

**October 25, 2007**

The October 25, 2007 Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice President of the Foster Town Council at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island at 7:30 p.m.

John Lewis remarked that the council president had asked him to run the meeting. He announced that the Recreation Committee was holding a Halloween Dance at the Paine School on Friday night all we welcome to come and all were welcome to offer assistance.

The following members were present:

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

Staff

Ann-Marie Ignasher, excused  
Robert Clarkin, Interim Public Works Director,  
Randy Rossi, Treasurer,  
Robert E. Coyne, Jr. Chief of Police

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Peter Baribault and it was unanimously so voted to change the order of the date and place ratification of Contract with local 1322 DPW & Clerk Typists to the beginning of the agenda before minutes.

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

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. recused himself from the ratification of the contract and handed a recusal form to the Vice President to be filed with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission. He left the council table and sat in the audience.

John Lewis reported on the negotiations of the contract stating that the town hall would have new hours which the clerks have agreed to staggered hours which means the town hall would now be opened from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. without any additional costs. Mr. Lewis noted that at the DPW there would be staggered hours there so the cleaning would be done before office hours. He noted wages were brought into line with surrounding towns however languages were inserted for certain licenses and certain certifications for prerequisite for the increases, established standardized longevity and pensions with the dpw and clerks. He explained that the assignment of work will be based upon seniority and Good Friday is no longer a holiday but an additional personal day was added to the contract. He said that now there was a health care co-pay for all employees which would be approximately 6 % of the cost, safety clauses were included and a clause for hiring temporary employees in case of a long term disability or absence.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously so voted to execute the Contract between the International Laborer's Union Local 1322 and the Town of Foster. Colette J. Matarese also mentioned that the contract also states that if there are town emergency, employees who are volunteers may be able to leave work and be paid however mutual aid call they may respond with personal time if approved by the Director and may petition the council for pay.

John Lewis aye Lynne S. Rider aye Peter Baribault aye, Colette J. Matarese aye  
Harold R. Shippee, Sr. (recused see above.)

Peter Baribault moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2007 council meeting.

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

Peter Baribault moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2007 council meeting.

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

Colette J. Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2007 as part of the record of the town. (Lynne S. Rider and Colette J. Matarese were the only council members in attendance at the annual meeting.)

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was so voted to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2007 council meeting.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2007 council meeting.

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

No one signed up to speak under public comments.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #14 in the amount of \$25,000.02, Payroll Warrant #15 in the amount of \$28,747.87, and General Warrant #8 in the amount of \$149,616.83.

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

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly reports as submitted.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded to accept the quarterly reports as written. It was noted that Planning, Recreation Conservation and Emergency Management and Engineering Board. Lynne S. Rider noted that Randy Rossi was mentioned in the Land Trust has helping them with the finances and thanked him and asked that it be placed in his personnel file. She asked that if any employees were singled out that it would be noted at a meeting.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted that the Land Trust report be placed in Randy Rossi's personnel file

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. aye, John Lewis aye Lynne S. Rider aye Peter Baribault aye,  
Colette J. Matarese aye  
John Lewis asked for a vote on the main motion and the vote was as follows:

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

Colette J. Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to award the gravel bid to M. W. Prior Sand & Gravel at \$11.50 per ton delivered and \$8.50 per ton picked up as recommended by the interim Public Works Director.

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

The council again discussed the 1997 rescue and what to do with the credit in the amount of \$7,495 which is the amount of money the town fronted in addition to the approved budgeted amount for the new rescue and should the council allow the Foster Ambulance Corps. to sell or raffle off the old rescue. John Lewis noted that he had asked the Tax Assessor to place a value on the rescue and he received comps from the Tax Assessor which were \$12,500 for a rescue from Louisiana, 1997 for \$22,000, 1996 for \$10,000 or best offer and the last was for \$18,500. Mr. Lewis remarked that the average was approximately \$15,000. Mr. Lewis reported that the FAC was asking that the council turn the vehicle over to them and they be allowed to keep any additional profits.

Peter Baribault said he would not agree to allow the rescue truck to be raffled it should go out to bid and believed the town should be reimbursed for the \$7,495. John Bevilacqua said that the property belongs to the Town of Foster and the town should dispose of the property as what is appropriate. Lynne S. Rider agreed that it should not be raffled off. John Bevilacqua advised that it was a town asset and it was the responsibility and the obligation of the town council to preserve the asset and get the best offer for the benefit of the town and however the council chooses to divide or give the profit from that sale is strictly a decision of the council and the council should never raffle it off.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted that the town put the ambulance up for sale on the average of estimates and do it as soon as possible.

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

Colette J. Matarese read a letter from Jerome Williams, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation that he sent to Representative Nicholas Gorham regarding the Old Danielson Pike Bridge #96 stating that they are close to finalizing the entrance beautification plans and hopefully will complete in the next few weeks.

