

**September 22, 2011
Town Council Meeting**

The September 22, 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 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

Stephen R. Archambault, Town Solicitor,
Lillian Jackson, Deputy Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT No one spoke under Public Comment.

MINUTES Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve the August 25, 2011, minutes with one correction.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to approve the September 8, 2011, minutes as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS Michael E. Dillon 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.

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

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

The motion passed.

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**QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly report from the EMA Director 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 quarterly report from the Tax Board of Review.

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

The motion passed.

WARRANTS

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #33 in the amount of \$1,410.47.

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

The motion passed.

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve General Warrant #6 in the amount of \$88,526.23.

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

The motion passed

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #10 in the amount of \$34,547.88.

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

The motion passed.

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #11 in the amount of \$35,354.13

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the additions in the amount of \$8,327.75, and abatements in the amount of \$2,772.95.

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

The motion passed.

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**FOSTER
CLERGY
ASSOCIATION** Gordon E. Rogers read a letter to invite a representative of the Foster Town Council to attend the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 20, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. from Rev. Connie Young of The Foster Clergy Association.

Marianne Knight stated that she would attend the service on behalf of the Town Council.

**PROMOTION
TO SERGEANT-
ADAM C.
ARICO** Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief stated that with the recent retirement of Lt. Zeil, who was our nighttime supervisor, we needed to promote another officer to insure we have the proper supervision on the night shift. Officer Arico has been a member of the police department for almost five years. During this time he has made over two hundred and fifty arrests, over forty were DUI. He has been a valuable and active member of the police department. He recommends Adam C. Arico to be promoted to Sergeant, and night supervisor.

Tina W. Freeman, CMC, Town Clerk, swore Adam C. Arico in, as Sergeant.

Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief, then introduced three of the new police officers that were just hired: Stephen Duda, William McGuire Sr., and Thomas Masse.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS** The following people spoke under Concerned Citizens; Ronald Cervasio, Donna Mendillo, Julie Ferrazzano, Anna Rao, Kenneth Knight.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Winter snow and Ice Policy
- Fuel Bid
- Conservation Commission Appointment

Gordon E. Rogers announced that after consulting with David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, it was determined that the bidding process for the addition of the DPW Garage was violated by Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director. Mr. Rogers further stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Clarkin.

A Personnel Policy workshop meeting date was set for September 29, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief, asked if Officer Thomas Masse could be sworn in. Tina W. Freeman, CMC, Town Clerk swore him in.

No executive session was held.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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