

November 9, 2006

The November 9, 2006 town council meeting was called to order by Heidi Rogers at the Town House, 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster, Rhode Island at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Heidi Rogers congratulated the new elected officials.

The following residents spoke under concerned citizens.

Ronald Cervasio Old Plainfield Pike

Council Member Colette J. Matarese inquired about the transition meeting with the old and new council. After discussion it was agreed to hold the meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve the minutes of October 5, 2006. Heidi Rogers noted that Steven Bellucci was absent from the meeting and his name was listed.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the minutes of October 19, 2006.

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 approve Payroll Warrant # 15 in the amount of \$21,371.69, Payroll Warrant # 16 in the amount of \$23,132.98 and Payroll Warrant #17 in the amount of \$25,066.08.

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

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded to approve General Warrant G-37 in the amount of \$1,560.68. Colette J. Matarese noted that again that David Costa's reimbursement was listed as capital and that it was listed that way before and it was inappropriate then and it is now. She also noted that there was \$1200 made out to the Recreation Committee when it should be made out to David Costa as it was the stipend for the Director. Colette J. Matarese amended the motion to approve the amount of \$273.75, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted.

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

Heidi Rogers asked for a vote on the main motion and it was as follows:

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

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve General Warrant G-12 in the amount of \$27,626.86.

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

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve General Warrant G-12A in the amount of \$190,913.98. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. noted that on Page 5 on the bottom it reads Mikes' Burner Service and he believed it should be Mike's Auto. Mr. Shippee also questioned why the town sent two trucks to Mike's Auto for batteries and an alternator which cost \$447.00 when the town can purchase batteries for \$65.00 to \$70.00. Heidi Rogers said she would check on it. Colette J. Matarese noted that on Page 8 there is an item for \$14,605.70 for unemployment compensation which the town lost the case against Bradford Gove for his unemployment. She noted that she had never even heard about it. She noted that it was not budgeted for during the budget process and now that lien item will be over budgeted. Colette J. Matarese questioned Mr. Gorham about legal fees. He answered that he did not even know that it had come in.

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

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #G-13 in the amount of \$30,139.90.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded, and it was so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted.

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

Heidi Rogers opened the public hearing for the renewal of liquor, amusement and entertainment licenses for 2007 and explained the public hearing format.

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted that in conformity with and under the authority of the provisions of Title I, Chapter 5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Revision of 1956, as amended, and any and all amendments thereto, the annual fees for Class A Package Store License shall be and are hereby fixed at Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) each.

That the Annual Fees for Class B Victuallers (BV) shall be and is hereby fixed at Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) each.

That the Annual Fees for Class D unlimited shall be and is hereby fixed at Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) each.

That the Annual Fee for extra hour closing shall be and is hereby fixed at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)

That the Annual Fee for an Entertainment License shall be and is hereby fixed at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette Matarese seconded and it was so voted that all holders of such licenses hereunder granted except Class A Package Store Licenses are hereby granted permission to hold dances in their respective places so licensed.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted that no transfer application or applications that may be made to have one or more granted licenses transferred from one person to another person or persons at the same location without a specific consideration and determination by the Town Council.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette Matarese seconded and it was so voted that the following persons be and are hereby granted renewal licenses for their respective places of business pending receipt of Certificates of Good Standing from the Rhode Island Division of Taxation to the Town Clerk, pending the approval from the Police Chief, Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Fire Chief, and the Rhode Island Department of Health and Certificate of Server Training Program.

Class A Package Store

License #2007-2, Beatrice Gabriele, d/b/a Gabriele's Package Store, 144 Danielson Pike;

Class BV

License #2007-1, Thomas Breard d/b/a Lucky's, 143 Danielson Pike;

License #2007-5, Foster Country Club, Inc., d/b/a Foster Country Club, 67 Johnson Road;

License #2007-6, Helen's Place Inc. d/b/a Helen's Place Inc., 172A Danielson Pike;

License #2007-7, Lisa M. Mills d/b/a Woodland Meeting House, LLC 115 East Killingly Road

Class D

License #2007-4, Little Rhody Vasa Club, 10 Boswell Trail

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted that the following persons be and are hereby granted Entertainment renewal licenses for their respective places of business pending the approval from the Police Chief, Tax Collector, Building Inspector and Fire Chief.

