

**March 22, 2012  
Town Council Meeting**

The March 22, 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, arrived late**  
**Marianne Knight**

David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor,  
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,  
Robert Clarkin, Director of Public Works  
Kelli Russ, Treasurer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Lynne Rider of Burgess Road spoke under Public Comment.

**MINUTES**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the January 26, 2012, minutes as presented.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Gordon E. Rogers 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 #36, in the amount of \$27,209.30.

Neal C. Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye; Lynne A. 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 Payroll Warrant #37 in the amount of \$25,820.11.

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 General Warrant #16 in the amount of \$48,362.18.

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

The motion passed.

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the monthly report from the Public Works Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

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

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

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**OLD BUSINESS** Neal C. Whitelaw said he spoke to Kelli Russ, Treasurer, and he would like to continue the Treasurers Report/Requested Information to the next meeting agenda

**NEW BUSINESS** Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to accept the letter of resignation from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, with regret.

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

The motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DPW DIRECTOR** Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Gary Bergstrom as Interim Director of Public Works.

David V. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor stated that the intent of the letter that was submitted to the Town Council from the Local 1322 steward was subject to a leave of absence from the union for a period of, not to exceed ninety days, therefore to protect the employees right and status as a contracted employee, and the right to return to the union if they chose.

Neal C. Whitelaw asked if the town now needs to hire a mechanic.

Gordon E. Rogers stated that Mr. Bergstrom was going to be doing both jobs, Interim DPW Director and mechanic. Mr. Bergstrom will be receiving the higher of the two pays. He will not be asking for more than five hours of overtime.

Neal C. Whitelaw stated that, he wasn't aware of "overtime" pay? He felt that Mr. Bergstrom should be guided by the rules in place and that would be "compensation time", not "overtime". He also had a concern with one person doing both jobs.

Gary Bergstrom stated that receiving compensation time was not a problem.

Gordon E. Rogers stated that if Mr. Bergstrom had any problems "handling" both jobs, that he would let him know.

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

The motion passed.

**A  
PPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER** Neal C. Whitelaw moved to appoint Joseph Carey to the Planning Board for the remainder of the term held by John Neale.

The motion was not seconded.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to appoint Ronald Cervasio to the Planning Board for the remainder of the term held by John Neale, which expires December 2012.

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

The motion passed.

**REQUEST FROM CAPT. ISAAC PAINE SCHOOL-5K RUN** Julie Briggs stated the details of a 5k "Panther Dash" to raise money for the technology fund for Capt. Isaac Paine School.  
No action was taken.

**FEMA FUNDS** Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to expend the FEMA reimbursements as presented.

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

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**ADDITIONS &  
ABATEMENTS**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to accept the abatements in the amount of \$438.31, from the Tax Assessor.

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

The motion passed.

**RABIES CLINIC**

Michael E. Dillon read the rabies clinic flyer which was in the Foster Home Journal. The clinic is being held Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 1:30 pm to 3:00pm.

No action was taken.

**REQUEST FROM  
COUNTRY  
CRITTERS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to allow the Country Critters Veterinary Services, LLC to use the Fairgrounds to hold an animal "shot clinic"

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

The motion passed.

**BID OPENINGS**

The following bids were opened:

- **Northwest Roof Replacement:**
  - Louis Calcagni & Son-\$16,400.00
  - L.G. Desormier-\$29,855.00
  - MGH Improvements-\$40,000.00
  - C&D Construction-\$18,175.00
- **Northwest Septic Repair:**
  - Extreme Excavation-\$6,800.00
  - Louis Calcagni & Son-\$10,675.00
  - GTH Bobcat-Cost of Parts & Supplies Only
  - Angell Excavating-\$11,800.00
  - John Paiva-\$8,800.00
- **Surplus Equipment:**
  - Rick D'Abate-1967 Road Grader-\$2,508.00, Magnum 28" Chain Saw-\$78.00, Bush Hog TPH Finish Mower-\$114.00.
  - Raymond Proulx-Magnum 28" Chain Saw-\$200.00, Bush Hog TPH Finish Mower-\$300.00.
- **DPW Truck Lift:**
  - Basic Parts Inc.-\$14,250.00(Includes freight of 30,000lbs.
  - Gary Bloom Sales-\$15,500.00.
  - Tool & Equipment Connection-\$16,172.50.
- **Police Electric:**
  - Zap's Electrical-\$1,300.00.
- **Police Generator:**
  - Zap's Electrical-\$2,700.00.
- **Removal of Underground Storage Tanks:**
  - Taraco Precision-Town House-\$1,400.00, Northwest Ed-\$1,400.00.
  - Angell Excavation-Town House-\$3,150.00, Northwest Ed-\$3,150.00.
- **Demolition of Five Town Buildings:**
  - **East Side:**
    - Louis Calcagni-\$17,850.00.
    - Extreme Excavation-\$14,000.00.
    - Paiva's Construction-\$25,000.00.
  - **Old Fire Control Room:**
    - Louis Calcagni-\$4,000.00.
    - Extreme Excavation-\$800.00.
    - Paiva's Construction-\$7,500.00.
  - **Old Generator Room:**
    - Louis Calcagni-\$4,000.00\with steel roof.
    - Extreme Excavation-\$800.00.
    - Paiva's Construction-\$7,500.00.

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**BID OPENINGS  
CONTINUED**

- **Old Pump House:**
- Louis Calcagni-\$3,000.00(Asbestos not included).
- Extreme Excavation-\$700.00.
- Paiva's Construction-\$4,500.00.
- **West Side:**
- Louis Calcagni-\$17,850.00.
- Extreme Excavation-\$15,200.00.
- Paiva's Construction-\$28,000.00.
- **Installation of two Oil Tanks:**
- No bids were received.

Neal Whitelaw asked if he could receive a copy of all the bid specs.

Robert Clarkin, stated that all of bids were to be paid out of this fiscal years operation budget. Other than the Roof Replacement, which was budgeted in Capital Funds.

The bids were given to Gary Bergstrom, Interim Director for a recommendation of bid awards.

**ADVERTISEMENT  
FOR  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS TO  
FORM A  
COMMITTEE TO  
INVESTIGATE  
THE  
COMSOLIDA-  
TION OF POLICE  
DISPATCH.**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to advertise for a committee of five, to investigate the consolidation of the police dispatch system.

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

The motion passed

**HEMLOCK  
ROAD BRIDGE**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted instruct the Director of Public Works to prioritize, perform a cost analysis of the four bridges that were mentioned tonight.

Michael E. Dillon amended the main motion, Gordon E. Rogers seconded, to place a time frame to repair the bridges

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

The amendment passed.

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

The motion passed.

**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

The following people spoke under Concerned Citizens: Lynne Rider, Jeffrey Cook, Robert Peterson, Robert Salisbury, John Lewis, and Ronald Cervasio.

**FUTURE  
AGENDA ITEMS**

- Advertisement for Department of Public Works-Director.
- Treasurers Report/Requested Information

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 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.

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Two votes were taken in executive session:

Neal C. 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 9:50 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