

February 12, 2009

The February 12, 2009, 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,
Lynne S. Rider,
Roger L. Hawes,
Joe Cardillo,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER Joe Cardillo moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to change the order of the agenda to reflect New Business, items "a" & "b" up to the top of the agenda and place those items after # II, Minutes.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

MINUTES John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of January 14, 2009, as submitted.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2009, as submitted.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

PATROLMAN J. FORREST Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief, stated that Patrolman John Forrest has completed his one year probation with the Town of Foster and gave a brief history. Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk, swore in Patrolman John Forrest as a full time status, Police Officer.

PROMOTION OF W. ZIEL TO LT. Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief, stated that Sergeant William Ziel has achieved many accomplishments and wished to promote him to Lieutenant. Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk, swore in William Ziel as Lieutenant to the Foster Police Department.

WARRANTS John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #23 in the amount of \$26,240.71, Payroll Warrant #24 in the amount of \$28,727.07, Payroll Warrant #25 in the amount of \$29,876.48, Payroll Warrant #26 in the amount of \$44,622.23 and combined Payroll Warrant #29, 30 and 31 in the amount of \$95,273.16

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve General Warrant #16 in the amount of \$422,802.60.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

**CHARTER
UPDATES**

Colette Matarese, President, summarized a letter from Franklin Arnold, concerning the Town Charter, and the updates to the document. The copies that were issued to the public had some discrepancies, some having updates and some not. Colette Matarese asked Mr. Arnold if he could review the document and mark the changes he thought were inconsistent, which he has done.

Roger L. Hawes moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the work that has been done by Mr. Arnold.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly reports as written.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly reports as written.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

**NATIONAL
FLOOD INS.
ORDINANCE**

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the new Flood Maps, which went to public hearing on January 22, 2009, and the new National Flood Insurance Ordinance to take effect on March 2, 2009.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**GIS BID
AWARD**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the bid award for the professional GIS Services to PARE Co. of Lincoln Rhode Island, as recommended from the Town Planner, Ann-Marie Ignasher.

The motion was amended to reflect a bid in the amount of \$15,500.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

**CAPITAL
BUDGET
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS**

Colette Matarese read the Capital Plan Budget recommendations from the Planning Board for consideration of the Town Council:

Town Clerk Vault Furniture Improvements - \$11,600.00
Planning Consultant Fees - \$15,000.00
Finance No Requests
Tax Assessor No Requests
Police and Public Safety Lease Payments for Cruisers - \$26,409.00
Public Works Street Sweeper - \$15,000.00, Nike Site Repairs - \$40,000.00,
Road Paving - \$100,000.00. Total of \$155,000.00, for Public Works.
Land Trust No Requests
Recreation No Requests
Isaac Paine School Air Conditioners - \$33,800.00. This request was denied by the Planning Board due to the limited funds, and asked the School Department to conduct a study to fully evaluate their air handling and energy efficiency needs.
Engineering Board Engine & Rescue replacement - \$130,000.00.

The Town Council accepted the Planning Boards recommendation.

ABATEMENTS John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Abatements in the amount of \$9,314.52, as recommended by the Tax Collector, Pamela Fontaine.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

Colette Matarese read the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2009 schedule:

February 26, 2009, is the first Public Hearing.
March 4, 2009, is the date for the Planning Board to review grant activities.
April 9, 2009, is the second Public Hearing

**CLASS F
LIQUOR LIC.**

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Class F Liquor License for the South Foster Volunteer Fire Co. for February 28, 2009, and to waive the License Fee.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

ENGINEERING BIDS Colette Matarese read the following bids that were received for the Engineering/Design proposal for the Youth Athletic Field:

Northwest Engineering Services LLC.	\$35,625.00
DiPrete Engineering	\$24,980.00
Caputo & Wick Ltd.	\$44,760.00
Crossman Engineering	\$26,700.00
(An additional \$5,900.00 for a Concession Bldg. and on site ISDS)	
Thoman Engineering	\$32,660.00
Beta Group	\$92,600.00

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to refer the bids to Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, for consideration.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

SHELTER TEAM TRAINING

John Lewis announced he drafted a letter that would be mailed out to the Foster Residents asking for volunteers who would be trained as an “Emergency Shelter Team”.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to authorize the mailing of the letter to the Foster Residents.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

APPOINTMENT TO JUVENILE HEARING BD.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to re-appoint David A. Sweet to the Juvenile Hearing Board, with a term ending September 2011, and to re-appoint James A. Janis to the Juvenile Hearing Board, with a term ending September 2009.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

APPOINTMENT TO ZBR

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to appoint Joe Walsh to a full position on the Zoning Board of Review, with a term ending December 2011, which completes Scott Pollard’s term.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

ZONING BOARD ALT.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the appointment of the Zoning Board Alternate.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**REQUEST TO
USE FAIR
GROUNDS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the use of the Foster Fair Grounds on July 24, 25, and 26, 2009 to the Foster Old Home Days Committee.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

“E WASTE”

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the “E Waste” agenda item until more information is obtained from Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**REQUEST
FROM CC**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the amount of \$1,500.00 from the RIRRC fund to the Foster Conservation Commission for the promotion of the “Trash Rat” publications and recycling programs

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**CDBG GRANT
MONEY
REQUEST**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the “lending” of \$1,500.00 to the Human Services Dept. for the purchase of food vouchers. The town would be reimbursed from the CDBG Grant when the funds became available.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

**REQUEST FOR
TRAINING
FUNDS**

Councilman Roger L. Hawes recused himself from the council table; he is a life member of the Moosup Valley Fire Department.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the amount of \$2,000.00, from the training funds account, to the Moosup Valley Fire Department, to purchase an ALS training mannequin.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the amount of \$1,760.00, from the training funds account to the Foster Ambulance Corps., for the purchase of one cricothyrotomy simulator, and two reimbursements of the basic EMT course.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Colette Matarese aye.

REQUEST FROM THE “LEGO TEAM” John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the amount of \$5,000.00, from the Rhode Island Resource Recovery account, to the “Lego Robotics Team” made up of Foster students, for the assistance of the competition in the State of Georgia. The funding from the RIRRC account is within it’s stipulations of education in recycling.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

MILEAGE REQUEST John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to grant the request from Mark Horner, plumbing inspector, mileage in the amount of \$126.95.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

CONCERNED CITIZENS Gordon Rogers asked under concerned citizens, when he was going to be told the date of his zoning board of review hearing. He did receive a letter from Robert Fallon, Building Official, concerning notice of non conformance for having trucks on his property. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor stated that this was not a Town Council issue and that Mr. Rogers needed to fill out an application to the zoning board, it just doesn’t automatically happen.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

There were no votes taken in executive session.

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