Entertainment Licenses

License #E2007-1, Thomas Breard d/b/a Lucky's, 143 Danielson Pike;

License #E2007-2, Foster Country Club, Inc., d/b/a Foster Country Club, 67 Johnson Road;

License #E2007-3, Lisa M. Mills d/b/a Woodland Meeting House, LLC 115 East Killingly;

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted that the number of liquor licenses during the current term next ensuing and ending December 1, 2007 in the Town of Foster shall be as follows:

Class A Package Store	One (1)
Class B Victuallers	Four (4)
Class D Unlimited	One (1)

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

And furthermore that the Town Clerk shall not receive any other applications without the approval of the Town Council.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted that it is ordered in granting the previously specified and numbered licenses that the provisions of said General Laws of 1956, as amended and all amendments thereof and thereto, and also the provision for any and all laws affecting such licenses shall apply and such licenses are hereby granted subject to such rules and regulations and conditions heretofore established or that may hereafter be established by the Town Council of Foster and that licenses hereby granted shall expire on the first day of December 2007 at twelve o'clock midnight, unless sooner revoked for cause.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve that the following businesses have applied for renewal of Game and Amusement Devices Licenses:

Lucky's	3 machines	1 pool table
Helen's Place	n/a	1 pool table
Woodland Meeting House	2 machines	2 pool tables

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

Heidi Rogers said that the council did not need to take any action on the recommendation of the fuel monitoring system from Richard Grant, Public Works Director.

Heidi Rogers read a report from Steven Woerner, consultant for the finance department. He noted that the town would be able to make the 12-31-06 deadline for the audit report to be submitted to the State Auditor General. Colette J. Matarese noted that she spoke with Lisa Mills and was told that the bank reconciliations were still not completed from last year or the current year. She noted that there were a number of items on the expense report that were not complete and pointed out that Paine School appropriations only showed 48%. Colette J. Matarese said she was not sure the town would be ready for the audit. Colette J. Matarese reported to the council members that she asked Lisa Mills what she had been doing and could she give a list of what she was doing and was told by Lisa Mills that she had been sitting there eating bon bons. Colette J. Matarese said that she has concerned of paying someone \$1200 in addition to Mr. Rossi for \$1,000 a week and eating up all of the salary for the Treasurer and at this point in time the town could go with one Treasurer. Heidi Rogers responded by saying that she could address that on the 7th of December.

Steven Bellucci read the memo from the Tax Collector requesting abatements be approved because of the Statute of Limitations 9-1-13 for 1996 totaling \$9,777.48 for motor vehicles and personal property totaling \$2,479.32.

Colette J. Matarese noted that it was a tough one as her daughter was on the list and she owes \$1.61 to the Town of Foster. She said because of that she would have to recused herself and said that she would like to make an amendment to decrease the amount of the motor vehicles by \$1.61 and she would pay that amount.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to amend the motor vehicle abatements by \$1.61.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to approve the request from the tax collector for the abatements for the tax year 1996.

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

Steven Bellucci read the memo from the tax collector requesting abatements due to bankruptcy case No. 01-14447 Chapter 7 for years 2000, 2001, 2002 for accounts #10-1100-00 and #10-1020-00.

Steven Bellucci moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to grant the above abatements.

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

Steven Bellucci read the request from the Tax Assessor requesting the proration additions be added to the 2006 tax roll in the amount of \$337.52.

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

Heidi Rogers noted that there was a request to amend the recreation resolution. After discussion from the council it was agreed to table the matter and place on the next council meeting.

Bradford Gorham, Town Solicitor noted that the resolution could be prepared from the proposed amendment for recreation for the Town Charter.

Heidi Rogers acknowledged a letter from the WRIHRP requesting an additional \$2000.

Colette J. Matarese noted that in the past years Western RI Home Repair had gotten more money in its operating and administrative budget than it did this current year. She noted that it has been cut down from \$4,000 to \$2,000 and now this year \$300 and more money is need to administer the block grant. Colette J. Matarese asked for it to be tabled until the town has a better accounting of its financial situation.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to table the matter until there is a better accounting.

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

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to authorize the President to sign the WRIHR Consortium Agreement.

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

Heidi Rogers read a support letter prepared by and for Northwest Nursing for a federal grant application.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to authorize the President of the Council to sign the letter of support.

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

Steven Bellucci moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously so voted to grant a request for a Class F Liquor License for the Thornton Beagle Club.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Colette J. Matarese aye, Steven Bellucci aye Heidi Rogers
A letter from Scott Pollard of Tray Hollow Road was acknowledged concerning the condition of Tray Hollow Road near his property. Heidi Rogers also read a waiver signed by Scott Pollard on February 16, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 50 p.m. Suubmitted By,

Anne M. Irons
Town Clerk

An electronic tape is made a part of this record and is on file in the town clerk's office.
