

**July 23, 2009**

The July 23, 2009, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice President, of the Foster Town Council at the Ben Eddy Building, 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, excused**  
**Joe Cardillo,**  
**John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor**

The following department heads were present:  
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,  
Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director,  
Robert Coyne, Police Chief,  
Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**REPORTS** John Lewis stated that the town had received a letter from the Dora C. Howard Center, Ltd. thanking the townspeople and town council for their support from last year's budget.

**MINUTES** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the meeting minutes from June 25, 2009 and July 9, 2009 until the next meeting.

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

**WARRANTS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #01 in the amount of \$52,102.75, Payroll Warrant #02 in the amount of \$26,449.07, General Warrant #27 in the amount of \$59,755.11, and General Warrant #2 in the amount of \$75,729.22.

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

**QUARTERLY REPORTS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly reports as written from the following; Board of Canvassers, Foster Land Trust, Human Services, South Foster Fire Co.

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

Ronald Cervasio asked if the council could research the money that the Land Trust receives for the real estate conveyance tax, so that the town keeps the funds instead of the Land Trust.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION BYLAWS** John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor stated that the only change that needs to be made is article five, section e, under quorum; “a minimum of four (4) appointed commission members shall constitute a quorum, which is required for the conduct of all commission business”.

Joe Cardillo moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the recommended bylaws from the conservation commission with the above stated change.

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

### **HEATING OIL**

**BID OPENING & AWARD** Bids opened for heating oil are as follows; Fleet Fuel Inc., \$2.655 per gallon, Reichert & Sons Fuel Oil, \$2.04 per gallon, and Brennan Heat & Oil, \$2.15 per gallon.

The bids were given to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for a recommendation.

Bids opened for crack sealing, paving & chip seal are as follows;

International Paving, \$225,260.50 for the entire project.

Dosch King Inc. chip sealing \$1.44 per square yard and crack sealing \$1.05 per linear foot.

Narragansett Improvement Co., leveling costs \$64.50 per ton for Howard Hill and Briggs Road and \$71.00 per ton for other roads. No bid for chip seal.

Cardi, leveling coat \$58.88 per ton for Howard Hill and Briggs Road and other roads are \$58.88 per ton.

T. Miozzi Inc., \$61.73 per ton for leveling of Howard Hill and Briggs Road, all other roads are \$61.73 per ton.

D’Ambra Construction, \$62.85 per ton for leveling of Howard Hill and Briggs Road, all other roads are \$68.55 per ton.

Comer Contracting, \$1.79 per square yard for chip sealing and total extended bid price is \$107,400.00

All States Asphalt, \$61.80 per ton for leveling Howard Hill and Briggs Road and \$61.80 for all others. Chip seal is \$1.84 per square yard.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bid information to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for recommendation.

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

**RI LEAP  
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John Lewis stated that the town has a draft contract between the Rhode Island Investment-Local Equity Aid Program State Funds by and between the State of RI acting through its Department of Transportation and the town of Foster. This contract states the conditions on how the town can access the “stimulus” money for the paving project. They are offering the town \$250,000.00 for paving. This is only a draft and requires no action from the council at this time. The draft will be forwarded to the town solicitor for review.

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director did not have a recommendation for the heating oil bids. The bid award will be placed on the August 13<sup>th</sup>2009 agenda.

**CONCERNED CITIZENS** John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor had stated that he was still gathering information for the request on Mr. Dannecker.

Ronald Cervasio asked if he could get the total net cost that was paid to the schools last year. Kelli Russ, town treasurer stated that she would get that information for him.

Another citizen asked if the heating oil price will be frozen for a certain amount of time, and if anyone checked the quality of the oil. John Lewis said yes. The heating oil is for all of the town owned buildings, and no one has checked the quality.

There was also a question about the washout of the sides of North Road.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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