

**January 26, 2012
Town Council Meeting**

The January 26, 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. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor,
Lillian Jackson, Deputy Treasurer,
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,
Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor,
Robert Clarkin, Director of Public Works

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Susan Boucher of Shippee Schoolhouse Road and Lynne Rider of Burgess Road, spoke under Public Comment.

WARRANTS

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #28 in the amount of \$24, 470.91.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #29 in the amount of \$26,366.43.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #12 in the amount of \$67,140.84.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the Monthly Report from the Planning Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the Monthly Report from the Treasurer's Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

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**QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to accept the Quarterly Report from the Board Of Canvassers as submitted.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the quarterly report from the Human Services Department as submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS-
PERSONNEL
POLICY**

Gordon E. Rogers stated that the updated Personnel Policy was in the council packets for review and will be put on the next town council agenda for adoption. He said that he wanted to give the information to the council a couple weeks ahead of time for review.

Neal C. Whitelaw asked who the author was of the document that was distributed.

Gordon E. Rogers stated that the document was worked off the program that the Town Clerk provided. Michael E. Dillon did a lot of work on it from the discussions and the notes that were taken at the workshops.

Neal C. Whitelaw asked if it would be Michael E. Dillon that he would talk to if he had any questions concerning the policy. Gordon E. Rogers stated that if the way it was printed and the format, yes, that would be Michael E. Dillon.

**OLD BUSINESS
CONTINUED-
DIRECT ENERGY
CONTRACT**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to accept the recommendation of Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director for the Direct Energy Contract with the contract date of February 2012 through December 2014.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS-
CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Gordon E. Rogers read the recommendations from the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013, the list is as follows:

- Tax Assessor-\$29,000.00
- Department of Public Works-\$100,000.00
- Town Clerk/Town Hall-\$10,000.00
- Paine School-\$0.00
- Police Department-\$26,500.00
- Engineering Board-\$75,000.00

Total amount of \$240,500.00

There was some discussion from the floor.

No action was taken.

**ADDITIONS AND
ABATEMENTS**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, to accept the abatement's in the amount of \$6,243.38 from the Tax Assessor.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

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**REQUEST FROM
FOSTER OLD
HOME DAYS
COMMITTEE**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to approve request from the Foster Old Home Days Committee to use the Town Grounds on July 27, 28, and 29, 2012 to hold their annual "Old Home Days".

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**APPOINTMENTS
TO THE ZONING
BOARD**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Maureen McEntee to a full time member of the Zoning Board with a term ending December 2016.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Thomas DiRaimo as an alternate member to the Zoning Board with a term ending December 2012.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

Gordon E. Rogers opened the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC
HEARING-BVL
LIQUOR
LICENSE-SHADY
ACRES**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to grant a BVL Liquor License to Shady Acres Restaurant at 164 Danielson Pike, Foster.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Ronald Cervasio, Lynne Rider, Ann-Marie Ignasher, Planner, John Lewis, spoke under Concerned Citizens.

**FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS**

- Gloucester Resolution
- Tree Warden

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to go into Executive Session according to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5 for discussions and work sessions regarding Collective Bargaining/Litigation/Contract Negotiations, according to RI General Laws 42-46-5a (2) , 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, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye. Lynne DeStefano, aye.

No votes were taken in executive session:

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 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