PCP portions of the motion, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and the motion did not pass.

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

Steven Bellucci asked for a vote on the main motion as presented and the vote was as follows:

Colette J. Matarese suggested continuing the public hearing until there was a full quorum of the council. Mr. Bellucci asked if she was doing that so it would pass without her having to vote on it.

Colette J. Matarese said it was fine she would vote.

Mr. Brunero said that he knows that there has to be a majority for approval and asked for a continuation of the public hearing until August 24, 2006. Mr. Bellucci asked if he was asking for a continuation because it was alright if he asked for one.

Colette J. Matarese withdrew her motion.

Colette J. Matarese moved Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to continue the public hearing until August 24, 2006.

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

Stephen Woerner, MBA, CPA, finance consultant addressed the council. He noted that he gave a progress report to the council regarding the last six weeks in the finance department. He noted that they filed with the state on the June 30th report and he believed that there was a surplus of over \$400,000. He said that they sent out Cobra letters to clean up the question on people who were on health care who don't deserve to be and it would now be a liability issue as the town is self insured. He commented that any money that was paid into the West Bay Collaborative would just accrue to a surplus. He said that in fact there is a deficit there so it doesn't hurt. The Town Clerk commented that it does hurt when it was taking out of her budget and it was not budgeted for 6 people. He commented that there was a problem there and also the rate increase was only a half of one percent but the claims went up by 35%. He noted that normally medical

insurance only goes up 10 to 15% a year and that is why the town's surplus went to a deficit. He noted that anyone who used Blue Cross after they were terminated will be charged with fraud. He noted that a corrective action plan was developed for the Auditor General from last year's management letter from the auditors. He noted that the council has a copy for review. He said that they also identified 10 to 12 other significant control problems that were not in the Management Letter. He said that the town should feel comfortable that they will be in very good in a few months both with a new Treasurer and the audit done on time.

Colette J. Matarese said that he states the town has a \$400,000 surplus however, the expenditure report before her dated 8-8-06 has the council salaries at 50% and she know she has received two checks as everyone else. She noted that heating fuel is still at 16449 although Moosup Valley Fire Station has paid the back the town. She also noted that there was an entry from a previous year. Mr. Woerner answered that all the entries are being looked at then corrected and the way they did the report was that revenues had not been posted as a general rule however there were alternative measures that could be used. He said they looked at the detail in the tax collector's software and matched with the surplus and matched it up with cash receipts going into the collector's account and though it is not reconciled its pending it is closed. He said they also looked at the detail receipts from clerk's office and have been put on excel spread sheets and reconciled with the bank statements and will be posted and that shows a surplus. He said that expenditures look about even and the public works department has several items that are under budget and under spent. He said he felt comfortable personally and while some of the posting he felt that were not material need to be corrected and then the expenditures will be right on target.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. asked why the new fiscal year was not done. Mr. Woerner said that part of their internal control they want to introduce two new systems and one is to change purchasing so that items under \$5,000 but over \$1,000 as he understand that written quotes do not have to be obtained for that. He said that the other thing was to put inn ordinance form other internal controls that there is monthly reporting to the council as required by state law and also a narrative explaining the state form and what is the budget what the actual expenditures are for the month and a forecast and that has not been done. Colette J. Matarese remarked that it had always been done before and it has not happened the past year. Colette J. Matarese also noted that her expenditure report is reporting that the Paine School and the regional school at 50% and she does not know where the numbers are coming from that he forwarded to State office. She asked if they were real numbers, were they potential numbers or are they penciled in numbers.

Mr. Woerner said that the beauty was that she would know in three months when the audit was done whether his numbers were good or bad and he believes that they are good. Colette J. Matarese said that it does not do the council any good right now and going forward in the expense report there is zero balance and it shows that the town is over budget already. Colette J. Matarese said that it states there is a surplus on gravel in the public works department of \$27,000 and if anyone goes down on a gravel road recently they should question why there is a surplus of \$27,000. She asked if that was a mistake or was it an actuality that the surplus has not been spent. Mr. Woener said he did not know.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. noted that in the Dog Officer's budget of \$13,860 for a salary it went over budget and he wanted to know why. He also noted that in fuel it was appropriated for \$ 1500 but it went up \$1550 and how does it happen that it shows he did not use any fuel. Mr. Woerner said that all the fuel is charged to the public works department and they have not done the allocation to all the departments. Mr. Shippee said that when Mr. May was the Public Works Director he sent bills every few months and that has not happened. Mr. Woerner said that the town was on the right track and the audit will be done and done correctly and the office will be in a position

for the new treasurer to come in and not play catch up. He did say that the council will have to watch whether one and half staff is enough.

Colette J. Matarese noted that for the new budget there is zeros and no budget figures to go by. Mr. Woerner commented that there was a little internal dispute that should be resolved. Mr. Woerner said that he was confident that the auditors could come in October 1st and everything will be clean. He noted that the town went out to bid for the audit and the bids will be opened on August 18th. Colette J. Matarese said she wanted the council to open the bids as it has always been done. Mr. Woerner agreed whatever the council wanted to do. Colette J. Matarese said that the council needs an expenditure report that is up to date and correct and when it that going to happen. Mr. Woerner said that he believed next meeting the council would get an up to date expenditure report and the meeting after that for the new fiscal year. He said that for the new fiscal year there should be no reason why there is not an accurate report for every meeting. He said he knows that there is some internal dispute on the budget issue and if he has to enter the budget numbers and subject to verification of whatever he would. Steven Bellucci said then the council should expect an accurate report at the next meeting. Mr. Woerner agreed.

