

**December 3, 2009**

The December 3, 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 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The following department heads were present:

Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer  
Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MINUTES** Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the meeting minutes from November 12, 2009, with one correction.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Gordon Rogers asked to be recognized at the time of the appointment of the Building & Zoning/DPW clerk, further on the agenda.

**WARRANTS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #19 in the amount of \$26,735.57, Payroll Warrant #20 in the amount of \$35,209.06, and Payroll Warrant #21 in the amount of \$25,622.28, General Warrant #11 in the amount of \$74,913.01.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports from Building and Zoning, Planning, Police, Public Works, Recycling Coordinator, and Tax Collector as written. John Lewis said that there were two monthly reports from Planning and two monthly reports from Public Works.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** John Lewis wanted to inform everyone that at the last council meeting, November 12, 2009, all of the liquor licenses were approved without the signature from the Building and Zoning inspector, there was not one on at that time, and as of today the Building Inspector has reviewed all of the licenses approved at the last meeting and has signed off on all of them because there are no violations on the properties.

**REAPPOINTMENT TO ZONING BD.** Lynne S. Rider moved Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to reappoint Paula Mottshaw to the Foster Zoning Board for a five year term ending December 2014.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF BLDG. & ZONING DPW CLERK** Lynne S. Rider read a letter from Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk recommending Maryann Papa to be hired on a permanent basis; Maryann had been working on a temporary basis.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to appoint Maryann Papa as the Administrative clerk to the Building and Zoning/DPW Departments as recommended by Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk.

John Lewis asked Mr. Rogers if he had any questions on this agenda item. He replied that the recommendation letter that was read answered his question.

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

**RE-APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION COMM.** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to reappoint Sisan Smallman to the Foster Conservation Commission for a three year term ending December 2012.

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

**ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Prorated Additions in the amount of \$215.28, Regular Additions in the amount of \$1,028.09, for a total of \$1,243.37, in additions, as recommended by Anne Carlson, Tax Assessor

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

**WOODY LOWDEN REC. CTR. ROOFING BID OPENING** Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Regular Abatements in the amount of \$4,877.63, as recommended by Anne Carlson, Tax Assessor.

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

John Lewis read the following bid information for the reroofing of Woody Lowden Recreational Center Building;

**\*Abbey Roofing N. Scituate, RI** 1.) CertainTeed Lifetime Shingles \$16,400.00  
2.) CertainTeed or Elk/Gaf 30yr. Archit. Shingles \$14,700.00

**\*C&D Construction Co., Inc. N Providence, RI** 1.) Lanmark Woodscape 30yr. \$10,998.00  
2.) Landmark Woodscape Lifetime \$12,875.00  
3.) Install an insulation layer \$18,482.00

**\*Roofing Unlimited, Inc. Hope Valley, RI** 1.) CertainTeed 40yr Shingles \$11,250.00  
2.) CertainTeed 30yr Shingles \$10,200.00  
3.) Install an insulation layer \$14,660.00

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bid information to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, for a referral to the town council in two weeks.

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

**DAM PLAN** John Lewis also read the following Dam Plan bids for RI Dam #526 and RI Dam #349;  
**BID OPENING** \*Crossman Engineering, Inc. Dam #526 \$9,100.00  
 Warwick, RI Dam #349 \$9,100.00  
**Total** **\$18,200.00**

\*Pare Corp. Dam #526 \$3,100.00  
 Lincoln, RI Dam #349 \$3,100.00  
 Misc. \$500.00  
**Total** **\$6,700.00**

\*GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc.  
 Providence, RI Dam #526 \$5,500.00  
 Dam #349 \$5,500.00  
**Total** **\$11,000.00**

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bid information to Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, for a referral to the town council in two weeks.

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

**RIHPHC CONTRACT FOR HISTORICAL BARN** John Lewis summarized the details of the contract between the Town of Foster and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. The contract allows the owners of historical barns in the Town of Foster to obtain federal grant money to help refurbish and restore the barns. Councilman Lewis asked John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, if the contract was in order, he said yes; the only way that the town of Foster can receive any money is if the town signs the contract.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the RIHPHC Contract.

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

**CDBG PROPOSAL, LETTER OF REQUEST** Lynne S. Rider recused herself from the next agenda item because she is board member of Hemlock Village.

John Lewis stated that Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, has spoken to Mr. Michael Tondra from the Office of Housing and Development, and that office needed a letter of request from the town council in order to release CDBG funds to the town for the Hemlock Village Feasibility Analysis.

Joe Cardillo moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to sign the letter of request to release CDBG funds available for the Hemlock Village Feasibility Analysis

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye.

Lynne S. Rider recused.

**REQUEST FROM TAX COLLECTOR** The Tax Collector requested that the Tax Collectors office be open on Friday, January 29, 2010, for collections of third quarter taxes.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector, to be open on Friday, January 29, 2010, for collection of third quarter taxes.

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

**REQUEST FROM SCOTT GRIMSHAW** Lynne S. Rider read a letter of thanks from Mr. Scott Grimshaw to Carol Lyons, Deputy Town Clerk, and the employees of the town hall, and to request the use of the Town House for his wedding on December 12, 2009.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Mr. Scott Grimshaw to use the Town House on December 12, 2009.

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

Tina W. Freeman, Town Clerk stated that a copy of the letter would be placed into Carol Lyons' personnel file.

**CONCERNED CITIZENS** Gordon Rogers requested that he receive a copy of the recommendation letter from the Ambulance Corp. to the Town Council for the new rescue vehicle bid award. John Lewis stated that the Town Council awarded the bid to the company that was recommended by the Ambulance Corp.

**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 & 5 (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

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

There were no votes taken in executive session.

The executive session portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:55 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