

**September 16, 2010
Town Council Meeting**

The September 16, 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 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Joe Cardillo moved, Roger Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-5a (2) Collective Bargaining, Litigation, and Contract Negotiations, 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; and Roger L. Hawes aye, Joe Cardillo, aye.

There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to close the executive session portion of meeting.

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

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Colette Matarese, President, stated that the budget was a“work in progress” and that the Town Council has discussed ways to reduce the budget. Also that this is not going to be an easy time in any community in Rhode Island because of the State Aid cuts. She also stated that would like to see everyone put aside political rhetoric and come together and work together and make the cuts that need to be cut and help move the Town of Foster forward as best as we can.

John Lewis moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was so voted to approve the following changes to the Town Budget; See Attached “Exhibit A”. Included in the reductions are three furlough days for all of the Town Hall staff and includes the Department of Public Works. Furlough days are a mandatory day off without pay.

**OLD
BUSINESS
CONTINUED**

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

John Lewis stated that these cuts are part of the results of the August 17, 2010 Financial Town Meeting.

Colette Matarese stated that she has authorized the Town Clerk to set the three furlough days for the Town Hall, which will be before the end of this calendar year.

Tina W. Freeman, CMC Town Clerk, announced that she voluntarily included herself in the furlough days for the Town Hall staff, in complete support of the Town Councils’ decision, and especially in support of her staff.

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Colette Matarese stated that the Town Council cannot ask the Town Clerk to take those days because she is an elected official as well, and they do not have that power.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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