

**November 24, 2008**

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

The following members were present:

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

Staff

Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector  
Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director  
Robert Fallon, Building & Zoning Official

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** Colette Matarese, President, asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of the late Janet Dannecker who was a past council member.

No one spoke under Public Comment.

**MINUTES** John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2008, council meeting as presented.

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

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2008, council meeting as presented.

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

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008, council meeting as presented.

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

**WARRANTS** Peter Baribault moved, Lynne Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #19 in the amount of \$25,710.61 and Payroll Warrant #20 in the amount of \$30,511.80.

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

**TWISTED LIQUORS UPDATE**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the agenda item until the December 4, 2008, meeting since there were no new updates concerning the license.

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

**RIEAP CONTRACT**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the agenda item until the December 4, 2008, meeting while the town solicitor reviewed the contract information.

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

**PAYMENT OF COURT REPORTER**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the payment to the zoning court reporter from this fiscal year's budget, for work that was done last fiscal year. The bill was not submitted to the Town until November 2008.

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

**REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

John Lewis read a request from the Foster-Glocester Regional School Committee, asking that the Town of Foster pay 1/3 of snow removal services for the upcoming winter.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the agenda item until a School Committee member could be present to discuss the issue with the Town Council.

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

**REQUEST OF FUNDS**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request of funds of \$1,800.00, to the Moosup Valley Fire Department for an EMT refresher course and that the funds come from the training line item of this year's budget.

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

John Lewis amended his motion to require the appropriate paperwork be filed with the Town Hall. The amendment was seconded by Roger L. Hawes. The amendment passed.

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

**LETTER  
FROM  
VIOLA ULM**

Lynne S. Rider read a letter of request from Viola Ulm, Town Historian to erect stocks and whipping post in the center of Town. She felt it would be a good attraction for the Town.

John Lewis stated that he had been in contact with Troop 101 Boy Scouts to see if there would be anyone in the troop that would be able to help with the project.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, to appoint John Lewis to look into the subject. Roger L. Hawes then withdrew his motion, and Lynne S. Rider withdrew her second.

**WHIPPING  
POST AND  
STOCK**

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to endorse the “concept” of the stocks and whipping post replicas.

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

**MILEAGE  
REQUEST**

John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the mileage request from Michael Polouski, Recreation Director in the amount of \$112.32.

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

**COUNCIL  
WORK  
SESSION**

Colette Matarese opened the work session as in accordance with section 2.01(b) of the Foster Home Rule Charter.

Colette Matarese introduced Joe Cardillo, the new council-elect to the audience.

John Lewis informed Joe Cardillo of the various departments’ projects that were ongoing, and what would be coming up this fiscal year: Department of Public Works, Capt. Isaac Paine School generator, Planning and Department of Public Works with the Town House repairs, and the Town Web Site were just a few of the topics discussed.

Peter Baribault, Councilmember welcomed Joe Cardillo, council elect to the Town Council. He also stated that he has enjoyed working with this council, they are hard working and the Town of Foster is very fortunate to have them.

**CONCERNED CITIZENS** Gordon Rogers asked if the Town Council President and Vice President received an email that he had sent to them, they had not. Mr. Rogers also asked about the calculation for the reimbursement of mileage.

Mr. Rogers wanted to know if the Town Council would respond to questions submitted to his website. Colette Matarese, President, reminded Mr. Rogers that “Concerned Citizens” was for citizens who are concerned about the Town of Foster and those citizens’ questions should be asked in person by those who are in attendance at the council meetings.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 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 to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4 & 5

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

The council recessed at 7:45 p.m. and went into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

No votes were taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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