

December 1, 2011
Town Council Meeting

The December 1, 2011, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Michael E. Dillon, Vice 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. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OLD BUSINESS Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #9, in the amount of \$1,264.00 to Emerald Services.

Neal C. Whitelaw asked that the solicitor's opinion be added to the record, which is called "Exhibit A," attached.

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

The motion passed.

A roll call vote was taken: Michael Dillon, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to provisions of General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5a (9) 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.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Gordon E. Rogers seconded, to come out of Executive Session and keep the minutes of said meeting closed and that all the minutes of all Executive Sessions held previous to this meeting be closed and remain closed pursuant to provisions of General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4.

A roll call vote was taken: Marianne Knight, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye, Lynne A. DeStefano yea.

The following votes were taken in Executive Session.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to include the appropriate stanchions for the safety signs, if the correct stanchions are not at the DPW Garage, Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, is required to purchase them within three weeks.

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

The motion passed.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to allow Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, to schedule safety classes for the DPW workers. Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, is to set the time and the date and to be held "In House" if possible, within a month's time.

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

The motion failed.

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Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to deny the “Seniority Clause” based on the finding Mr. Clarkin is acting within his authority to that charter to run his department pursuant to the charter.

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

The motion passed.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to change numbers one and two of the “description of infraction(s)” from a written warning of a DPW employee to a verbal warning, and to remove number three, and also the verbal warning be removed from the employees file after one month from today’s date of December 1, 2011. That date is January 1, 2012.

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

The motion passed.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to change the written warning of the DPW employee to a verbal warning, and also to have Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, meet with Arthur Jordan, Union Representative, to discuss any problems with the employee.

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

The motion passed.

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

A roll call vote was taken: Lynne A. DeStefano yea, Gordon E. Rogers yea, Marianne Knight yea, Neal C. Whitelaw yea, Michael E. Dillon yea.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 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