

July 8, 2010

The July 8, 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
Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief
Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector
Patricia Morgan, Board of Canvassers
Denise DiFranco, Board of Canvassers

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

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

A citizen had some concerns about the bridge on Plainwoods Road, and when it would be to repaired and opened. They were concerned about the emergency services having to go around to the other end to reach his house due to the bridge being closed.

MINUTES

Roger L. Hawes moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was so voted to approve the June 24, 2010, minutes as written.

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

Colette Matarese and Joe Cardillo abstained, they were not present at that meeting.

REPORTS

There were none.

WARRANTS

John Lewis asked that Payroll Warrant #52 on the agenda be tabled due to a discrepancy in the amount. Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and was unanimously so voted to table the warrant.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #51 in the amount of \$47,331.88, General Warrant #25 in the amount of \$14,828.07.

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

QUARTERLY REPORTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the quarterly reports from the Land Trust, Engineering Board, Conservation Commission and Civil Preparedness/Emergency Management as presented.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports from the Building and Zoning Department and Police Department as written.

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

RECYCLING ORDINANCE John Lewis stated that a few meetings back the recycling ordinance was referred to John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, said that he started the process and is working on the “marking” of containers, stating that these items are the property of the Town of Foster.

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

ABBEY LANE WATER DISTRICT No action was taken on the Abbey Lane Water District agreement, John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor is still working on it

Lynne S. Rider read a request from Pastor Kielhorn to use the town hall parking lot and water hose to hold a fund raiser with the Foster Center Baptist Church youth group.

REQUEST FROM PASTOR KIELHORN Roger L. Hawes moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was so voted to allow the youth group to use the parking lot and water for the event. Colette Matarese then amended the motion to include: provided that no other events are using the grounds that day. Joe Cardillo seconded the amendment.

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

The amendment passed.

John Lewis also mentioned that no church literature will be handed out.

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

The main motion passed

**CONTRACT
WITH THE
AMERICAN
RED CROSS**

John Lewis stated that last year the Town of Foster entered into an agreement with the RhodeIsland Chapter of the American Red Cross. It states the responsibilities of the town and the Red Cross should a disaster happen in Foster. Without the agreement the Red cross will not enter into the town should a disaster happen.

Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve continuing the agreement with the American Red Cross.

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

**AMBULANCE
CORPS.
STIPENDS**

Roger L. Hawes moved to pay the fourth quarter stipends in the amount of \$3,875.00, Joe Cardillo seconded. The motion and second was withdrawn so that the treasurer could double check the total amount of the request.

**VOSSLER
DRY
HYDRANT**

Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the “dry hydrant” request from the South Foster Volunteer Fire Co. for the Ralph Vossler property at 9 Mt. Hygeia Road.

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

**BID
OPENINGS
WOODY
LOWDEN
WINDOWS**

Colette Matarese opened the bids for the replacement windows at the Woody Lowden, they are as follows

Frank Lusignan	Option 1	\$5,207.78	Option 2	\$5,559.73
	Option 3	\$5,372.14	Option 4	\$5,802.35
C&D Construction	Option 1	\$11,925.00	Option 2	\$12,925.00
	Option 3	\$12,925.00		

Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, for a referral.

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

**BID
OPENINGS
NIKE SITE
WINDOWS**

Colette Matarese opened the bids for the replacement windows at the Nike Site/Northwest Education building(s), they are as follows

Frank Lusignan	Option 1 \$6,556.50	Option 2 \$5,056.12
Martone Services	Option 1 \$9,250.00	Option 2 \$9,500.00
	Option 3 \$9,650.00	
C&D Construction	Option 1 \$12,959.00	Option 2 \$13,324.00
	Option 3 \$13,311.00	

Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for a referral.

BOILER BIDS John Lewis announced that there were no bids received for the Nike Site/Northwest Education boiler.

No action was taken.

**INSULATION
BID** John Lewis, Vice President, opened one bid from C&D Construction in the amount of \$8,950.00, to install insulation at the Public Works Garage

Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bid to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for a referral.

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

**BID AWARD
FOR PAGERS** John Lewis read a letter of request from Mr. Thomas Walden, Engineering Board Coordinator, asking for the approval of the lowest bid for 20 new pagers for emergency services in the town. The bids are as follows;

Industrial Communications	\$9,980.00
CGS Communications	\$10,720.00
CyberComm,Inc.	\$9,240.00

Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to award the bid to CyberComm, Inc., in the amount of \$9,240.00.

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

**MOTOR
VEHICLE
TAX**

John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor stated that the State of Rhode Island reduced the motor vehicle exemption from \$6,000.00 to \$500.00. The town should have a Financial Town Meeting for the purpose of accepting a tax levy resolution. In order to meet the town's expenditures which have already been voted on at the first meeting, this needs to be voted on.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, to set the Financial Town Meeting date to July 27, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Colette Matarese amended the motion to change the date of the Financial Town Meeting to August 24, 2010, at 7 p.m., Roger L. Hawes seconded. Both the amended motion and second were withdrawn

Colette Matarese amended the motion to change the date of the Financial Town Meeting to August 17, 2010, at 7 p.m., Roger L. Hawes seconded

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

The amendment passed.

John Lewis stated that Citizen of the Year would not be discussed in open meeting; it is an executive session topic.

FEMA

John Lewis announced that the project worksheet received from FEMA has a total project cost for the Plainwoods Road bridge of \$320,052.00. The Mill Road bridge has a total project cost of \$163,500.00. According to "FEMA" the Town of Foster would be liable for 25% of the cost, which is an approximate total of \$120,000.00 for both bridges.

No action was taken.

**AMBULANCE
CORPS
STIPENDS** Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the fourth quarter stipends for the Foster Ambulance Corps. in the amount of \$3,857.00.

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

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS** A taxpayer asked if there could be a tax freeze for senior citizens who own real estate even if they do not live here.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 9:40 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, CMC
Town Clerk