

January 24, 2008

The January 24, 2008, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Colette Matarese, President, of the Foster Town Council at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

Staff

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,
Randy Rossi, Treasurer,
Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Collette Matarese announced that she has talked to the representatives from Verizon and that Verizon television was available to the people in town who receive the internet service from them and that they are trying to provide the service throughout the whole town.

MINUTES

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded to approve as presented, and was so voted to approve the December 27, 2007 minutes.

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

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded to approve as presented, and was so voted to approve the January 10, 2008 minutes.

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

There were no comments under public comment.

WARRANTS

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #27 in the amount of \$40,674.34, Payroll Warrant #28 in the amount of \$30,544.69, General Warrant #14 in the amount of \$106,588.32.

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

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Lynne Rider moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly reports as submitted.

John Lewis instructed the town clerk to notify the boards and commissions that did not submit their report, and submit them for the next council meeting.

CHARTER COMM.

John Lewis spoke of the previous charter commission recommendations and asked what the council would like to do in the future. Colette Matarese suggested that the council review what was done in the past and see what would be considered, some of them might not be needed and others might be needed. The council can indeed act on what was recommended from the previous Charter Commission. This item was then tabled until the next council meeting.

Colette Matarese spoke of the budget workshops that need to be scheduled for the upcoming budgets. It was agreed that the council meet with the treasurer before the budget workshops with the various department heads. It was agreed to meet before the next scheduled council meeting on February 14, 2008 at 5 p.m. The first budget workshop would be on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. at the Ben Eddy Building.

PERSONNEL BOARD REPORT Colette Matarese spoke of the Personnel Board report. The council discussed the report. John Lewis moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded, and it was so unanimously so voted to forward the information to the Town Solicitor and the Human Resource Director.

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

SECOND HAND LICENSE John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the second hand license to Martin Austin dba Marty's Auction Service.

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

VICTUAL LICENSE John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Victualing license to Scott and Wanda Kopka dba State Line Diner.

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

FOSTER BEAR ARMS John Bevilaqua informed the town council of the information that he was given from the attorney of Foster Bear Arms & Trading Post LLC.

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously so voted to grant a Holiday/Sunday Sales, Second Hand and Gun Shop License to Foster Bear Arms & Trading Post LLC extended to February 28, 2008.

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

APPOINTMENTS Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved to reappoint Linda Tibbetts to the Foster Land Trust for a three year term ending 12/2011. Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to appoint Marissa MacKay to a full time police/fire dispatcher.

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

ROBERT BOLGER Peter Baribault moved to appoint Sargeant Robert Bolger to Lieutenant Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted.

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

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY John Lewis read a letter from the Northwest Community Health Care asking for tax exempt status from the town.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted to table this item until further discussion could take place with a representative could speak in front of the council.

WEST BAY COMMUNITY HEALTH Lynne S. Rider moved, Harold R. Shippee, Sr. seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the contract extension with the West Bay Community Health until June 30, 2012.

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

WOODY LOWDEN LIGHTS John Lewis moved with the proper insurance and approvals from the collective bargaining unit, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve improvements of lighting to the Woody Lowden Center done by the volunteers of the Boy Scouts Troop 101 Foster with a maximum cost of \$1,700.00

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

**FOSTER
SENIOR
HOUSING**

Lynne S. Rider recused herself from the council table due to the RIGL Sec. 36-14-6. Colette Matarese read a request from the Foster Senior Housing, Inc. for sanding of the facility. After discussion the council decided to look further into any other information concerning the sanding of Hemlock Village.

FCVFC

Colette Matarese read a letter from Thomas Walden, the treasurer of the Foster Center Vol. Fire Co. asking that the town sell or lease some of the communication equipment. She asked that the Chief of Police look further into this request.

**OLD HOME
DAYS**

Colette Matarese read a request from the Foster Old Home Days Committee to use the Foster Fair grounds on July 25, 26 and 27, 2008 for Old Home Days.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to authorize the use of the fair grounds.

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

**SWAMP
MEADOW**

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to authorize the use of the fair grounds for the Swamp Meadow Community Theatre with the proper insurance coverage and garbage cleanup, on August 17, 2008.

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

**POLE
PETITION
ISTHMUS
ROAD**

Colette Matarese read a pole petition submitted for two new poles on Isthmus Road

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the pole petition from Verizon & Narragansett Electric Co.

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

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the additions of \$1,337.94 and abatements of \$121.86.

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

No one spoke under concerned citizens:

The council recessed at 8:30 p.m.

No votes were taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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.

Submitted By

Tina W. Freeman
Town Clerk