

June 26, 2008

The June 26, 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 7:05 p.m.

The following members were present:

Colette Matarese, President
John Lewis, Vice President,
Peter Baribault,
Lynne S. Rider, excused
John J. Bevilacqua, Jr. Town Solicitor

Staff

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,
Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief
Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector
Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, to approve as presented, and was so voted to approve the May 22, 2008, minutes.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye.

WARRANTS Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #49 in the amount of \$28,458.67, Payroll Warrant #50 in the amount of \$26,225.08, Payroll Warrant #51 in the amount of \$42,079.04 and General Warrant #24 in the amount of \$160,922.43.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye.

Colette Matarese, council president introduced Deb McGee, treasurer, to the audience.

MONTHLY REPORTS John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye

VACATION TIME CARRY OVER Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Carol Lyons, Deputy Town Clerk, to carry over 66 hours of vacation time from the previous year with a deadline of December 31, 2008. This is a clarification from the previous request.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye

NORTH ROAD SOIL STABILIZER Colette Matarese announced that John J. Bevilacqua, Jr., Town Solicitor, has brought forward the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Town of Foster and D.A.Y. Global Trading Co., Inc. and Frederickson Construction, LLC., for the application of soil stabilizer to North Road.

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, to agree to the "Memorandum of Understanding" that was presented to the council, with the condition that the monies be approved at a the Financial Town Meeting because the money would be expended from the Capital Fund.

John J. Bevilacqua, Jr., Town Solicitor, explained some of the particulars of the agreement, and the sections that are the Town's responsibility once the product is tested and passed.

John Lewis asked if the Town would be able to control the total cost of the project, and enter a clause into a contract, if the Town council chooses.

John J. Bevilacqua, Jr., Town Solicitor, stated that the Town could put into the contract whatever they would like for stipulations. He noted that 7/10 of a mile will cost \$10,000.00 for the substance.

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve an amendment to the motion to require approval at a Financial Town Meeting and negotiation of a mutually agreeable price.

There were many questions from the audience.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye

It was unanimously so voted to approve the main motion.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye.

**GRANT
MONEY**

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded and it was unanimously so voted to table the request for the senior grant money from Nancy Johnston

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye.

**DONALD
SHILO**

Colette Matarese stated that the town council received a letter from Donald Shilo of 123A Foster Center Road concerning a neighbor installing reinforcing rods into concrete at the property line, and some other issues concerning his neighbor.

John J. Bevilaqua, Jr., Town Solicitor, stated that he would be talking to Bulding & Zoning Inspector Robert Fallon on the issues.

**FIRE
TRUCK
BID
AWARD**

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to award the Fire Truck Bid to Crimson Fire Co., in the amount of \$368,275.00, with the understanding that the town will fund \$330,000.00 as approved in the capital budget, and allow South Foster Volunteer Fire Co. to trade in the old truck, and the balance of the new truck, would be the responsibility of the Fire Station.

John Lewis, aye, Colette Matarese, aye, Peter Baribault, aye.

**VACATION
TIME
CARRY OVR.**

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve carry over of two weeks of vacation time for Ann-Marie Ignasher to be taken by March 12, 2009.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye.

MECHANIC

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the recommendations from the Personnel Board and Public Works Director, Robert Clarkin to appoint Mr. Gary Bergstrom to the position of mechanic for the Town of Foster.

John Lewis, aye, Colette Matarese, aye, Peter Baribault, aye.

**POLICE
DISPATCHER
WATSON**

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Robert Coyne to appoint police dispatcher, Ms. Pamela Watson.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

The following people spoke under concerned citizens, Ronald Cervasio, Keith Moffat, and Colette Matarese.

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into executive session according to Personnel 42-46-4&5 (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 closed pursuant to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4-5.

The council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and went into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

In executive session, discussion was made about future meetings with one of the union representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Tina W. Freeman
Town Clerk