The council received a letter from Little Rhody Chapter of Antique Truck Club of America for the use of the town grounds on September 28, 2008 for their annual Show.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to allow Little Rhody Chapter of Antique Truck Club of America the use of the town grounds and town house on September 28, 2008 contingent with the appropriate insurance and paperwork filed with the town clerk.

The Town Clerk questioned why the Rhode Island Community Food Bank received the food that was collected and not the Foster Food Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Volatile said that it does come to the local food bank after the RI Food bank checks the food first.

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

The following bids were received after 8 bids specifications were mailed out for paving work throughout the town.

All States Asphalt, Inc. \$57.42 per ton 34 cents per yd for tack coat  
PO Box 91  
Sunderland, MA 03175

Cardi Corporation \$54.89 per ton 15 cents per yd for tack coat  
400 Lincoln Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888

D'Ambra Construction Co. \$62.00 per ton 50 cents per yd for tack coat  
800 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02887

J.H. Lynch & Sons Inc, \$67.91 per ton 21 cents per yd for tack coat  
50 Lynch Place  
Cumberland, RI 02864

Narragansett Improvement Company \$55.99 per ton 25 cents per sq yd tack coat  
223 Allens Avenue  
Providence RI 02903

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted that the bids be referred to the Public Works Director for recommendation at the end of the meeting

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

The following Boy Scouts were recognized and congratulated for attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 101 by the following proclamations.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted approve the following proclamations:

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

#### **PROCLAMATION OF THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America have a proud tradition of developing leadership skills and promoting character development in the young men who are its members, and

**WHEREAS**, Troop 101, a member of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, Skeleton Valley District, chartered to Foster American Legion Post 101, and

**WHEREAS**, Troop 101 has been in existence since 1950 and has produced 117 Eagle Scouts, and

**WHEREAS**, **Frank Bellucci**, a former Cub Scout of Pack 101 has been a Boy Scout, in Pack 101 since January 2003. **Frank Bellucci** became Tenderfoot Scout May 2, 2003. **Frank Bellucci** has held the leadership positions of Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and earned the rank of First Class Scout on July 4, 2004.

**WHEREAS,** through all of his activities, including 27 Merit Badges, **Frank Bellucci** earned the rank of Life Scout on April 1, 2006. **Frank Bellucci** has proven to be a model scout and his dedication to the scouting movement is undoubtedly a source of great pride for his family and friends, and

**WHEREAS,** in undertaking a service project for his Eagle Scout Award, **Frank Bellucci** has made an important contribution to the community by leading a group of scouts that cleaned and preserved the exterior of the Woody Lowden Building in Foster. **Frank Bellucci** also earned the George Bucklin Medal for marksmanship at Yawgoog Scout Reservation July 8, 2007.

**WHEREAS,** becoming an Eagle Scout on July 2, 2007 and elected to the Order of the Arrow on June 4, 2007, currently holds the position of Senior Patrol Leader. **Frank Bellucci** is now considered an adult leader, someone who can work with other scouts to encourage their development and participation in the valuable programs being offered by Troop 101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL, DOES RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE **FRANK BELLUCCI** FOR REACHING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND FOR MAKING SO MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

#### **PROCLAMATION OF THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS,** the Boy Scouts of America have a proud tradition of developing leadership skills and promoting character development in the young men who are its members, and

**WHEREAS,** Troop 101, a member of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, Skeleton Valley District, chartered to Foster American Legion Post 101, and

**WHEREAS,** Troop 101 has been in existence since 1950 and has produced 117 Eagle Scouts, and

**WHEREAS,** **Benjamin Brayton**, of Foster Troop 101, has been a Boy Scout in Pack 101 since April 2001. **Benjamin Brayton** became a Tenderfoot Scout April 16, 2001, First Class Scout on July 7, 2002 and as a Boy Scout, has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. **Benjamin Brayton** attended White Stag Junior Leader Training Conference June 2005. **Benjamin Brayton** is a member of the Order of the Arrow since June 17, 2006 and currently holds position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

**WHEREAS,** through all of his activities earned 34 Merit Badges, **Benjamin Brayton** earned the rank of Life Scout on July 4, 2004. **Benjamin Brayton** earned the Yawgoog Mile Swim award July 5, 2003 and earned the George Bucklin Medal for Marksmanship at Yawgoog

Scout Reservation July 8, 2007. **Benjamin Brayton** is a seven year veteran of Yawgoog Scout Reservation. **Benjamin Brayton** has proven to be a model scout and his dedication to the scouting movement and is undoubtedly a source of great pride for his family and friends, and

**WHEREAS,** in undertaking a service project for his Eagle Scout Award, **Benjamin Brayton** made an important contribution to the community by leading a group of scouts that rebuilt the announcer's booth at the town horse show ring in Foster Center.

