

November 29, 2007

The November 29, 2007 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Colette J. Matarese President of the Foster Town Council at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island at 7:35 p.m.

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,
Robert Clarkin, Interim Public Works Director,
Randy Rossi, Treasurer
Chief Robert Coyne, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Colette J. Matarese announced that there was a tree lighting ceremony on December 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at the Borders Farm, South Foster Ladies Auxiliary are holding their bazaar on Saturday and on December 8th there will be the lighting of the tree at the library with hot chocolate at Foster Center with Carolers and ringers and at Moosup Valley Church a concert will held. It was also noted that there was Breakfast with Santa at Paine School on Saturday morning.

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2007 council meeting.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007 council meeting.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 council meeting.

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

There were no comments under public comment.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #18 in the amount of \$42,170.85, Payroll Warrant #19 in the amount of \$27,507.71, Payroll Warrant #20 in the amount of \$26,926.91 and General Warrant #10 in the amount of \$115,698.12.

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

Colette J. Matarese opened the public hearing and read the advertisement for the liquor license renewal for 2008.

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously 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 aye, John Lewis aye Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette J. Matarese aye

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously 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 if so licensed.

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

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously 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 aye, John Lewis aye Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette J. Matarese aye

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted that having received the proper documentation and approvals from the Rhode Island Division of Taxation, the Police Chief, Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Fire Chief, and the Rhode Island Department of Health and Certificate of Server Training Program the following persons be and hereby granted renewal licenses for their respective place of business:

Class A Package Store

License #2008-2, Beatrice Gabriele, d/b/a Gabriele's Package Store, 144 Danielson Pike;

Class BV

License #2008-1, Thomas Breard d/b/a Lucky's, 143 Danielson Pike;

License #2008-5, Foster Country Club, Inc., d/b/a Foster Country Club, 67 Johnson Road;

License #2008-6, Helen's Place Inc. d/b/a Helen's Place Inc., 172A Danielson Pike;

License #2008-7, Lisa M. Mills d/b/a Woodland Meeting House, LLC 115 East Killingly Road

Class D

License #2008-4, Little Rhody Vasa Park, Inc 10 Boswell Trail

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

John Lewis moved Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously 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 #E2008-1, Thomas Breard d/b/a Lucky’s, 143 Danielson Pike;

License #E2008-2, Foster Country Club, Inc., d/b/a Foster Country Club, 67 Johnson Road;

License #E2008-3, Lisa M. Mills d/b/a Woodland Meeting House, LLC 115 East Killingly Road

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

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so noted that the number of liquor license to be granted and issued for and during the current term next ensuing and ending December 1, 2008 shall be as follows:

Class A Package Store	Two (2)
Class B Victuallers	Four (4)
Class D Unlimited	One (1)

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

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

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously 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 2008 at twelve o’clock midnight, unless sooner revoked for cause.

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

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve that the following businesses have applied for renewal of Game and Amusement Devices Licenses:

Lucky’s	2 machines	1 pool table
Helen’s Place	n/a	1 pool table
Woodland Meeting House	2 machines	2 pool table

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

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted that a conditional Class A Package Store License be granted to License #2008-3, William Fortin d/b/a Twisted Liquors 180 Hartford Pike since proper approval has not been obtained from the Tax Collector this license is conditional and shall expire on the 10th day of January, at 12 o’clock midnight, unless sooner revoked for cause.

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

Anne Carlson, Tax Assessor recommended that the revaluation bid be awarded to Certified Revaluation Company for \$94,500 and not award the Option 2 of the bid specifications for the hardware as the town will purchase.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to award the bid to Certified Revaluation Company on the recommendation of the Tax Assessor in the amount of \$94,500 and the town will purchase the 2 computers and camera.

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

The council received an engineering proposal from Alfred J. Curnow & Associates regarding the public works department. Alfred Curnow and Raymond White the consultants proposed a work schedule for December, January and February. Mr. White's cost was \$225 per day and Mr. Curnow was \$300 per day.

John Lewis explained that at the last council meeting there was a discussion on the idea of an engineer looking at the roads, maintenance plan, equipment and personnel and policies and to make a recommendation of where to go in the future. John Lewis reported that he and Lynne S. Rider met with the two gentlemen and discussed some of the concerns of the town's infrastructure and they put together a plan they believed they can accomplish and do for the town. He noted they believed the work could be done by working 5 days each month which would be a total of 15 days.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to authorize or approve the engineering proposal for a maximum of 15 days based on the schedule from Alfred J. Currow & Associates.

Colette J. Matarese questioned would it be one gentleman a day or both of them. John Lewis answered that it would be approximately 5 total days per month so it could be 5 of 1 gentleman or 3 or 2 any combination. Peter Baribault said it was an excellent concept however he was concerned about the process of hiring a new public works director and he thought the permanent public works director be in place when this would start. Mr. Lewis said they asked them to start in December in order to get some reasonable information on what should be done for a winter management program. He said if that would be postponed until January or February there would be no information on that for the new director. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. asked what account they would be paid from. Mr. Lewis said the Treasurer had looked into that. Randy Rossi answered that there was a line item for professional services in the public works department budget and a few other line items that could be used. John Lewis did not believe that 15 days was not an outrageous expense and it was in the professional services budget. Lynne S. Rider believed it was good to get an outside opinion on the roads and the public works department. Colette J. Matarese said that the town has long needed a maintenance program. She remarked that they were very knowledgeable and had common sense. A lengthy discussion was held further.

