

**February 11, 2010**

The February 11, 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:

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

The following department heads were present:

Kelli Russ, Treasurer  
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner  
Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MINUTES**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the January 14, 2010, meeting minutes as written.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the January 28, 2010, meeting minutes as written.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 #30 in the amount of \$30,181.15, Payroll Warrant #31 in the amount of \$25,667.30, and General Warrant #15 in the amount of \$174,453.52.

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted from the following departments: Building and Zoning, Planning, Police, Public Works, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector.

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

**SECOND-HAND LICENSE RENEWAL**

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve a Secondhand License to Wright's Auto Salvage, Morris Maglioli, 37 Mill Road, with an expiration date of December 31, 2010. The Town Council had approved a license at a previous meeting with an expiration date of March 31, 2010. Mr. Maglioli had owed some back taxes, therefore being unable to renew his license. Mr. Maglioli has paid the taxes.

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

**HISTORICAL BARN'S BID AWARD** Lynne S. Rider moved Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the recommendation from Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, to award the bid for Historical Barns to John Milner Associates in the amount of \$13,531.91. This amount is covered by Federal Grant Money.

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

**LETTER REGARDING DISBURSEMENT OF TRAINING FUNDS** Lynne S. Rider made a motion and was seconded by Roger L. Hawes, that the following letter to be sent out, once this approved by the Solicitor, to the Engineering Board, Ambulance Corp., Foster Center Fire Co., Moosup Valley Fire Co. and South Foster Fire Co.;

Foster Center Volunteer Fire Department  
South Foster Volunteer Fire Department  
Moosup Valley Volunteer Fire Department  
Foster Ambulance Corp.  
Foster Engineering Board

Due to the current economic uncertainty facing all Rhode Island cities and towns, the Town Council requests that your organization not commit or encumber monies from the Safety Training Fund without prior Council approval.

At this time it is unknown if the Town will be able to maintain the same level of funding for Safety Training next year, therefore the Council feels the remaining balance should be reserved for essential expenses only.

Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult fiscal period.

Sincerely,  
Colette Matarese, President  
Foster Town Council

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

**PUBLIC HEARING CDBG GRANT** John Lewis, Vice President, opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant; Western Rhode Island Home Repair requested a total of \$150,000.00 for fiscal year 2010/2011. The following four requests were received;

- Foster Senior Housing, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000.00 for replacement of the water storage tank.
- Abbey Lane Condominium Association, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00 to upgrade the community water and septic systems.
- Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the food pantry.
- Community Housing Land Trust of Rhode Island, in the amount of \$3,000.00 for technical assistance to assist in the implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan for the Town of Foster.

Gaylen McGovern who represents Abbey Lane Condominium Association, Inc., highlighted some details about the need to upgrade the water and septic systems at Abbey Lane.

John Lewis then closed the Public Hearing.

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded and it was unanimously voted to refer the requests to the Foster Planning Board for a recommendation.

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

**RI NATIONAL GUARD LIVING MEMORIAL** John Lewis stated that the town has received a request from the Rhode Island National Guard to purchase a “brick” in the name of the Town of Foster to be placed at the National Guard Living Memorial at the Rhode Island Veterans’ Cemetery in the town of Exeter, R.I. The price of the “brick” is \$500.00.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the request until July 2010, due to lack of funds in the town.

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

**CONCERNED CITIZENS** A citizen asked if the town council had decided on a committee to combine the Foster and Glocester police chief positions. John Lewis stated that the council has appointed a two member committee from Foster, and Glocester has appointed a two member committee also. On February 4, 2010, this council attended the RI League of Cities and Towns where they had a session on merging services and what the legal implications, liabilities, and jurisdictional issues would be. The committees are sorting those kinds of things out. Lynne S. Rider added that one part of the presentation was focused on Police departments.

There was also concern about the sunken culverts on South Killingly Road.

One other question was about the wood boilers in town and the legislation at the state level. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor stated that the citizen was to contact their state representatives concerning that issue.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

There was no Executive Session held.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Tina W. Freeman  
Town Clerk