

July 15, 2010

The July 15, 2010, 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:

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
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

No one spoke under public comment.

WARRANTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #52 in the amount of \$29,553.16, Payroll Warrant #1 in the amount of \$43,118.06 and General Warrant #26 in the amount of \$40,238.07.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly report from the Tax Collectors Department as written.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the quarterly reports from the Board of Canvassers, Human Services and the South Foster Volunteer Fire Co. as written.

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

RECYCLING ORDINANCE Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the discussion of the recycling ordinance, there is no new information.

The recycling ordinance was continued for a future agenda item, for further research. No action was taken.

BID AWARDS Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the recommendation from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, to award the bid for the windows at the Woody Lowden to Frank Lusignan of Foster, for no more than \$5,802.00.

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

Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the recommendation from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, to award the bid for the windows at the Nike Site/Northwest Education to Frank Lusignan of Foster, for no more than \$7,112.00.

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

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, recommended that no action be taken at this time for the insulation at the DPW garage, there was only one bid received.

Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to take no action on this award.

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

ROUTE 6 REZONING Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the Route Six (6) rezoning discussion until the next meeting.

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

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, explained the State's changes to motor vehicle taxation and reimbursement. With the elimination of the "phase out" of motor vehicle tax and the reduction of the exemption from \$6000 to \$500, it puts the burden of the payment of taxes from the State to the taxpayers of the cities and towns. The purpose of the second financial town meeting is only to correct the language of the tax resolution so that the town is in compliance with the budget that has already been approved.

CEMETARY MOWING Collette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Kenneth Battey for payment of \$1,000.00 for the second mowing of the cemeteries, which is to be paid out of the cemetery fund.

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

REQUEST TO USE THE FAIRGROUND STAGE Colette Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Kristen Chin of the Libraries of Foster to allow the theatre group to use the fairground stage on Sunday, August 8th 2010, weather permitting and also to be able to use the Benjamin Eddy building if the weather is bad.

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

CHARTER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION John J. Bevilacqua, Jr., Chairperson for the Charter Review Committee introduced the following recommendations to the town council

Article III, Section 3.01 Town Moderator.

1.) Town Moderator

a.) The position of Town Moderator shall be appointed by the Town Council for a term of two (2) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The term shall start on the first Thursday after the first Monday in December in even numbered years.

Article V, Section 5.01 School Committee.

2.) School Committee

5.01 There shall be a School Committee consisting of five (5) members who shall be elected at each general election for a two (2) year term. Upon the five (5) members herein, duly elected qualified and sworn, the said members shall elect from its membership three (3) members to serve on the Foster/Glocester Regional School Committee for a term of two (2) years.

New Section, Article XVII, Section 1.01 Municipal Court & Code Violations.

3.) Municipal Court.

a.) A Municipal Court shall be established to administer traffic violations, zoning code violations, and all other municipal matters designated under Rhode Island and the Town Charter and Ordinances.

b.) The Municipal Court shall meet for no less than one (1) session each month and the Municipal Court Judge shall establish the day and time said Court will convene.

c.) The Court shall be administered by a Municipal Court Judge who shall be appointed by the Town Council for a two (2) year term with a salary to be determined by the Town Council and approved by the Financial Town Meeting in the same manner as all other appointees in the budget.

d.) The Clerk of the Court shall be the Town Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk, or a designee.

There was some discussion on the floor. The Town Council agreed to continue the discussion of the proposed charter changes on July 29, 2010, at 7p.m.

CONCERNED CITIZENS A citizen asked how the “Meet Your Neighbor Day” went. And payments to the Fire Departments.

Another citizen asked about the tax bill due dates.

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, 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 nay, Lynne S. Rider aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

The executive session portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:20 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