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

John Lewis reported that a contractor located the septic tank at the town hall and will be putting together a bid for the second phase of the bathroom for the Human Services Department and it should be ready by the next meeting and he asked that it be tabled until December.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider and it was unanimously so voted to table Item c Human Services Septic Tie In and Bathroom Bid Award and Item d under Old Business

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

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to advertise the rescue to sell. John Lewis noted that three people in town did

discuss the vehicle with him about utilizing the vehicle for something in town. He also noted that dpw could use it by placing the welding machine in and repair parts on truck when they are on the road. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. said the welder can be installed on the flat bed on the red truck once the new truck has been delivered. Mr. Lewis remarked that he wanted to give those individuals the opportunity to research further and do a cost benefit analysis. Colette J. Matarese said she would personally prefer that a price be put on it on the internet. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. noted that in the future purchases for vehicles should have a trade in for the old vehicle.

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

Peter Baribault moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the proration additions in the amount of \$1,140.35 for the 2007 tax roll.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve abatements in the amount of \$119.26 to the 2007 tax roll.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve abatements in the amount of \$172.14 to the 2007 tax roll.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the proration additions in the amount of \$116.80 to the 2007 tax roll.

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

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the abatements as requested by the Tax Collector for uncollectible accounts for motor vehicles in the amount of \$3,165.44, tangibles for \$62.77 for deceased individuals, defunct companies for motor vehicles in the amount of \$11,314.15 and tangibles for \$552.29 and for and bankruptcy for motor vehicles in the amount of \$2,779.25 and tangibles in the amount of \$1,214.42.

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

The Foster Public Library requested the use of the Town House for a storytelling event on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the request to the Foster Public Library on Wednesday December 12, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. with the appropriate paperwork filed with the Town Clerk.

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

The council received a letter from Kathryn Zuromski requesting an appointment on the Conservation Commission however she was ill and could not make the meeting and Colette J. Matarese asked to table the matter.

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the matter of appointment to the Conservation Commission.

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

The council received a letter from Heidi Colwell requesting reappointment to the Zoning Board of Review.

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to reappoint Heidi Colwell to the Zoning Board of Review for a five year term.

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

John Lewis and Ann-marie Ignasher discussed the Welcome to Foster, RI signs that were 24" x 48" dark green with white text. She had a cost estimate of \$1146 for 7 signs which included posts. It was noted that she had asked prices from two companies but only received one quote. The council discussed the color of the maroon street signs and this sign being green. Ann-marie Ignasher will check on the color in a different material.

The Town of Warren asked for support for long term health care for veterans as they presently only get up two years and many problems surface after that time. They urge the town council to contact our representatives in congress to provide post combat job training so meaningful jobs can be found when our veterans return.

The council passed on the above item.

The council received a copy of a Petition that Verizon has filed with the State of Rhode Island Public Utilities and Carriers for a waiver of Section 3.5(B) of the Rules Governing Community Antenna Television Services. They are requesting a waiver of the 60 day notice requirement of the cable rules. Verizon will be prepared to provide cable service to approximately 29% of the residential households in Service Areas Two, Three and Eight on or around December 17, 2007. If Verizon is granted the requested Certificates of Authority to Operate prior to January 6, 2008 there is no reason to delay its entry into the cable television market in Service Areas Two, Three and Eight. Colette J. Matarese believed a letter of support should be sent to the Public Utilities and asked for a motion

John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward a letter of support to the Public Utilities.

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

Colette J. Matarese noted that the Ice Rink needs to be installed and the question was it the responsibility of the volunteer recreation committee or the employees of the public works department. Colette J. Matarese said it was the responsibility of the town to insure that it gets installed and she did not believe it was the volunteers presently that had set it up in the past. John Lewis reported that he did speak with a member and she felt that they could not do it at this time.

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to direct the Director of Public Works to see that the ice rink is installed. Harold R. Shippee, Sr. believed that the recreation should give some guidance to the public works department. Colette J. Matarese said it should be part of the workers schedule to install the ice rink.

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

Colette J. Matarese noted that the deadline to submit resumes for the public works director position was November 30th. She noted that 12 individuals have applied and she believed some are qualified and some are not. Colette J. Matarese said that with two people unable to attend the personnel committee meetings there were a few options as a couple of council members could go through the resumes and identify the ones that

should be interviewed. She said it should be the whole council should conduct the interviews not just a few. The council discussed the 3 remaining members of the personnel board conducting the interviews and maybe with a citizen or a council member. Colette J. Matarese remarked that in the end the council will be interviewing the final candidates. Colette J. Matarese asked for a motion and suggested that a letter be sent asking them to review the resumes to determine qualifications as to the job description, set up interviews with the qualified candidates and to identify the top 3 candidates and to report back to the council with recommendations by January 10th.

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to send a letter to the Personnel Committee to review the resumes to determine qualifications as to the job description, set up interviews with the qualified candidates and to identify the top 3 candidates and to report back to the council with recommendations by January 10th.

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

Under concerned citizens Ronald Cervasio submitted his resignation from the Recreation Committee. The letter will be placed on the next agenda for acceptance.

Future agenda items will be the bathroom award, septic system tie in, conservation commission appointment and the Foster sign.

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

The council recessed at 9:15 p.m. and went into executive session at 9:20 p.m.

In executive session the council moved to deny a leave of absence for one employee and approve a leave of absence for another employee in the public works department.

The council also voted to hold emergency meeting on Friday November 30th because of a request received from the Chief of Police at the council meeting. As the matter was not on the agenda it could not be voted on at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 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.