

**August 12, 2010  
Town Council Meeting**

The August 12, 2010, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Colette Matarese, 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,**  
**Roger L. Hawes,**  
**John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor,**  
**Joe Cardillo, excused**  
**Lynne S. Rider, excused**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**REPORTS**

- A donation check of \$1,000.00 was presented to the Human Services Fuel Assistance Program, from the Friendship Lodge #7 of Chepachet, R.I., who recently held a golf tournament charity fundraiser. Members presenting the check were; Robert Fontaine, Ronald Beck, and Richard Barrows.
- Rosemary Paolucci submitted a report from her National Student Leadership Conference. The report was accepted.
- John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor announced that the Town of Foster received a decision from Superior Court concerning the “Charette vs Pezza” Case #09-908. The court ruling was in favor of the Pezza’s.

**MINUTES**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve the July 15, 2010, council minutes as presented.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**WARRANTS**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$34,956.55, Payroll Warrant #5 in the amount of \$30,402.48, General Warrant #3 in the amount of \$153,537.69, and General Warrant #28 in the amount of \$5,133.48.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

John Lewis moved to accept the monthly reports from the Building & Zoning, Police, and Tax Collector as presented. The motion was seconded by Roger L. Hawes.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Colette Matarese aye.  
The motion passed.

**QUARTERLY REPORTS**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was voted to accept the quarterly report from the Moosup Valley Fire Department as submitted.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, to award the bid for the Town Audit in the amount of \$59,250.00 to Bacon and Co. as recommended by Kelli Russ, Treasurer, for a three year period. John Lewis then amended his motion to include the approval is subject to the approval of the Auditor General.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Colette Matarese aye.

The amendment passed.

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The main motion passed.

**POLICE  
STATION  
IMPROVEMENTS**

John Lewis explained that the request is to be able to purchase laptop computers in the police cruisers from funds that that were set aside from the “Capital” line item of the budget.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, to approve the request to go out to bid for the improvements. Discussion was held, and Colette Matarese stated that if this is the only “sole source for this kind of equipment in the area, then the Town of Foster would need a letter from the State of Rhode Island stating the this company is the “sole source” for this area.

John Lewis withdrew his motion, and Roger L. Hawes withdrew his second.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to authorize the proposal to use capital funds for the Police Cruisers.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Colette Matarese aye.

**REQUEST TO  
USE OLD JAIL**

A request was made to use the old jail for a “ghost hunt” from David Benoit.

John Lewis moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was so voted to allow Mr. Benoit to enter the jail as long as there is a council person to accompany him at that time.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye.

**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

A citizen asked about the date of the second Financial Town Meeting. It was clarified; the meeting is Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Another citizen was concerned that a town wide mailing was sent out that was very misleading and incorrect in stating the facts about the Motor Vehicle Tax. The citizen asked to include the attached information from the State of Rhode Island as an “Exhibit A” to support his concerns.

Roger L. Hawes moved, John Lewis seconded and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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