**WHEREAS,** becoming an Eagle Scout on July 2, 2007, **Benjamin Brayton** is now considered an adult leader, someone who can work with other scouts to encourage their development and participation in the valuable programs being offered by Troop 101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL, DOES RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE **BENJAMIN BRAYTON** FOR REACHING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND FOR MAKING SO MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL

**WHEREAS,** the Boy Scouts of America have a proud tradition of developing leadership skills and promoting character development in the young men who are its members, and

**WHEREAS,** Troop 101, a member of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, Skeleton Valley District, chartered to Foster American Legion Post 101, and

**WHEREAS,** Troop 101 has been in existence since 1950 and has produced 117 Eagle Scouts, and

**WHEREAS,** **Darren Lawrence**, of Foster Troop 101, has been a Boy Scout in Pack 101 since April 2001, crossing over from Cub Scout Pack 101 where he earned the Arrow of Light award. **Darren Lawrence** became a Tenderfoot Scout April 16, 2001, First Class Scout in July 7, 2002 and as a Boy Scout, has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. **Darren Lawrence** attended White Stag Junior Leader Training Conference June 2005. **Darren Lawrence** is a member of the Order of the Arrow since June 17, 2006 and currently holds position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

**WHEREAS,** through all of his activities earned 32 Merit Badges, **Darren Lawrence** earned the rank of Life Scout on July 4, 2004. **Darren Lawrence** was

selected as recipient of the Woody Lowden Award, July 8, 2007. **Darren Lawrence** is a seven year veteran of Yawgoog Scout Reservation. **Darren Lawrence** has proven to be a model scout and his dedication to the scouting movement and is undoubtedly a source of great pride for his family and friends, and

**WHEREAS,** in undertaking a service project for his Eagle Scout Award, **Darren Lawrence** made an important contribution to the community by leading a group of scouts that installed the playground equipment at the Woody Lowden Recreation Center.

**WHEREAS,** becoming an Eagle Scout on July 2, 2007, **Darren Lawrence** is now considered an adult leader, someone who can work with other scouts to encourage their development and participation in the valuable programs being offered by Troop 101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL, DOES RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE **DARREN LAWRENCE** FOR REACHING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND FOR MAKING SO MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

#### **PROCLAMATION OF THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS,** the Boy Scouts of America have a proud tradition of developing leadership skills and promoting character development in the young men who are its members, and

**WHEREAS,** Troop 101, a member of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America, Skeleton Valley District, chartered to Foster American Legion Post 101, and

**WHEREAS,** Troop 101 has been in existence since 1950 and has produced 117 Eagle Scouts, and

**WHEREAS,** **Christopher Shippee**, of Foster Troop 101, has been a Boy Scout in Pack 101 since April 2001, crossing over from Cub Scout Pack 101 where he earned the Arrow of Light award. **Christopher Shippee** became a Tenderfoot Scout April 16, 2001, First Class Scout on July 7, 2002 and as a Boy Scout, has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Den Chief. **Christopher Shippee** is a member of the Order of the Arrow since June 4, 2007 and currently holds position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

**WHEREAS,** through all of his activities earned 27 Merit Badges, **Christopher Shippee** earned the rank of Life Scout on July 4, 2004. **Christopher Shippee** has proven to be a model scout and his dedication to the scouting movement and is undoubtedly a source of great pride for his family and friends, and

**WHEREAS,** in undertaking a service project for his Eagle Scout Award, **Christopher Shippee** made an important contribution to the community by leading a group of

scouts that cleared a historical cemetery on Howard Hill Road, Foster, RI.

**WHEREAS,** becoming an Eagle Scout on July 2, 2007, **Christopher Shippee** is now considered an adult leader, someone who can work with other scouts to encourage their development and participation in the valuable programs being offered by Troop 101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL, DOES RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE **CHRISTOPHER SHIPPEE** FOR REACHING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AND FOR MAKING SO MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Colette J. Matarese read a Proclamation honoring the Foster Center Baptist Church for its 125 Anniversary.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded to adopt the Proclamation.

Peter Baribault moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was so voted to amend the proclamation to read as follows:

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** it is fit and proper to accord official recognition on this memorable 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foster Center Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** the Foster Center Baptist Church building was dedicated on October 31, 1882, after a decision was made the year previous to erect a church building in Foster Center from which "to carry on and further expand the work of the gospel"; and

**WHEREAS,** the Citizens of Foster and those from surrounding communities have worshipped in this Historic Building for the past 125 years; and

WHEREAS, out of dedication to following the Lord Jesus, the warmth and Spirit of Christian Fellowship have come together to form a Faithful Congregation as a light to the community;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Foster Town Council by virtue of the authority vested in us as Community Leaders of the Town of Foster, County of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, hereby proclaim Sunday, October 28, 2007 as **FOSTER CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH DAY** in the Town of Foster and urge all the citizens of the town to reflect during this day on the many benefits the church has brought them.

