

**FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 29, 2010**

The July 29, 2010, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice President, of the Foster Town Council at the Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The following Department Heads were present:

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner
Kelli Russ, Treasurer,
Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector
Robert Clarkin, DPW Director
Robert Coyne, Chief of Police

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no public comments, minutes or reports.

MINUTES Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so moved to approve the June 10, 2010, minutes as written.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so moved to approve the July 8, 2010, minutes as written.

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

WARRANTS: Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was so moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2 in the amount of \$30,264.01, Payroll Warrant #3 in the amount of \$30,291.73 and General Warrant #27 in the amount of \$28,055.42, General Warrant #1 in the amount of \$48,370.26 and General Warrant #2 in the amount of 28,823.54.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was so moved to approve the Monthly Report from the Planning Department as presented.

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

ROUTE SIX (6) REZONING Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, to authorize the mailing for the Route 6 Public Hearing process to begin.

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

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT Roger L. Hawes moved and Lynne S. Rider seconded to appoint Susan Mara of 11 Mill Road, Foster to the Planning Board.

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

BID OPENING FOR TOWN AUDIT Town Council Vice President John Lewis stated that the town has received bids for the audit, they are as follows:

- 1.) Lofkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. \$120,000.00
- 2.) Bacon and Company \$59,250.00
- 3.) Braver Accountants & Advisors \$123,000.00

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Roger L. Hawes moved, and Joe Cardillo seconded to refer the bids to Kelli Russ, Treasurer, for a recommendation.

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

**ADDITIONS &
ABATEMENTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, and Roger L. Hawes seconded, to approve the pro-rated additions in the amount of \$5,239.48, and abatements in the amount of \$400.84 to the 2010 tax roll.

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

**PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
PROPOSED
CHARTER
CHANGES FOR
THE
NOVEMBER 2,
2010, BALLOT.**

John Lewis, Vice President, opened the Public Hearing; John J. Bevilacqua, Jr., Chairman of the Charter Review Committee, gave a short presentation with the following proposed changes to the Town Charter:

**2010 PROPOSED
CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

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 discussion on the floor. John Lewis then closed the Public Hearing.

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Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was voted to approve the recommendations from the Charter Committee and forward the questions to the Secretary of State Office, Elections Division for placement on the November 2, 2010, ballot for the Town of Foster, for Article III, Section 3.01: Town Moderator.

Lynne S. Rider then amended her motion; Roger L. Hawes seconded, to read *Article III, Section 3.01: Town Moderator.*

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

The amendment passed.

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

The main motion passed.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was voted to approve the recommendations from the Charter Committee to forward the questions to the Secretary of State Office, Elections Division, for placement on the November 2, 2010, ballot for the Town of Foster, for Article V, Section 5.01: School Committee

Lynne S. Rider amended her motion; Roger L. Hawes seconded, to read; *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.*

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

The amendment passed.

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

The main motion passed.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was voted to approve the recommendations from the Charter Committee to forward the questions to the Secretary of State Office, Elections Division for placement on the November 2, 2010 ballot for the Town of Foster, for a *New Section*, Article XVII, Section 1.01 Municipal Court & Building Code Violations.

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

The motion passed.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

John Lewis suggested that future agenda items include:

- Town Audit Bid Award (Referred to Kelli Russ, Treasurer)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 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