

December 7, 2006

The December 7, 2006 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Heidi Rogers at the Captain Isaac Paine School 160 Foster Center Road Foster, RI 02825.

The following members were present:

Heidi Rogers, President
Steven Bellucci, Vice President, absent
Ralph Berkowitz
Colette J. Matarese
Harold R. Shippee, Sr.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

No one spoke under concerned citizens.

Colette J. Matarese moved Ralph Berkowitz seconded and so voted to approve General Warrant#14 for the amount of \$110,718.42 and General Warrant #15 as amended for \$69,817.71.

Heidi Rogers, aye, Ralph Berkowitz, aye, Colette J. Matarese, aye, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye.

Colette J. Matarese moved Harold R. Shippee Sr. seconded and so voted to approve the November 9, 2006 Town Council Minutes.

Heidi Rogers, aye, Colette J. Matarese, aye, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, Ralph Berkowitz, abstained.

Heidi Rogers and Ralph Berkowitz removed themselves from the council table in order for the newly elected council to proceed with the remaining of the Town Council Meeting.

The Ponaganset High School Brass Ensemble performed the National Anthem with many of the members of the audience singing along.

Colette J. Matarese invited Reverend John Reynolds who gave the Invocation.

Colette J. Matarese asked that the new council elect to please come forward to be sworn in by the Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts.

Colette J. Matarese, John L. Lewis Jr., Lynne S. Rider, Harold Shippee Sr., Peter Baribault.

Election of Council President and Vice President was held.

Peter Baribault moved John L. Lewis seconded and so voted to approve the nomination of Colette J. Matarese as Town Council President.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Peter Baribault moved Lynne S. Rider seconded and so voted to approve the nomination of John L. Lewis as Vice President.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Colette J. Matarese, President thanked the Transition Team for all of their work.

William Jones explained the work of the Transition Team.

Colette J. Matarese, President asked what the pleasure of the council was.

John L. Lewis moved, Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and it was so voted to appoint John J. Bevilacqua as Town Solicitor.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

John L. Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was so voted to appoint Randy Rossi as Town Treasurer.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Peter Baribault moved, Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and it was so voted to appoint the following:

Anne L. Carlson – Tax Assessor
Pamela J. Fontaine – Tax Collector
Viola Ulm – Town Historian
Thomas Walden - Director of Civil Preparedness
George Ostrander – Plumbing Inspector
Michael Polouski – Recreation Director

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Harold Shippee Sr. moved Peter Baribault seconded to appoint the following:

Nancy Johnston – Human Services Director
Robert E. Coyne, Jr. – Police Chief
Donald Delaere – Public Works Director
Michael Capprarelli – Dog Officer

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Peter Baribault moved Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and it was so voted to appoint Kenneth Knight as Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Peter Baribault moved Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and it was voted to appoint Nancy Woodlock as Interim Town Planner.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Peter Baribault moved Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve Anne M. Irons' recommendation of Deputy Town Clerk Tina W. Simula.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Colette J. Matarese asked that all other elected officials please stand to the front of the room for the swearing in which was given by Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts.

Police Chief Robert E. Coyne Jr. introduced the two new police officers Adam Arico and Mario Mennella.

Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts gave the oath of office to the two new Police Officers.

The Ponaganset High School Brass Ensemble performed the closing selection.

John Lewis moved Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and was so voted to deny the request from the previous Interim Treasurer Lisa Mills.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

December Council Meeting dates were discussed.

Lynne Rider spoke of the letter from Friends of the Town House who are receiving money for repair.

The Bid Openings for the Town House Painting and Restoration are as follows:

Franks Painting Co. - \$32,000
Artesani Brothers - \$36,975
E.F. O'Donnell & Sons - \$63,832
Chirico Construction Co. - \$26,800

Peter Baribault moved Harold Shippee Sr. seconded and it was so voted to forward the bids to the Friends of the Town House committee.

Colette J. Matarese, aye, John L. Lewis, aye, Lynne S. Rider, aye, Peter Baribault, aye, Harold Shippee Sr., aye.

Lynne Rider read the letter from the Foster Preservation Society requesting the use of the lower level of the Town House.

Harold Shippee Sr. asked the Town Solicitor to meet with the Foster Preservation Society for discussion.

Future agenda items were discussed.

Colette Matarese moved Lynne Rider seconded and was so voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Submitted by,

Tina W. Simula
Deputy 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.