

**October 13, 2011
Town Council Meeting**

The October 13, 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
Michael E. Dillon, Vice President
Neal C. Whitelaw,
Lynne A. DeStefano,
Marianne Knight,

David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor,
Lillian Jackson, Deputy Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Lynne Rider of Burgess Road spoke under Public Comment.

MINUTES

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to approve the July 28, 2011, minutes.

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 August 11, 2011, minutes as presented.

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

The motion failed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the September 22, 2011 minutes.

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

The motion passed.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the monthly report from the Building & Zoning 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, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the monthly report from the Planning 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.

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**MONTHLY
REPORTS
CONT.**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano 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 Tax Assessor.

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

The motion passed.

**QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the quarterly report from the Foster Libraries 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 so voted to accept the quarterly report from the Western Rhode Island Home Repair.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the quarterly report from the Zoning Board of Review as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

WARRANTS

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #34 in the amount of \$11,754.51.

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

The motion passed

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #7 in the amount of \$99,636.52.

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

The motion passed.

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**WARRANTS
CONTINUED**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$27,120.78

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$27,020.94.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #14, in the amount of \$27,207.87.

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to appoint James Janis to the Juvenile Hearing Board with the term ending September 2012.

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

The motion passed.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to appoint David Sweet to the Juvenile Hearing Board with the term ending September 2014.

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

The motion passed.

**ADDITIONS
AND
ABATEMENTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the additions from the Tax Assessor in the amount of \$5,651.58. And abatements in the amount of \$1,410.80.

The motion passed.

**BID OPENING-
POLICE CAR(S)**

Michael E. Dillon read the following bid received for two Ford Crown Victoria Sedans and one Ford Explorer 4X4.

MHQ:

- 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan as specified: \$24,860.00 per unit.
- 2011 Ford Explorer as specified: \$33,000.00 per unit.
- Lease payments for a three year lease annual payments based on total sell price of \$82,720.00, will calculate as follows: Three lease payments of \$29,344.70 per payment. The Town of Foster would own the vehicles at the term of the lease for \$1.00 payment per vehicle.

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**BID OPENING-
CONT.**

The bid was given to Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief for his recommendation.

**BID OPENING-
PLAINWOODS
ROAD BRIDGE**

Michael E. Dillon read the following bid for the Plainwoods Road Bridge construction.

Big Rock Co. of Sterling, Ct.:

- \$49,000.00

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that FEMA will be reimbursing the Town 90%, of the cost.

The bid was given to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for his recommendation.

**BID OPENING-
WINTER SAND
& HEATING
OIL**

Michael E. Dillon read the following bid the Winter Sand:

LaFramboise of Brooklyn, Ct.:

- Screened winter road sand-\$6.00 per ton picked up, and \$9.00 per ton delivered.

The bid was given to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for his recommendation.

Michael E. Dillon read the following bids for Heating Oil:

Fleet Fuel:

- \$3.499 per gallon.

Rambone & Sprauge:

- \$3.29 per gallon.

Reichart Oil:

- \$3.12 per gallon.

**TOWN
PRIVATE
ROADS**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director referred to the Town Ordinance where the Resolution 89-12-7, was passed by the Town Council adopting a "Policy for the Maintenance of Public Roads within the Town which are not Town Highways", under RIGL 24-2-1. Mr. Clarkin was looking for direction concerning maintenance issues.

There was discussion on the floor. No votes were taken.

**ZONING
CHANGE
REQUEST-
HEARING
DATE**

Tina W. Freeman, CMC, Town Clerk stated that the Town has received a request from Alan Reedy, owner of Plat 14 Lot 96A. He would like the Town Council to change the zoning back to Neighborhood/Commercial for his property. Brian Carpenter of Long Realty represented Mr. Reedy.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded and it was so voted to waive the \$150.00 filing fee, which is required under the current Zoning Ordinance, and set a public hearing date of November 10, 2011.

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

The motion passed.

**REQUEST FOR
VACATION
TIME CARRY
OVER**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to allow Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, to carry over 117.5 hours of vacation time to be used by December 31, 2011.

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

The motion passed.

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**DIRECT
ENERGY
CONTRACT
WITH RILCT**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that he and Kelli Russ, Treasurer, will be the representatives from the Town who will be working with the Rhode Island Leagues' of Cities and Towns for the Direct Energy Contract for the Town of Foster.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to allow Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director and Kelli Russ, Treasurer, to discuss energy savings for the Town of Foster.

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

**REQUEST FOR
STIPENDS-
AMBULANCE
CORPS.**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the First Quarter Stipends for the Ambulance Corps in the amount of \$5,352.00.

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

The motion passed.

**WINTER USE
OF TOWN
BUILDINGS**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that he was concerned with the amount of oil that is used in the Town Buildings. Mr. Clarkin asked if the different groups and committees could go elsewhere from November through March. Mr. Clarkin also stated that there could be some kind of charge, a minimum of \$100.00, or a fee schedule. Some of the Buildings would be Woody Lowden, Town House, Benjamin Eddy Building, closing up Woody Lowden and the Town House completely.

There was discussion on the floor. Some of the suggestions were to move the meetings to the Fire Stations in town.

No action was taken.

**CLEAN AND
LIEN**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that there have been some instances in town, where homeowners have left a lot of trash/junk on their property from either moving out or renters leaving. Clean and Lien is an idea when the Town puts a lien on the property owner after the town cleans the property, due to those instances. Mr. Clarkin will discuss further with David V. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor concerning any further actions to enforcing the clean up.

There was discussion on the floor.

This item is to be placed on "Future Agenda Items".

No action was taken.

**FINANCE
OFFICE KEYS**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to table the topic.

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

The motion passed.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

The following people spoke under Concerned Citizens: Lynne Rider, Heidi Rogers

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- FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**
- Private Roads
 - Direct Energy Contract update
 - Winter Use-Fee Schedule
 - Clean and Lien

No executive session was held.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Neal C. Whitelaw 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 8:45 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