

**February 9, 2012
Town Council Meeting**

The February 9, 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,
Carol Sholly, Deputy Town Clerk
Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Official,
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,
Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor,
Robert Clarkin, Director of Public Works

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Lynne Rider, Robert Hohler, and Davida Irving, spoke under Public Comment.

MINUTES

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded to amend the meeting agenda to read December 8, 2011, and not December 9, 2011, and it was so voted to approve the amendment as stated.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the December 8, 2011, minutes as presented.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the January 13, 2012, minutes, with an amendment made to the motion instructing the Town Clerk to post the meeting minutes to the Town Web Site within thirty days as presented.

Tina W. Freeman, CMC, Town Clerk, stated that she would listen to the sound file of the meeting and make the necessary corrections to the minutes. She stated also that Councilman Michael E. Dillon came into town hall to obtain all the necessary information for posting minutes on the web site and volunteered to post the minutes himself.

Michael E. Dillon removed his motion and Lynne A. DeStefano removed her second.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to table the meeting minutes of January 13, 2012.

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

The motion passed.

WARRANTS

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #30 in the amount of \$27,545.17.

Michael E. Dillon removed his motion; Lynne A. DeStefano removed her second. Mr. Dillon should have mad the motion for a Payroll Warrant.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #30 in the amount of \$27,545.17.

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

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The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #31 in the amount of \$24,768.70.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept General Warrant #13, in the amount of \$168,337.18.

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

The motion passed.

**MONTHLY
REPORT**

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

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

The motion passed.

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the Monthly Report from the Police 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.

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

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

The motion passed.

**QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to approve the Quarterly Report from CDBD/WRIHR program.

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

The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Gordon E. Rogers stated that he would like to continue the Personnel Policy in two weeks to the next town council meeting due to the poor printing of the personnel policy, and allow everyone time to review all of the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to grant the request from Lillian Jackson to carry over 46 hours of her 2010/2011 fiscal year vacation time balance to be used by June 30, 2012.

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 to increase the salary of the Building and Zoning Official, not to exceed \$1,500.00.

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The motion was not seconded.

The motion failed.

AMENDMENT TO RIGL 17-11-1 Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to support the RIGL 17-11-1 Amendment, which would increase the limit of voter per polling location from 1,900 to 4,000.

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

The motion failed.

AMENDMENT TO RIGL 16-7-23 Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to support the RIGL 16-7-23 Amendment as read.

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

The motion passed.

BUDGET WORKSHOP Discussion was made concerning the initial budget meeting where all of the Department Heads would meet with the town council. The date of March 3, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. was set for the Budget Workshop.

APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Joe Procopio to the position of Tree Warden for the Town of Foster.

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

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG 2012 PROGRAM Gordon E. Rogers opened the Public Hearing for the 2012 CDBG Program Performance Report and Letter of Intent.

There was some discussion on the floor.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to approve the request set forth by the WRIHRP and CDBG Program Grant.

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

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NO BIN/NO BARREL ORDINANCE Gordon E. Rogers stated that the No Bin No Barrel Ordinance was put back on the agenda due to some concerns of garbage overages at the landfill from the Town of Foster.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded and it was so voted to continue the Public Hearing to the February 23, 2012, Town Council Meeting.

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

The motion passed.

CONCERNED CITIZENS Lynne Rider, Heidi Rogers, Ronald Cervasio, John Lewis, Robert Hohler, and Cheryl Hawes spoke under Concerned Citizens.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Continuation of the Public Hearing for “No Bin/ No Barrel”
- Treasurer’s Report/Surplus
- Auditor’s Report
- Personnel Policy

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Neal Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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