

**June 9 2011  
Town Council Meeting**

The June 9, 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 7:10 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

**Stephen R. Archambault, Town Solicitor**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT  
MINUTES**

No one spoke.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2011, April 21, 2011, April 28, 2011 and May 12, 2011.

Gordon E. Rogers removed his motion; Lynne A. DeStefano removed her second.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the minutes of April 28, 2011, April 21, 2011 and April 14, 2011 as written.

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

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to table the May 12, 2011 meeting minutes.

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

Motion passed

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, to accept the monthly report from the Building & Zoning Department

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

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Marianne Knight seconded, to accept the monthly report from the Police Department.

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

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly reports from Public Works, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector.

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

**QUARTERLY  
REPORT**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the Human Services quarterly report as submitted.

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**WARRANTS**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant # 45 in the amount of \$26,136.97.

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 Payroll Warrant #46 in the amount of \$26,992.14.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant # 47 in the amount of \$27,404.79.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #48 in the amount of \$29,519.08.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve General Warrant #25 in the amount of \$49,043.016.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, to approve General Warrant #26 in the amount of \$63,806.84.

Gordon E. Rogers amended the motion to accept General Warrant #26 with the exclusion of the two items, each being \$153.00 for reimbursements of attorney fees submitted by Tina W. Freeman, CMC Town Clerk and Kelli Russ, Treasurer.

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

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

**EAGLE SCOUT  
PROCLAMA  
TIONS**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve and issue the eagle scout proclamations for Timothy Francis Bouchard, Samuel George Warren Kent, William Hunter Horst Ogert, and Sean Earl Talbot.

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

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**REQUEST FOR  
USE OF THE  
TOWN HALL  
PARKING LOT**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Pastor Eric Kielhorn to use the Town Hall parking lot on June 25, 2011.

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

**BID OPENING/  
AWARD  
SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids to Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for review and to use his discretion for an award of the bid(s). (A surplus list was not provided to town clerk.)

The bids were from:

- A. Gervasio Construction Co.-Sickle Bar, \$265.00
- Halls Garage-\$1.00 on everything, Ford 350 chassis, \$1.000.00, Crown Victorian \$650.00, 2001 Crown Victorian, \$500.00, 2003 Crown Victorian, \$700.00, Sickle Bar \$300.00, Miter box and saw, \$5.00 and few other things were also \$5.00.
  
- MW Prior Sand & Gravel-Sickle Mower \$256.00, 1992 International 4900 six wheel dump truck, \$626.00
  
- Raymond Dexter-2007 7' Sickle Bar \$600.00

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

**HUMAN  
SERVICES  
DIRECTOR &  
BUILDING &  
ZONING  
OFFICIAL**

Marianne Knight moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to set a date, to interview for the positions of Human Services Director and Building & Zoning Official.

Marianne Knight amended her motion to set a date only for the Human Services Director.

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

Marianne Knight amended her motion to include the people who are currently qualified by the State of RI, to hold the position of Building & Zoning Official.

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

The motion passed 4 to 1.

It was agreed to set the date of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the Building and Zoning Official and June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the Human Services Director, both starting at 7p.m.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was unanimously so moved to move forward with the agreement.

**RHODE ISLAND  
RESOURCE  
RECOVERY  
AGREEMENT**

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

**CCAP/NATIONA  
L GRID GRANT**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the letter of endorsement for CCAP – National Grid grant.

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

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**INTERLOCAL  
ANIMAL  
CONTROL  
CONTRACT**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve the Animal Control contract with the town of Gloucester.

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

The motion passed 3 to 2.

**COMPENSA-  
TION TIME  
CARRY OVER**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded to approve the compensation time carry over.

Gordon E. Rogers removed his motion and Lynne A. DeStefano removed her second.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Gordon E. Rogers seconded, and it was so voted to table the agenda item to approve the compensation time carry over.

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

The motion passed 3 to 2.

**REQUEST FOR  
USE OF  
CONTINGENCY  
FUNDS**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the use of contingency funds for the Police Department uniform bill from Leader Uniforms.

Gordon E. Rogers removed his motion; Lynne A. DeStefano removed her second.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to table the agenda item to approve the use of contingency funds for this bill.

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

**NORTHWEST  
ED. BUILDING**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that the building was in disarray. He suggested work to be done on the roof and water issues are a problem.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Marianne Knight and Neal C. Whitelaw to gather information on the building and report back to the entire town council by July 1, 2011, or sooner if possible with a recommendation.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano was excused.

**RI DOT  
LETTER-  
HOPKINS  
MILLS &  
ANTHONY  
ROAD BRIDGES**

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director stated that the town has received a letter from the State of Rhode Island with a list of proposed bridges to be demolished; #009601-Hopkins Mills and #087601-Anthony Road.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to accept the letter and approve the State to demolish the #087601 Anthony Road Bridge which is a town bridge and also the #009601-Hopkins Mills Bridge, which is a State bridge.

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

**PUBLIC  
HEARINGS**

The public hearing was opened for the application of a secondhand license from Kevan Rochette d/b/a Sawshop at 144 Danielson Pike Foster.

Discussion was made and the public hearing was closed.

**SECONDHAND  
LICENSE**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve the secondhand license for Kevan Rochette d/b/a Sawshop at 144 Danielson Pike, Foster.

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

The motion passed.

**CDBG**

The public hearing for the CDBG Grant Application was opened.

Marianne Knight recused herself from the discussion and votes.

Discussion was made, and the ranking of the list of applications were approved as submitted by the Planning Board/Planner;

- 1.) Abbey Lane Condominium Association Inc.-\$58,470.00
- 2.) Western RI Home Repair-Housing Rehab.-\$83,357.00
- 3.) Foster Department of Human Services-\$3,500.00
- 4.) WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care-\$15,000.00

Not ranked; Western RI Home Repair-\$36,450.00

The public hearing was closed.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve the letter of recommendation from the Planning Board and Town Planner.

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

**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

The following people spoke under concerned citizens; Ronald Cervasio, Lynne Rider, Kathleen Swanson, Davida Irving, Neal C. Whitelaw, Michael E. Dillon.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Gordon E. Rogers seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the regular portion of the meeting.

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

Michael E. Dillon moved, Gordon E. Rogers 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

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

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The meeting adjourned at 10:06 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