

**January 13, 2012
Town Council Meeting**

The January 13, 2012, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Gordon E. Rogers, President, of the Foster Town Council at the Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly 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,
Lillian Jackson, Deputy Treasurer
Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Official

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT Lynne Rider of Burgess Road, and Audrey Carey of Oak Hill Road, spoke under Public Comment.

MINUTES Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the December 1, 2011 minutes as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

WARRANTS Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #23 in the amount of \$29,161.06.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #24 in the amount of \$39,525.75.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #25 in the amount of \$25,882.14.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #26 in the amount of \$31,599.60.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll #27 in the amount of \$25,323.36.

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

The motion passed

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**WARRANTS
CONTINUED**

Gordon E. Rogers recused himself from General #11.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #11 in the amount of \$160,500.50.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #11A in the amount of \$4,614.00

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

The motion passed.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon 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.

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

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to accept the monthly report from the Tax Assessor as submitted.

Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Marianne Knight aye, Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Gordon E. Rogers 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 Center Volunteer Fire Co. 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 quarterly report from the Planning Board as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

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**QUARTERLY
REPORTS
CONTINUED**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the quarterly report from the Tax 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Marianne Knight presented an update on the progress of the Nike Site. Marianne stated that the plans were put on "hold" to conduct further research of grants and other possible money that could be used for the improvements.

There was discussion on the floor.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to discuss with the entities that are utilizing the Nike Site a possibility of some kind of lease/commitment before any further money is used for repairs.

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

NEW BUSINESS

**LETTER FROM
DEPUTY TOWN
CLERK**

Gordon E. Rogers read a letter submitted by Carol L. Sholly, Deputy Town Clerk, stating that she will no longer volunteer her services and time maintaining the Town of Foster Web site, marked as "Exhibit A".

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, to have the Town Clerk have the town council minutes put on the web site no later than thirty days of approval by the town council.

Neal C. Whitelaw stated that he felt it was not in the powers of the town council, who are elected, to instruct the town clerk who is also elected how to do their job.

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

The motion passed.

**LETTER FROM
BUILDING &
ZONING
OFFICIAL**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve an increase of \$1,700.00 to the Building and Zoning Officials salary.

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

The motion failed.

**ADDITIONS AND
ABATEMENTS**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve the additions in the amount of \$3,915.75

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

The motion passed.

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve the abatements in the amount of \$829.94.

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

The motion passed.

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**REQUEST FOR
VACATION TIME
CARRY OVER-M.
CAPRARELLI**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the seventy-seven hours of vacation time carry over for Animal Control Officer Michael Caprarelli to be used by June 30, 2012.

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

The motion passed.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

The following people spoke under Concerned Citizens: Lynne Rider, Heidi Rogers, Zach Farnum, and Susan Dillon.

**FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS**

- Personnel Policy
- No Bin/No Barrel

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, International Association of Fire Fighters-Local 3422, 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

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

The motion passed.

There was one vote taken in executive session:

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded and it was so voted to appoint Gordon E. Rogers and Lynne A. DeStefano to go into negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters.

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

The motion passed.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight 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