

April 9, 2009

The April 9, 2009, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice President, of the Foster Town Council at the Benjamin Eddy Building, Foster, Rhode Island, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Colette Matarese, President, arrived late
John Lewis, Vice President,
Lynne S. Rider,
Roger L. Hawes,
Joe Cardillo,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**JOINT
MEETING**

A special meeting with Crossman Engineering and Gifford Design Group was held. A presentation was given by Mr. Brian King of Crossman Engineering and Kevin Alverson, of Gifford Design Group for the proposed design of the youth athletic field on Foster Center Road. Some of the major aspects of the design were a baseball field, a walking track around the perimeter of the lot, a basketball court, tennis court and soccer field. Included in the design was a parking area for approximately fifty five vehicles. Orientation of the placement of all of the areas was considered. "Natural buffers" were also considered with minimal grading of the land for drainage and cost effectiveness.

John Lewis stated that the entire project will not be built all at once. The project will be finished in stages as grant funding becomes available. As of this date, the Department of Environmental Management has only allocated funds for the baseball field.

Ronald Cervasio asked about the placement of the goal of the soccer field, and if the plan included the rotation of them.

Gordon Rogers asked what the distance was between the batter and the road. Also if there were any preliminary numbers for the cost of the grading of the property to level it off, and about "run off" of the drainage.

Brian King replied that there is two hundred and fifty five feet between the two, and no estimates have been done for the grading of the property. The design has not proceeded to the drainage stage as of now.

John Lewis asked what both companies were looking for from the Town Council.

Brian King stated that if the council had any comments or suggestions to the proposed plan.

John Lewis stated that if they could improve the soccer field to also accommodate a football field, and an area for a small building that could be used as a concession stand and or storage.

**JOINT
MEETING
CONT.**

Lynne S. Rider asked if the placement of the baseball field on the proposed plan was the best area on the lot since the funding for most of the project is coming from grant money and the money would be coming in to the Town at a slow pace.

Brian King said that the entire lot should be “leveled out” to grade, at one time for the most cost effective approach.

MINUTES

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the February 26, 2009 minutes as presented.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes as presented, with one minor correction.

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

WARRANTS

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants; General Warrant #20 in the amount of \$71,284.92, Payroll Warrant # 38 in the amount of \$36,109.98, and Payroll Warrant # 39 in the amount of \$28,242.92

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

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted.

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

**LICENSE
RENEWALS**

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the renewal of the second hand license for Price Auto 184 Danielson Pike Foster, for the term ending December 31, 2009

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

John Lewis stated that the Sunday/Holiday Sales License for the Foster Quick Stop 173 Danielson Pike Foster had been extended until March 31, 2009, due to the fact that all of the criteria had not been met for renewal. Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk stated that the business was notified of the expiration of the license by certified mail, which was attempted three times by the Post Office. No one had signed for the mail, therefore the mail was undeliverable, and that taxes were still owed on the property.

No action was taken.

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING John Lewis opened the second public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant application. No one spoke in favor or against the grants.

John Lewis closed the public hearing.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following motion;

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TOWN OF FOSTER'S 2009 APPLICATION TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Whereas, funds are available under the Rhode island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said department to disburse such funds; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Foster that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOSTER:

That the filing of this application for the amount of \$250,000.00 to implement the activities proposed herein is hereby authorized and that Colette Matarese, the Town Council President (Chief Executive Officer) is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the Town of Foster in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

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

ARMENIAN FLAG Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request to fly the Armenian Flag on Friday, April 24, 2009, by the Armenian National Committee.

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

RECYLING BINS No action was taken on the recycling bin fees. The Town Council asked the Town Clerk to continue to research the source of the original extra recycling stickers, possibly for future purchase.

N. FOSTER PROCLAMATION No action was taken on the North Foster proclamation. It was suggested that Colette Matarese, Council President present the proclamation.

REQUEST FOR USE OF FAIR - GROUNDS Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association to use the Foster Fairgrounds to hold a rabies clinic for livestock.

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

AMBULANCE CORP. STIPENDS Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Ambulance Corp., for stipends in the amount of \$3,840.00

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

TRAINING FUNDS Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Ambulance Corps. in the amount of \$590.00 from training funds, for the purchase of a Pediatric Airway Management Trainer.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-4 & 5a (1) personnel and 42-26-5-a (2), 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 to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4 & 5

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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