

**August 11, 2011  
Town Council Meeting**

The August 11, 2011, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Gordon E. Rogers, President, of the Foster Town Council at the Town House, 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:05 p.m.

The following members were present:

**Gordon E. Rogers, President**  
**Neal C. Whitelaw,**  
**Marianne Knight,**  
**Michael E. Dillon,**  
**Lynne A. DeStefano**

David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor  
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Lynne S. Rider of Burgess Road spoke under Public Comment.

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Building & Zoning Department as submitted.

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Michael E. Dillon aye.

The motion passed.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Planning Department as submitted.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye.

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Police Department.

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Michael E. Dillon aye.

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Public Works Department as submitted.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye.

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Tax Assessor.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye.

The motion passed.

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**WARRANTS**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #30 in the amount of \$34,901.05.

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw nay, Marianne Knight nay.

The motion passed. 3-2

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve General Warrant #3 in the amount of \$85,230.68.

Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Marianne Knight aye.

The motion passed

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$27,604.99.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye.

The motion passed.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #5 in the amount of \$29,881.02.

Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Marianne Knight aye.

The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Gordon E. Rogers stated that he would like to set up a workshop with the council to go through some personnel policy issues. Neal C. Whitelaw agreed and asked if this could be tabled until the resignation letter from Lynne A. DeStefano was clarified. It was not tabled.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded and it was so voted to schedule a workshop to review and discuss the personnel policy on Friday, August 19, 2011 at seven p.m. at the Benjamin Eddy Building. The Town Clerk stated that she could not attend and would appoint someone to attend.

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw nay, Marianne Knight nay.

The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS-  
NIKE SITE**

Marianne Knight stated that a “walk through” was done with the Army Corps. Of Engineers, and Ann-Marie Ignasher, Planner, and a representative from Senator Whitehouse. The findings were that the buildings are in serious disrepair. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Planner stated that the Army Corps. Of Engineers needs to be informed of anything that is done on that site

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director was asked to perform a feasibility study and report back to the Town Council.

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**FTM BUDGET  
CHANGES**

Kelli Russ, Treasurer stated that there are two departments that have increases from the Financial Town Meeting, Human Services and Other Public Safety.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to place the funds that were added at the Financial Town Meeting into the Public Safety line item.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye.

The motion passed.

Marianne Knight moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to allow the funds that were added at the Financial Town Meeting into the Human Services Department, to be used under the discretion of the Department Head.

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw nay, Marianne Knight nay.

The motion passed.

**DONATION TO  
THE DHS FROM  
FRIENDSHIP  
LODGE #7**

Robert Fontaine of the Friendship Lodge #7 presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Carol Mauro, Human Services Director to be used for her department.

The Town Council expressed their gratitude to the Friendship Lodge.

**ITEMS “B” AND  
“C” TABLED**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, to table the items in letters “b”(Resignation of Lynne A. DeStefano) and “c”(Appointment of VP-Town Council) under New Business.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye.

The items were tabled.

**ADDITIONS &  
ABATEMENTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Gordon E. Rogers seconded, and it was so voted to approve the Abatements submitted by Patricia Moreau, Tax Assessor, in the amount of \$650.76.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Marianne Knight aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye.

The motion passed.

**PUBLIC  
HEARINGS**

Gordon E. Rogers opened the Public Hearing for No Bin/No Barrel.

**NO BIN / NO  
BARREL**

Neal C. Whitelaw asked what the language change would be to the Town Ordinance. There is one in place for Mandatory Recycling as of now.

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that there would not be any language change. The only thing that would happen is that Rambone would not pick up the garbage if there were no recycling bins set out. He was not sure if David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor had any language change for the Ordinance.

Neal C. Whitelaw asked if any language changes to the Town Ordinances needed to be advertised first.

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**PUBLIC  
HEARINGS  
CONTINUED**

David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the advertising of the Public Hearing is all that is necessary for any language change.

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, stated that he was in favor on the amendment to the Town Ordinance.

There was some discussion from the floor.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to continue the hearing to the August 25, 2011, meeting and to include a letter sent in by e-mail from a citizen, it is marked as "Exhibit A" as part of the record.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye.

**STREET  
LIGHTS**

Gordon E. Rogers then opened the Public Hearing for "Street Lights". The proposal is to turn off fifteen of the thirty street lights in the town.

Some citizens who spoke against the turning off of street lights were: Elke Izzo of 10B Danielson Pike, Ronald Cervasio of 142A Old Plainfield Pike, Lynne Rider of 20 Burgess Road, Robert Fontaine of 8 Danielson Pike, Anna Rao of 123 Central Pike.

The Public Hearing was then closed.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Gordon E. Rogers seconded, to accept the list of street lights that was provided by Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, with the exception of pole 8 Danielson Pike, pole 150 Danielson Pike at Danny's Auction, and pole 16 Howard Hill Road at Woody Lowden, to remove the other street lights, and to keep on the Route 6, pole 8 street light, and to "Red Cap" pole 150 Danielson Pike, Danny's Auction, and pole 16 Howard Hill Road, Woody Lowden.

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw nay, Marianne Knight nay.

The motion passed.

See Attached "Exhibit B" for the complete list.

**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

The following people spoke under Concerned Citizens; Lynne S. Rider, James Sheldon, Erasmo Torres, Kelli Russ, Treasurer, Anna Rao, Tina W. Freeman, CMC Town Clerk.

**FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS**

- Resignation of VP Lynne A. DeStefano
- Appointment of VP Town Council
- Memorandum from Kelli Russ, Treasurer-Tax Payments
- Request from Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Official- Inspection Fees
- Nike Site

No executive session was held.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 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