

**October 25, 2012
Town Council Meeting**

The October 25, 2012, 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,
Michael E. Dillon, Vice President,
Lynne A. DeStefano, and
Neal C. Whitelaw;
Marianne Knight was excused**

Also present:

Kelli Russ, Finance Officer
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner
Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor
Chief Robert Coyne
Atty. David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, excused

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

None.

MINUTES

Michael Dillon moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve the minutes of **October 11, 2012**, with corrections; removing Lynne DeStefano from the first vote as she had not yet arrived. Also replacing the phrase “the roof caved in” with “of scheduled repairs” under the Gloucester Animal Shelter heading; and removing the sentence” Marianne Knight said Scituate’s bid came in last year at \$9,700.00.”

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Lynne DeStefano, aye. Motion passed 3-0. Neal Whitelaw abstained because he was not at that meeting.

WARRANTS

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve **Payroll Warrant #14** for \$26,248.08.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve **Payroll Warrant #15**, in the amount of \$25,834.22.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

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**WARRANTS
CONT.**

Michael Dillon moved, Neal Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve **General Warrant #7**, in the amount of \$32,382.61.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to approve the monthly report of the **Tax Assessor**.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to approve the monthly report of **Human Services**.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to approve the monthly report of the **Department of Public Works**.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**ADDITIONS
AND
ABATEMENTS**

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded to approve the **Additions of \$1,267.97** and the **Abatements of \$4,413.51**.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**LETTER FROM
DPW**

Gordon Rogers read the letter from DPW Director Brad Smith requesting an increase of hourly wages for part-time truck drivers and equipment operators. Estimated change would be from \$11-\$12 per hour to \$11-\$16 per hour depending on degree of difficulty.

Lynne DeStefano moved, Michael Dillon seconded to approve the request. Neal Whitelaw requested a cost analysis of the last 3 years. Michael Dillon removed his second, Lynne DeStefano removed her motion.

Gordon Rogers moved, Michael Dillon seconded to table the request to the next meeting when a cost analysis would be available.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

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TOWN CAR Numerous options were discussed. Gordon Rogers moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to table the item to the next meeting.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; and Neal Whitelaw, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Town Car
- Liquor Licenses
- DPW part-time salary increase request
- Providence Water Supply

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS** Patricia Fountain, Joseph Cardillo, and Audrey Carey spoke under Concerned Citizens.

Neal Whitelaw moved to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 for discussions and work sessions regarding Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations/Litigation according to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) and Personnel according to 46-46-5(a)1 at 7:30 p.m. Lynne DeStefano seconded.

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

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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