

The October 14, 2010, 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
John Lewis, Vice President,
Roger L. Hawes,
Lynne S. Rider,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor,
Joe Cardillo, excused

Also present were Department Heads Ann-Marie Ignasher, Chief Robt. Coyne, Robert Clarkin, and Kelli Russ.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

Vice President John Lewis read a letter from The Trust announcing a scholarship award for Robert Clarkin, DPW Director, to attend the University of Wisconsin's "Managing Snow and Ice Control Operations" training on October 19 & 20, in Allentown, PA.

President Colette Matarese read a letter from Marion Law of Hemlock Village thanking the Town Council for their help in getting the traffic light at the corner of Rt. 6 and 94 installed.

MINUTES

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve the August 12, 2010, council minutes as presented.

Lynn S. Rider abstained; John Lewis, aye; Roger L. Hawes, aye; Colette Matarese, aye.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve the August 26, 2010, council minutes as presented.

Colette Matarese abstained, John Lewis, aye; Roger L. Hawes, aye; and Lynn S. Rider, aye.

WARRANTS

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$26,133.56, Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$27,537.68, Payroll Warrant #14 in the amount of \$27,777.77 and General Warrant #7 in the amount of \$131,744.95.

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

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was so voted to accept the monthly reports from the Planning Department and the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Police Department, and Building & Zoning Department as written.

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

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was so voted to accept the quarterly report from the Foster Libraries.

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

ADD. & ABATEMENTS

Colette moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to accept the additions of \$151.14 and abatements of \$44.42 to the tax roll as presented by the Tax Assessor, Patricia Moreau.

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

EDC-LIAISON REQUEST

The RI Economic Development Council requested a liaison to be appointed by the town for the Office of Regulatory Reform. As it was not clear in the letter of request whether or not the liaison needed to be an elected official. Colette Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was so voted to table the request until the next meeting.

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

CDGB GRANT

Colette Matarese read the letter from the RI Community Development Block Grant Program awarding \$185,000 in the amounts of \$90,000 for Housing Rehabilitation, \$1,500 for the Food Pantry, \$80,000 for Hemlock Village Water, and \$12,000 for Administration /Operating expenses. No action was required.

AMBULANCE STIPENDS

Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve the stipends for the Foster Ambulance Corps as presented by Commander Sharon Ann Cotter.

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

FOSTER CLERGY ASSN. THANKSGIVING

Lynne S. Rider read a letter from the Foster Clergy Association inviting a representative from the council to attend the Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Church on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. The representative is invited read the official Thanksgiving Proclamation.

John Lewis, Vice President, referred the Proclamation to the Town Clerk.

MEDS / POD AGREEMENT

Vice President John Lewis asked Town Solicitor John J. Bevilacqua if he had reviewed the MED / POD agreement, and if it is cleared for approval. The Town Solicitor states that it was.

Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve and sign the MEDS / POD agreement.

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

MEDS DELIVERABLES

Vice President John Lewis asked Town Planner Ann-Marie Ignasher about what comprised the MEDS deliverables. Ms. Ignasher replied that it was the same as last year, where there was an arrangement with the RI Dept. of Health and the shelter team

which resulted in the flu vaccination program in the school. \$4500 was given by the state to administer activities. Last year that money was used to construct a storage unit and fill it with emergency supplies. She also stated that this was not a contract requiring action but just for information purposes.

**BID OPENINGS
FOR DPW**

President Colette Matarese opened the bid envelopes for two bridges in need of repair and John Lewis read the bids as follows:

Cardi Corporation:	Plainwoods Bridge	\$198,512.00
	Mill Road Bridge	\$87,518.00
Aetna Bridge Co.	Plainwoods Bridge	\$326,000.00
	Mill Road Bridge	\$119,000.00

Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was so voted to refer the bids to DPW Director Robert Clarkin for review. John Lewis noted that the plan must be FEMA approved and that if it meets with their approval, FEMA will cover 90 percent of the cost.

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

**FOSTER
AMBULANCE
BUDGET**

John Lewis, Vice President, explained that the 5 percent across-the-boards cuts that were recently voted on did not take into account the fact that the Foster Ambulance Corps had already cut 13 percent of their budget voluntarily and that this had not been the case with the other services. Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was so voted to restore the 5 percent cut.

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

Lynne S. Rider noted that the goal all along had been to be fair.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

A citizen asked if there would be legal fees involved regarding the proposed 5 percent budget cut requested from the regional school. John Lewis replied that he had not heard the region's response. Colette Matarese stated that if there was a possibility of going into litigation, it should not be discussed in an open meeting.

**FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS**

1. An application for the position of Plumbing Inspector was received. It was suggested that the position be advertised on the town website with a deadline date of the 5 p.m. the evening before the next town council meeting.
2. Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer, told the council that the Foster Libraries were in danger of losing \$33,000 in funding and needed a Waiver of Maintenance of Effort filed with the State of RI. If the State approves it, they will be able to keep the funding. John Lewis requested that the waiver be available to schedule it for a future agenda.
3. Economic Development Council liaison to the Office of Regulatory Reform, depending on receiving information regarding whether or not an elected official is needed for the position.
4. Bid Awards for the Bridge Repairs.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-5a (2) Collective Bargaining, Litigation, and Contract Negotiations, and 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; Colette Matarese, aye; Lynne S. Rider, aye; and Roger L. Hawes aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Carol Lyons Sholly
Deputy Town Clerk