

May 13, 2010

The May 13, 2010, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Colette Matarese, 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,
Lynne S. Rider,
Roger L. Hawes,
Joe Cardillo,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor,

The following department heads were present:

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director
Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner
Lillian Jackson, Deputy Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and lead by the two Eagle Scouts present.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

No one spoke under public comment.

John Lewis, Vice President moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to change the order of the agenda, moving the “bid open/award for the Woody Lowden roof” up to the top of the agenda after the reading of “reports”

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

REPORTS

Colette Matarese, President, read a letter from the RI Town and City Clerks’ Association stating that Carol Lyons, Deputy Town Clerk was awarded \$700.00 to attend the New England Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy.

Another announcement Colette read was that Susan Boucher, Tax Assessor’s Clerk, has completed all of the requirements for the designation of RI Certified Assessment Personnel.

Lynne S. Rider, Council member, read a letter from Karen Christie Aucker who stated she was in the Foster Town Hall looking up her family history and wanted to let everyone know how great the town hall employees were. They were very helpful and courteous.

**WOODY
LOWDEN BID**

OPENNING /AWARD Colette Matarese announced that the town received four bids for the Woody Lowden Roof, they are as follows;

- 1.) Roofing Unlimited, Inc.
34 Cedarwood Lane Hope Valley, RI 02832 \$12,450.00
- 2.) Lance Breault Construction
66 Cove Road Harrisville, RI 02830 \$11,700.00
- 3.) C & D Construction Co., Inc.
1801 Smith Street N. Providence, RI 02911 Option A-\$10,835.00, Option B-\$15,690.00, Option C-\$16,107.00, Additional \$1,368.00 if stresskin panels are needed, and \$7.00 per sq. foot if rotten boards need to be replaced.
- 4.) Nardelli Builders Inc.
519 Putnam Pike Chepachet, RI 02814 Option A-\$16,450.00, Option B-\$20,425 if insulated, Option C-An additional \$2,000.00 for gutters.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to refer these bids to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for his review and to have a recommendation for the town council at the end of the meeting if possible.

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

MINUTES

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the April 8, 2010, meeting minutes as presented.

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

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the April 22, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, with two corrections.

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

WARRANTS

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #42 in the amount of \$26,960.50, Payroll Warrant #43 in the amount of \$27,120.80, Payroll Warrant # 44 in the amount of \$27,634.11, and General Warrant #21 in the amount of \$108,438.93.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports from the Building and Zoning, Planning, Recycling Coordinator, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector as presented.

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

QUARTERLY REPORTS John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the quarterly reports from the Libraries of Foster and Moosup Valley Fire Department, the fire department report included the fourth quarter of last year and the first quarter of this year in the report.

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

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF CANVASSERS Colette Matarese noted that a request has been submitted to the town council from Denise DiFranco asking to be appointed to the Board of Canvassers. Colette then appointed her to the board of canvassers as an alternate member.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATIONS John Lewis read the Eagle Scout proclamations for Jesse Cole and Christopher Carchia. The council congratulated both scouts. John Lewis said he did receive an invitation to their court of honor. Colette said that they were both wonderful examples for our community.

RESOLUTION BLACKSTONE VALLEY R.R. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Planner said that the town planner of the town of Burrville contacted her concerning a resolution in favor of the Blackstone Valley Railroad. They were asking for the town's support, which would help in receiving federal money. The railroad would run from Burrville, R.I. into Worcester, MA.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the resolution for the Blackstone Valley Railroad.

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

**DEM
CONTRACT**

Colette Matarese stated that a request was received from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, concerning a contract with DEM.

John Lewis explained that a contract would allow the town of Foster to receive funds from DEM to replace older diesel vehicles. The contract allows a maximum of \$25,000.00 per vehicle, with a request for up to three trucks. These funds are part of the Federal "Stimulus" program.

John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor stated that he reviewed that contract and is in order.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and was unanimously so voted to sign the contract with DEM.

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

**REQUEST
FROM
SWAMP
MEADOW**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Swamp Meadow Community Theatre to use the Town House grounds on July 9, 10, and 11th 2010.

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

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Bob Peterson said that he thought that the Town Council should be thanked for all the hard work they have done to prepare the budget, whether or not people agreed with it. He felt that the Financial Town Meeting was very confusing and hard to understand, he felt that the Moderator should have had each person approach the microphone to speak. Also, the Moderator should have made each question asked clearer to understand. Ronald Cervasio stated that when councilperson Cardillo walked passed him after the Financial Town Meeting, he felt threatened and was fearful of him.

**ROOFING
BID AWARD**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that he would recommend Lance Breault Construction to do the roofing work at the Woody Lowden Center in the amount of \$11,700.00.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the recommendation from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, for the roof work.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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