

**February 28, 2008**

The February 28, 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
- Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector
- Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Colette Matarese, Council President announced that the Town Council had scheduled a meeting with the Gloucester Town Council and the Foster/Glocester Regional School Committee, and that meeting has been cancelled per the School Committee.

**MINUTES**

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the February 14, 2008 minutes.

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

**No one spoke under public comment.**

**WARRANTS**

Harold R. Shippee, Sr. moved, Lynne Rider seconded, and unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #32 in the amount of \$30,702.34, Payroll Warrant #33 in the amount of \$31,263.87, General Warrant #16 in the amount of \$55,891.45.

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

**REPORTS**

**2008 Community Development Block Grant Proposed Activities**

The Western RI Home Repair Program has received the following recommendations proposals for the FY 08 Community Development Block Grant.

The proposed activities are as follows:

**Housing Program**

Housing Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00
Operating	\$ 44,500.00
Administration	\$ 8,000.00

**Public Facility Improvement**

Bathroom – Human Services	\$ 16,000.00
Foster Senior Housing Water System Improvement	\$ 20,000.00

**Public Service Programs**

Food Bank	\$ 3,500.00
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**Planning**

Keep Space Initiative	\$ 25,000.00
Abbey Lane Engineering Study	\$ 25,000.00
Abbey Lane Technical Assistance	\$ 5,000.00
Community Housing Land Trust	\$ 3,000.00

**TOTAL** \$ 250,000.00

**FOSTER BEAR ARMS & BAIT** John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the extension of the renewal of all of the licenses for the Foster Bear Arms and Bait Shack until April 24, 2008

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

**BUDGET SCHEDULE** Discussion was held about setting a meeting schedule for the upcoming budget: Dates set were: March 6, 8, 11 and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Meetings will be posted per open meetings law.

**RESIGNATION PLANNING** Colette Matarese read a resignation letter from Don Moyer from the Planning Board. John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept with regret the resignation.

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

**WITHDRAWAL OF BID** Colette read a letter from Morris Prior of MW Prior Sand & Gravel stating that he was withdrawing his gravel bid which was awarded November 2007.

**GRAVEL BIDS** Colette Matarese opened the gravel bids and they were as follows:

	<u>Delivered</u>	<u>Picked Up by Town</u>
Brooklyn Sand & Gravel:	\$ 11.75 per ton	\$10.00 per ton
Ernest Jolly	\$ 13.15 per ton	\$ 9.90 per ton
Material Sand & Stone	\$ 10.50 per ton	\$ 8.50 per ton
Laframbois Sand & Stone	\$ 9.50 per ton	\$ 7.50 per ton
Patriot Hauling	\$ 11.80 per ton	\$ 8.55 per ton

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for his review.

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

**MOWER BIDS** Colette Matarese opened the mower bids and they were as follows: Dubay Tractor: \$8,399.00 and an X Laser Model for \$7,695.00. J & M Mower: Tauro \$7,795.12 but did not meet the bid specifications. J & M Mower: Tauro 9,789.12 also did not meet bid specifications.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for his review.

**RECYCLING CLUB** Colette Matarese read a letter from Marcia Bowden asking for \$2,600.00 that would create a recycling club at the Capt. Isaac Paine School. The letter stated that the money could come from the bonus that was received from the RIRRC for achieving a 20% recycling rate.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to give the money to Capt. Isaac Paine School for the recycling club. And that this would be a restricted receipt account solely for the Green Team.

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

**CLERK/TYPIST** Colette Matarese read a memo from Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk, recommending Deryl A. Poirier, a Foster resident, as a new hire for the Clerk/Typist position in the Public Works and Building & Zoning Departments.

Lynne s. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve Deryl A. Poirier as the new Building and Zoning, Public Works Clerk.

Gordon Rogers spoke under concerned citizens.

**RECESS** Colette Matarese asked for a motion to recess and to reconvene for the purpose of executive session after a short recess.

The council recessed at 8:20 p.m.

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according to RIGL 42-46-4-5(1) Personnel, and to reconvene in to 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 closed pursuant to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4.

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

No votes were taken in executive session.

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

An electronic recording is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Tina W. Freeman  
Town Clerk