

December 28, 2006

The December 28, 2006 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Colette J. Matarese at the Town House, 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster, Rhode Island.

The following members were present:

Colette J. Matarese, President
John Lewis, Vice President
Peter Baribault
Lynne S. Rider
Harold R. Shippee, Sr.,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence in respect for the death of President Gerald Ford.

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2006 town council meeting.

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

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of December 14, 2006.

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

Ann Grenier of Walker Road and the Secretary of the Foster Preservation Society spoke under public comment regarding if the Preservation Society Membership voted to approve the bid award for the painting of the town house. She gave the council reports from the committee for the period of July 2006 to December 2006 that was read at each Preservation Society monthly meeting. She informed the council that no votes were ever taken.

John Lewis questioned then that the Preservation Society was ok then with the Town Council awarding the bid for the painting of the town house. Ann Grenier answered that it was strictly the call of the Town Council.

Peter Baribault moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #24 in the amount of \$ 25,000.57 and General Warrant #18 in the amount of \$29,156.59. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. questioned why there was an oil change and other work done on the two new police vehicles at a cost over \$500.00 and weren't the vehicles under a warranty. Pamela Fontaine answered that more than an oil change was done as there was only so much space to type in the description of the work.

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

Randy Rossi, Treasurer reported that the actual schedule that was submitted to the auditor has now been approved. He noted that he was now actually reconciling the current fiscal year bank reconciliations. He also said that he has been in contact with the auditors Bacon & Company. Mr. Rossi distributed a new revised 2005/06 expenditures to the council. He asked for an additional staff person for the department. He said he knew of a college student, who was a senior at Bryant University and asked for approval to hire him on a temporary basis for no more than 20 hours a week at \$15.00 per hour.

The appointment would be placed on the next agenda.

The council interviewed candidate, Robert Ferland for the electrical inspector position.

The appointment would be placed on the next agenda.

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the bid for the painting of the town house to Chirico Construction in the amount of \$26,800.

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

Mr. Chirico was in attendance at the meeting to answer any of the council members' questions.

Jennifer Olivetti from Jenks Road and Mrs. Hart addressed the council regarding their concerns of a 23 subdivision that was proposed on Jenks Road in Sterling, Connecticut.

Town Solicitor John Bevilacqua would look into the legal issues and contact Rhode Island DEM.

Peter Baribault moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the resignation letter from Erin Moyer from the Recreation Committee and forward a letter of thanks for her service.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the letter of resignation from the Tree Warden Frank Malec and forward a letter of thanks for his service.

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

A letter was acknowledged from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts announcing that the Captain Isaac Paine School received a grant in the amount of \$1,310.00 for Puppetry with Dan Butterworth, fostering arts.org received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the 5th Annual Folk Festival to be held on April 21st and 22nd and Kathleen Gordon Smith of Foster received \$1,000 for a fellowship in Choreography. The Town Clerk will send a letter of congratulations to all.

Two candidates for the appointment of the Probate Judge were interviewed by the town council members. They were Paula M. Cuculo of North Providence, and William Bernstein of Gloucester.

The appointment will be on the next agenda.

Peter Baribault and Lynne S. Rider will negotiate Chief Robert E. Coyne, Jr.'s three year contract.

John Neal of East Killingly Road was interviewed by the council regarding an appointment on the Planning Board.

The appointment will be on the next agenda.

The meeting was recessed at 8:40 p.m.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. according to 42-46-4&5 (sub, 1) personnel following the regular meeting and not to reconvene and further to keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all Executive Sessions held previous to this meeting be closed and remain closed pursuant to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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.