

**December 2, 2010  
Town Council Meeting**

The December 2, 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 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

No one spoke.

**REPORTS**

John Lewis stated that the Town received a letter from the Chief Library Officer of the State of RI, approving the waiver of the maintenance of effort requirement for the Fiscal Year 2011

Joe Cardillo moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to accept the letter.

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

**MINUTES**

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was so voted to approve the November 18, 2010, council minutes as presented.

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

Colette Matarese and Roger L. Hawes abstained. They were not present at that meeting.

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was so voted to approve the November 29, 2010, council minutes as presented.

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

**WARRANTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #21 in the amount of \$26,813.96, and General Warrant #13 in the amount of \$22,471.63.

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

**NEW BUSINESS  
PERSONNEL  
POLICY  
CHANGES**

John Lewis stated that the Town Council has made some changes over the past few months, which have been voted on already. This is only to update the document itself to reflect those changes. A summary of those changes are in the personnel policy for future reference.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was so voted to approve the document as presented to reflect those changes.

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

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**TRANSFER OF  
OWNERSHIP OF  
TANKER 3**

Roger L. Hawes moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was so voted to approve the transfer of ownership of Tanker 3 to South Foster Volunteer Fire Station

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

The motion passed.

**ADDITIONS AND  
ABATEMENTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, to approve the abatements in the amount of \$1,314.76, as requested by Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor.

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

The motion passed.

**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

Tina W. Freeman, CMC Town Clerk stood up and stated that in her capacity as Town Clerk she was concerned with people coming into Town Hall and asking for copies of documents that were not complete. It has been, and will continue to be, her policy to issue documents in complete form. She thought if anyone felt that they could come into Town Hall and possibly argue or “bully”, or pressure employees to issue these documents in that manner, they are wrong, and calling radio stations to have them ask for the same information would be intimidation. She wanted to say that she does not withhold documents that are public information. She stated will continue to do her job with professionalism, courtesy and equality to all the taxpayers.

A taxpayer mentioned that the American Flag is not lit up and should be addressed.

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that he would take care of it.

Another taxpayer made some comments on the Town budget.

**FUTURE  
AGENDA ITEMS**

- There were none.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 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, CMC  
Town Clerk