

**January 28, 2010**

The January 28, 2010, 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 following department heads were present:

Kelli Russ, Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MINUTES**

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the December 17, 2009, meeting minutes as written.

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

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the December 30, 2009, meeting minutes as written.

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

Colette Matarese abstained; she did not attend that meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one spoke under public comment.

**PRESENTATION FROM “LEGO LEAGUE”**

Dennis Chretien, Foster School Committee Member, introduced the “Lego League” to the Town Council. The title of the presentation was “Smart Move”. The six students: Julia Arnold, Emily Chretien, Jake Farnum, Justina Paolucci and Michelle Chretien represented Rhode Island in Atlanta, GA., for the “robotics” competition. The students presented a new “version” of garbage and recycle trucks that would save money and time for the future. The Town Council; hoped that someone could actually build these someday.

**WARRANTS**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to amend the agenda for General Warrant #14 to the amount of \$98,356.60. The amount is less than what is posted on the agenda.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #28 in the amount of \$26,872.13, Payroll Warrant #29 in the amount of \$25,882.67, and General Warrant #14 in the amount of \$98,356.60.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS** John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted from the following departments: Building and Zoning, Planning, Police, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Recycling Coordinator.

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

**QUARTERLY REPORTS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the quarterly reports as submitted from the following departments: CDBG, Board of Canvassers, Foster Center Fire Co., Human Services, Foster Land Trust, and Libraries of Foster.

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

**LICENSE RENEWAL FOSTER BEAR ARMS** John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, stated that the Building and Zoning Official has submitted a letter of approval for the renewal of the licenses for Foster Bear Arms and Bait Shack. The requirements for renewal have been met.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the renewal of the Gun Shop, Secondhand, and Holiday Sales Licenses to Foster Bear Arms and Bait Shack, 52 Danielson Pike, with the expiration date of December 31, 2010.

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

**STIMULAS FUNDS** Colette Matarese made an announcement that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation received approval to add eight new projects to its economic recovery program, funded by ARRA. Foster is one of the towns, the locations being where Moosup Valley Road and Cucumber Hill Road meet (1.4 miles, \$800,000.), and Route 14/Route 102 from Briggs road to Old Plainfield Pike (1.2 miles, \$800,000.)

**REQUEST FOR PAY RATE CHANGE** John Lewis read a letter of request from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director asking for a change in the rate of pay for the part-time snow plow drivers: Non CDL drivers \$12.75 per hour, CDL drivers' small truck \$13.00 per hour, and CDL drivers in a 6 wheel dump truck with sander \$13.50 per hour. John moved the motion to approve the request, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request.

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

Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer stated that it would be a savings.

**PUBLIC HEARING CDBG** Colette Matarese opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant. This public hearing is to open the application process for the 2010 year.

**BID OPENING HISTORICAL BARN** Colette Matarese opened the Historical Barns of Rhode Island bids that were submitted to the town: Eastern Barn Consultants, \$40.00 per hour plus any out of pocket expenses; and John Milner Associates, \$13,531.91. John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the bids and to refer the information to Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner for a recommendation.

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

**2010 BUDGET SCHEDULE** Colette Matarese read the 2010 Budget Schedule. John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted to accept the schedule submitted.

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

John Lewis announced that the Town Council has received the Capital Budget proposal from the Planning Board, which was in their council packets for this meeting.

**DOG ORDINANCE** John Lewis stated that on January 10, 2010, a dog had been struck by a vehicle on North Road owned by Mr. David Hughes and Dorothy Healy. Mr. Mike Watkinson, who had accidentally struck the dog with his vehicle, submitted as "Exhibit A" letter to the Foster Town Council asking that the "Dog Ordinance" be reviewed. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, stated that the Rhode Island General Law has limitations, and recommended that Town Council review the ordinance as it is written. The council agreed that Lynne S. Rider would speak with the Scituate dog officer for more information on what the town of Scituate does in these situations. Colette Matarese would be meeting with Dorothy Healy, and John Lewis would be meeting with Mr. Hughes, John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, would be reviewing the town ordinance. The Town Council agreed to review the information and return it to the entire council by the end of February 2010.

**REQUEST FROM RIVMA** Colette Matarese read a request from the RI Veterinary Medical Association asking to use the Foster Fairgrounds on April 24, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to hold a Large Animal Rabies Clinic. John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the use of the fairgrounds by the RIVMA.

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

**REQUEST FROM 4-H** John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Northern RI 4-H District Horse Show to use the Foster Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 16, 2010

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

**REQUEST FROM FOSTER OLD DAYS COMMITTEE** Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Foster Old Home Days Committee to use the fairgrounds to hold the Foster Old Home Days on July 23, 24, and 25, 2010.

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

**CONCERNED CITIZENS** John Lewis announced that there is an H1N1 Flu Clinic for adults being held at the Captain Isaac Paine School on February 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ronald Cervasio, School Committee Member stated that the Captain Isaac Paine School has submitted their budget to the Town.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-5a (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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 8:50 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