Mr. May member of the Land Trust asked the council if Mr. Woerner could stay for item C on the agenda Letter from the Foster Land Trust.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to move Letter C up to A1 Letter from Foster Land Trust members.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously so voted that the town council direct the interim treasurer through a letter to be written by the town clerk and signed by the vice president as his approval to have the following items ready for the Land Trust.

Land Trust balances as of 6-30-04, 6-40-05, 6-30-06 as display by the audit report, the monthly amount of the conveyance tax transfers to the Land Trust account beginning 7/04 through 7/06, current 7/1/06 money market account balance with Bank America, quarterly report of aforementioned account beginning 7/1/04 through 7/1/06, capital budget account additions from sources other than conveyance tax 7/1/04 through 7/1/06, capital budget expenditures 7/1/04 through 7/1/06 and operational budget expenditures and balances 7/1/05 through 7/1/06 and to have the information given to the Foster Land Trust within 30 days.

Colette Matarese read the letter from the members of the Foster Land Trust regarding their concern of the financial status of the Land Trust accounts and requested town council action. It was noted that members has requested repeatedly for financial information since April and could not get any answers.

Walter May, member noted that Linda Tibbetts, Chair had sent a memo previously without any satisfaction from the Interim Treasurer. Mr. May also noted that the Foster Land Trust had received a check in excess of over \$100,000 in grants and it was sent to the Treasurer for deposit and it sat it that office for over three weeks and that cost the Foster Land Trust interest and that was inappropriate. He said that the members of the Land Trust had a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of the town and they are asking the council members to resolve the problem. The members are not convinced that the income that has been derived by the land trust is reflected accurately in the balances that are published by the Treasurer. He asked the council that the answers to their 7 questions are answered.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously so voted that the town council direct the interim treasurer through a letter to be written by the town clerk and signed by the vice president as his approval to have the following items ready for the Land Trust.

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Stephen Woerner, finance consultant remarked that it would not be a problem and the request was absolutely appropriate. He noted that they did set up a separate fund for the Land Trust as well as 25 other similar accounts that were never set up before so it would be instantaneous. He noted that on Tuesday they had gotten a \$140,000 out of that account and now everything will be up to date. Steven Bellucci gave a copy of the letter from the Land Trust to Stephen Woerner. Mr. Woerner said they would take care of it.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette Matarese summarized a memo from the Planning Board stating that they reviewed the bid proposal for consultant services regarding Planning Grant RISPP-2006, the Land Management Study from the sole bidder Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc and there were a number of questions that came up and basically that they voted to recommend the town council postpone awarding the bid until the Planning Board had the opportunity to receive and review the revised proposal.

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr., seconded and it was so voted to postpone awarding the bid for the Land Management Agreement until such time.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the additions in the amount of \$3,239.37 and abatements in the amount of \$6,558.78 to the 2006 tax roll.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the proration additions in the amount of \$2030.22 and proration abatements in the amount of \$287.38 to the 2006 tax roll.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Steven Bellucci announced that the Recreation Committee was awarded a grant in the amount of \$40,000 to be used for the Isaac Paine Little League Field.

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to acknowledge that the RIDEM has awarded a grant to the Town of Foster in the amount of \$40,000 for the Isaac Paine Little League Field Application.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to thank the committee in recognition of the grant.

Steven Bellucci read a letter to Chief Robert E. Coyne, Jr. from Officer Anthony Ledoux resigning from the Foster Police Department.

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee seconded and it was so voted to accept the letter with regrets and thanked him for his service to the department.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Chief Robert E. Coyne noted that the amount in the warrant that was discussed earlier was for petty cash. He then noted that with the resignation of Officer Ledoux it created an overtime issue in the police department. He reported that he met with the members of the department and they agreed to switch from 3-days on 3-days off 12 hour schedule to 4-days on /2 days off 8-hour schedule. He said the change in the shift would save the town approximately \$15,500 in overtime for the next five months.

Colette Matarese asked that a letter be sent to the officers for changing the shifts to save money for the town.

The Chief then introduced Adam C. Arico of Chepachet and Mario Mennella of Cranston as the two new recruits that will be attending the police municipal academy.

Colette Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee seconded and it was so voted to approve sending Adam C. Arico and Mario J. Mennella to the police municipal academy starting August 15th.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

Steven Bellucci read a memo from the Tax Collector regarding using comp time and vacation time in September.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee seconded and it was so voted to approve the request.

Harold Shippee aye, Colette Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye

One bid was received from A. Artesani & Sons, Inc. after 8 bids specifications were sent out for painting, re-roofing and general maintenance work to several town buildings.

The bid was for \$6,750 for carpentry operations, roofing \$4,000, painting town hall \$16,000, police station \$10,500, Ben Eddy \$6,500.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr., seconded and it was so voted to forward the bid to the Public Works Director for his review and recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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.