

**June 30 2011
Town Council Meeting**

The June 30, 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
Lynne A. DeStefano, Vice President
Neal C. Whitelaw,
Marianne Knight,
Michael E. Dillon,
David V. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor

Also present:

Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Chief Robert Coyne
Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner
Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT Lynne S. Rider spoke regarding the way Executive Session is listed on the agendas.

OLD BUSINESS NIKE SITE Marianne Knight updated the council on the Nike Site, including grant possibilities and going through the bid process to repair the roof and well.

No motions were made, no votes were taken.

BID AWARDS Public Works Director Robert Clarkin made recommendations on the bids for the first five items of surplus equipment:

- 1992 International 6-wheel dump truck (\$1,200)
- 1999 Ford F350 cab & chassis (\$1,000)
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria (\$650)
- 2001 Ford Crown Victoria (\$500)
- 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (\$700)

He recommended that the other surplus equipment not to be sold at this time except for the 7' Sickle Bar Mower to be sold in a separate sale.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to award the bids according to Mr. Clarkin's recommendations.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; and Marianne Knight, aye.

COMP TIME CARRYOVER Gordon Rogers moved and Michael Dillon seconded to allow employees who have earned comp time to carry the hours over into the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, no; Neal Whitelaw, aye; and Marianne Knight, no. Motion passed 3-2.

MONTHLY REPORT Neal Whitelaw moved, Michael Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Planning Department.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; and Marianne Knight, aye.

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WARRANTS

Lynne DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #49 for \$26,156.35.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; and Marianne Knight, aye.

Lynne DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #50 for \$42,538.29.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; and Marianne Knight, aye.

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant # 51 in the amount of \$26,352.86.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve General Warrant #27 in the amount of \$92,491.98.

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

ABATEMENTS

Lynne DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the list of abatements & uncollectable taxes as submitted.

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

**SALE OF
SURPLUS DPW
EQUIPMENT**

Gordon Rogers moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the sale of the New Holland Sickle Bar to Kahn Tractor & Equipment for \$1,500 as recommended by DPW Director Robert Clarkin.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye, Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**APPOINTMENT
OF BUILDING &
ZONING
OFFICIAL**

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Peter R. Scorpio to the position of Building & Zoning Official.

Marianne Knight amended the motion, Lynne DeStefano seconded and it was so voted to reduce the salary from \$28,005 to \$25,000.

Michael Dillon, no; Lynne A. DeStefano, aye; Gordon E. Rogers, no; Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye. Amendment passed 3-2.

Main motion: Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**APPOINTMENT
OF HUMAN
SERVICES
DIRECTOR**

Lynne DeStefano moved to appoint Rosemarie Abbruzze. There was no second.

Michael Dillon moved to appoint Allison Nugent. There was no second.

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**APPOINTMENT
OF HUMAN
SERVICES
DIRECTOR
CONT.**

Neal Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, to appoint Carol Mauro as Human Services Director.

Gordon Rogers amended the motion, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to reduce the hours to 16 per week.

Lynne DeStefano withdrew her second.

Gordon Rogers added to the amendment an adjustment to the salary to coincide with the reduction in hours. Lynne DeStefano seconded.

Gordon E. Rogers, aye; Marianne Knight, no; Neal C. Whitelaw no, Lynne A. DeStefano, aye, Michael E. Dillon, aye. Amendment passed 3-2.

Main motion: Gordon E. Rogers aye, Michael E. Dillon no, Marianne Knight, aye; Neal C. Whitelaw, aye, Lynne A. DeStefano, aye. Amendment passed 4-1.

**DPW GARAGE
ISSUES WITH
DEM
CITATIONS**

Public Works Director Robert Clarkin reported that the violations cited by DEM have been corrected except for one which needs to be tested, but there was an extension granted for that one.

No motions were made. No votes were taken.

**TAX PAYMENT
PLANS**

Gordon Rogers discussed the need to set a standard for monthly tax payment plans.

No motions were made. No votes were taken.

**PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
POWWOW**

A Public Hearing was opened regarding the application by Danny's Auction Barn to host the 2nd Annual Narragansett Northern Intertribal Powwow the weekend of July 30-31, 2011.

David Mihailides, owner of the property, explained the event.

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner explained that the event already had Zoning Board approval.

Residents Robert DePalo and Patricia Morgan spoke in favor of the event.

It was noted that the tribal police would handle crowd control. No one spoke against the event.

Public Hearing was closed.

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to allow the Powwow at Danny's Auction Barn for the weekend of July 29-30, 2011.

Gordon Rogers withdrew the motion and restated the dates for the weekend of July 30-31, 2011. Michael Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the event.

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

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**PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
SECONDHAND
LICENSE FOR
WRIGHT'S
AUTO**

A Public Hearing was opened regarding the application for a Secondhand License for Morris Maglioli d/b/a Wright's Auto, 37 Mill Road.

Morris Maglioli explained that he was unable to renew the license in December because of unpaid taxes which are now up to date. Residents Rose Salvatore and Donna Mansolillo spoke in favor. No one spoke against.

Public Hearing was closed.

Lynne DeStefano moved, Michael Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Secondhand License for Wright's Auto.

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

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Neal Whitelaw read a letter regarding Foster School Superintendent Davida Irving's statements at the last town council meeting regarding his involvement with the school roofing project. He stated that he was not resigning as liaison to the school.

Lynne S. Rider, Patricia Fountain, Robert Peterson, Heidi Rogers, Patricia Morgan, and Ann-Marie Ignasher also spoke under concerned citizens.

**FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS**

- DEM Compliance Letter
- Nike Site
- Personnel Policy
- Tax Collection Payment Plans

Gordon Rogers moved to have a five minute break at 9:10 p.m. and return for Executive Session. Michael Dillon seconded and it was unanimously so voted.

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

Marianne Knight was then excused.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to go into Executive Session according to 42-46-5a(2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation/Contract Negotiations, Foster/Glocester Regional School 5% Reduction Maintenance of Effort, International Association of Fire Fighters-Local 3422, RI Laborers' district Council-Local 1322 and International Brotherhood of Police Officers-Local 637, and, 42-46-5a (1) 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

Gordon E. Rogers aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, & Lynne DeStefano, aye.

Reconvened into open session.

Three votes were taken

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ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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

Submitted By

Carol Lyons Sholly, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk