

October 23, 2008

The March 27, 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 7:04 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

Staff

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the October 9, 2008, minutes as presented.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye, Roger Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT Linda Proulx spoke under public comment praising the Dept. of Public Works for doing such a fine job in front of the Human Services Department.

WARRANTS Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #14 in the amount of \$28,846.02 and Payroll Warrant #15 in the amount of \$27,557.49. General Warrant #7 in the amount of \$105,946.67, General Warrant #Legal Fees in the amount of \$5,000.00,

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

REPORTS Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, received a Grant Extension letter from the RI Dept. of Environmental Management extending Grant #2006-40-10 for the Capt. Isaac Paine School Recreation Area to December 31, 2009, which needed to be ratified.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to ratify the grant extension. It was noted by Lynne S. Rider that this was originally for the ball field at the Capt. Isaac Paine School that now to be used at the new recreation site.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

It was noted that Northwest Community Health Care was having a Grand Opening of their new facility on October 26, 2008, at 142A Danielson Pike from 11 am to 3 pm.

RI FAIR ELECTIONS Libbey Kimsey and a fellow student from Brown University gave a presentation about RI Fair Elections, a coalition seeking a voluntary system for full public financing of all statewide elections. Lynne S. Rider asked if there was a web site for further information and Ms. Kimsey stated it was fairelectionsri.org for anyone who was interested. Colette Matarese stated they will discuss the project in the future when they have read copies of the act.

MATTRESS DISPOSAL Dept. of Public Works Director Robert Clarkin reported that the Mattress and Box Spring Committee decided that, for now, those needing to dispose of box springs and mattresses will be encouraged to have the delivering company take the old ones, and if that is not possible, to have townspeople bring them to a dumpster at the DPW garage. Lynne S. Rider noted that this information will be in the next *Foster Home Journal*.

RIRRC GRANT Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, applied for and received a grant from RI Resource Recovery Corporation for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of hiring for one year a part-time, independent Recycling Coordinator for the town for \$15,000.00, and for an educational program at the Capt. Isaac Paine School of \$5,000.00. If the contract with the RIRRC Coordinator is continued into the following year, RIRRC would pay only one-half for the second year.

John Lewis moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was so moved to accept and authorize the planner to move forward with the grant.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

BID OPENING The following bids were opened:

Emergency Generator located at the Capt. Isaac Paine School:

1. Weld Power – no bid
2. Airhart Electric – location one, by the boulder: \$96,614.00, or location two, next to the school: \$75,172.00.
3. Universal Electric – location one: \$85,000.00, or location two: \$73,000.00.

It was determined, after the issue was raised by School Committee Member, Ron Cervasio, that location one, by the boulder, is the location that was determined by the School Committee.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, to give the bids to Dept. of Public Works director, Robert Clarkin for awarding at the end of the session.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

Police Station Roof Bids:

1. Tomark – 30-year: \$9,100.00, Lifetime: \$9,980.00, Shed 30-yr: \$1,750.00
2. Roof Doctor – Lifetime: \$7,985.00 (plus wood if needed), shed: \$1,237.80
3. C&D Construction – 25-30 year: \$12,875.00 for both
4. RJP Corp – 50-yr \$13,687.00 (subtract \$2,500.00 for 30-yr.),
5. Roofing Unlimited – 30 year: \$10,675.00, 40 year: \$14,425.00 for both
6. Abbey Roofing Co. - \$8,100.00, shed: \$1,500.00, liability insurance attached

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, to give the bids to Dept. of Public Works director, Robert Clarkin for awarding at the end of the session.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

Robert Clarkin, DPW Director, will review the bids overnight and make a recommendation of October 24, 2008.

DEA GRANT John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was so moved to table the Human Services Dept. of Elderly Affairs Grant for 2008.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

ADDITIONS & ABATES. John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and is was so moved to accept an abatement as provided by Anne Carlson, Tax Assessor, in the amount of \$2,509.99.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was so moved to accept an addition in the amount of \$5,274.53, and an abatement in the amount of \$259.87 as provided by Anne Carlson, Tax Assessor.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

PERPETUAL CARE Request from Patricia Regis for Perpetual Care at the Hopkins Stone Cemetery. The name and lot is not specified and needs clarification.

Peter Baribault moved to approve the perpetual care on the condition of determining the exact lot, seconded by John Lewis, and it was unanimously so voted to grant perpetual care for a single lot.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

NEIGHBOR DAY Tom and Olga Crosby, owners of Little Rhody Vasa Park sought Town Council support for a proposed "Meet Your Neighbor Day" on July 4, 2008, at their facility on Boswell Trail to help residents of the town to become acquainted.

John Lewis moved, John Lewis seconded, to move forward with the project and it was suggested that the Foster Recreation Committee become involved.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

VETERANS' DAY Roger Hawes moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve a request from the Foster Post 101 American Legion for the use of the Eddy Building on November 11, 2008, Veterans' Day for memorial observance.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

SFFC LICENSE Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve a Class F Liquor License for the South Foster Fire Station's Steak Fry on November 15, 2008.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

MILEAGE REQUESTS John Lewis moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve mileage requests of \$16.49 and \$33.05 from Deb McGee, Town Treasurer, to attend meetings.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

Peter Baribault moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was voted to approve a mileage request of \$92.80 from Recreation Director Michael Polouski for August 2008. It was noted that this was during the time of the Summer Recreation Program at the Woody Lowden Center to work on the fields and cabin.

Colette Matarese aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.
John Lewis no.

HEATING OIL CONTRACT Peter Baribault moved, Roger Hawes seconded and it was unanimously so voted to table the quote for \$3.19 per gallon of heating oil from Reichert Oil, noting the price of oil is dropping.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

MONTHLY REPORTS John Lewis moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from Robert Clarkin for the Department of Public Works as presented.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

QUARTERLY REPORTS John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly reports from the Foster Zoning Board of Review and the Foster School Committee as presented.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

CONCERNED CITIZENS Ron Cervasio spoke under Concerned Citizens and proposed selling the Woody Lowden Center and putting the playground next to the Town Hall. He also objected to being treated rudely whenever he talks.

Colette Matarese, Council President, asked if Robert Clarkin, DPW Director, had recommendations on the bids. He recommended Universal Electric for the generator, but wished to study the bids for the Police Station roof overnight. John Lewis noted that the bid award is not on the agenda and that there is a meeting posted for the next day for that purpose. Lynne S. Rider asked how much was in the grant for the generator. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, stated that it was approximately \$48,000.00 and that the town would have to match whatever we spend. At that point Mr. Clarkin withdrew his recommendation until the following day.

Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was so voted to consider the bid recommendations at the next day's meeting on October 24, 2008.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger Hawes aye, Peter Baribault aye.

Gordon Rogers questioned who made the decision to change the open hours of the Town Hall to four days a week. He was informed that the Town Clerk had the authority to set hours. He was also told that there was no change in the number of hours the Town Hall was open.

Mr. Carey asked if Rambone Disposal would now lower their collection costs now that the price of fuel has gone down, considering that they raised it when the cost went up. Colette Matarese assured him that Rambone would be contacted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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

Submitted By

Carol Lyn Lyons
Deputy Town Clerk