**SIGNED** and **SEALED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007 in the Town of Foster, County of Providence, and State of Rhode Island.

S/Anne M. Irons

S/Colette J. Matarese

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Anne M. Irons Town Clerk

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Colette J. Matarese

After a lengthy discussion John Lewis asked for a vote on the above amendment and the vote was as follows:

Harold R. Shippee aye, John Lewis no Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette J. Matarese aye

John Lewis asked for a vote on the main motion and the vote was as follows:

Harold R. Shippee aye, John Lewis no Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette J. Matarese aye

John Lewis, Vice President of the council explained that the council would retire the Boston Post Gold Cane to preserve the past and protect the cane for the future for the residents of Foster. He gave the history of the Boston Post Cane which was given to the Town in 1909. He placed the cane in a display case and asked the council to retire the cane but to continue honoring the oldest person with a plaque.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to retire the Gold Cane and to continue to honor the oldest person in the community and still call it the Boston Post Gold Cane Award.

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

The South Foster Volunteer Fire Company applied for a Class F Liquor License for October 27, 2007 for the Fire Convention Dinner and for a Steak Fry for November 17, 2007.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the application for the Class F Liquor License from the South Foster Volunteer Fire Company for October 27, and November 17, 2007 and the fee be waived.

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

The following bids were received and opened for the bathroom installation in the Human Services Department.

C & D Construction Co., Inc. 1801 Smith Street North Providence, RI 02911	\$12,992
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S.T. Smith 30A Starline Way Cranston, RI 02921-3409	\$11,500
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North American Building PO Box 187 Foster, RI 02825	\$ 8,260
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Urbane Construction Corporation 1664 Cranston Street Cranston, RI 02920	\$22,500
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Peter Baribault moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids for an analysis and recommendation to the Interim Public Works Director and the Building & Zoning Official.

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

Colette J. Matarese explained that a Memorandum of Agreement was prepared for Janet Bagley to receive Plan 65 coverage in order for her to avoid penalties. She noted it was for Janet Bagley only and it would actually save the Town money.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Memorandum of Agreement.

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

### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement between the **TOWN OF FOSTER** (referred to herein as "Employer") and **JANET BAGLEY**, employee (retired) and member of the Dispatchers Union (referred to herein as "Retired Employee"), is as follows:

(1) Retired Employee is presently paying 60% of single plan coverage for health care as provided in the Dispatchers Collective Bargaining Agreement with Employer;

(2) Retired Employee requested that she receive Plan 65 Coverage in order to avoid penalties from Social Security and Medicare;

(3) Employer agrees to allow Retired Employee to be placed on Plan 65 with consent of the Dispatchers Union so that Retired Employee will avoid penalties;

(4) This Agreement applies solely to the Retired Employee, Janet Bagley, and has no force or effect upon the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the Employer has in place with the Dispatchers Union.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the proration additions in the amount of \$4,240.58 and the abatements in the amount of \$71.11.

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

The council discussed advertising for the DPW Director position.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to advertise in the Providence Sunday Journal next Sunday and the application period time would close November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Thomas Walden, Treasurer of the Foster Ambulance Corp sent a letter regarding the financial condition of the Foster Ambulance Corps. stating that they were in the black in the current fiscal year however for 7-1-06 to 6-30-07 will show that expenses exceeded revenues by \$35,000 and \$12,000 of that was fund raising money from fiscal year 05-06 but was not spent until 06/07. The balance of their expenditures was covered with funds from the surplus of two previous years. It was noted that donations have dropped by \$3500 and third party billing receipts have dropped also. They were curtailing expenses in the event the trend continues.

William Fortier, Commander of Post #101 American Legion requested the use of the Benjamin Eddy Building for November 11, 2007 to hold a Veteran's Day Observance.

Peter Baribault moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the request to use the Benjamin Eddy Building on Sunday November 11, 2007.

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

Robert Clarkin noted that he would be not comfortable awarding the bid until he spoke with the vendors after reviewing the bids.

Colette J. Matarese moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the bid for the road paying project.

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

Colette J. Matarese read a joke under concerned citizens about two doctors opening an office and the town council vote.

There were no concerned citizens.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette J. Matarese seconded and it was so voted to go into executive session executive session according 42-46-4 &5 (2) Collective Bargaining Chief of Police, 42-46-5 (a)(5) Acquisitions, 42-46-5(a)(1) personnel (and to reconvene in open session 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 to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5

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

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 p.m. for a ten minute recess before the executive session.

A vote was taken to accept a memorandum of agreement between the Town of Foster and an employee of the Police Department and the record was sealed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 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.