

July 9, 2009

The July 9, 2009, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice President, of the Foster Town Council at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Colette Matarese, President, excused
John Lewis, Vice President,
Lynne S. Rider,
Roger L. Hawes,
Joe Cardillo,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

WARRANTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #51 in the amount of \$42,578.36, Payroll Warrant #52 in the amount of \$35,110.78, General Warrant #26 in the amount of \$45,669.12, and General Warrant #1 in the amount of \$38,703.95.

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

REPORTS John Lewis read a letter of thanks from Northwest Community Health Care for the current support the Town of Foster has given them.

MONTHLY REPORTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports from Building & Zoning, Planning, Police, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector, as submitted.

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

CONSERVATION COMM. BYLAWS Lynne S. Rider moved Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was so voted to table the Conservation Commission bylaws until the Town Solicitor was able to review the information entirely.

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

AFFORD-ABLE HOUSING Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to authorize the Town Clerk to set up and properly advertise a public hearing for the approval of the drafted affordable housing ordinance.

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

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO EX. BOARD Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to reappoint Kenneth Knight, and Mary E. Sweet to the executive board of the Western R.I. Home Repair program, with the both terms ending July 2011.

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

REQUESTS FROM THE FOSTER AMBULANCE CORP. Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve reimbursement to the Foster Ambulance Corps., for Rebecca Wheeler, in the amount of \$750.00 for EMT training. This will be from the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Foster Ambulance Corps., for the second quarter stipends as listed, in the amount of \$3,727.00

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

CLARIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 1322 John Lewis stated that the next agenda item was a clarification of the agreement that was agreed upon a last month regarding the pay freeze, and the working hours. There was a little discrepancy as far as working the eight and three quarter hour days, and they receive eight hours of pay for any holiday. The eight hour holiday pay is the same as the original contract signed.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the additions in the amount of \$8,181.27, and abatements in the amount of \$532.54 as submitted by Anne L. Carlson, Tax Assessor.

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

N. FOSTER BAPTIST CHURCH PROCLAMATION Lynne S. Rider moved Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve the North Foster Baptist Church Day Proclamation as written.
John Lewis questioned the wording of the proclamation and if it combined church and state. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor assured John Lewis that it did not.

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

CONCERNED CITIZENS Gordon Rogers asked about his previous request regarding Russell Dannecker as the budget consultant.

Kenneth Knight asked why the town council hired Mr. Dannecker to help out in the Treasurers' office.

John Lewis stated that Mr. Dannecker helped with the budget process while Ms. Russ worked on the audit for the town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-4 & 5a (1) personnel and 42-46-5a(2) collective bargaining, 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 reconvened at 8:35 p.m. There were no votes taken in executive session.

The meeting 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