

March 8, 2012
Town Council Meeting

The March 8, 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 No one spoke under Public Comment.

MINUTES Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve the February 23, 2012, minutes as presented.

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

The motion passed.

WARRANTS Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #34, in the amount of \$26,859.40.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #35 in the amount of \$27,273.74.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #15 in the amount of \$81,305.74.

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

The motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to accept the monthly report from the Building & Zoning Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to accept the January and February Monthly Reports from the Planning Department as submitted.

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

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**MONTHLY
REPORTS CONT.**

Michael Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to accept the Monthly Report from the Police Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight 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, Gordon E. Rogers aye.

The motion passed.

**QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve the Quarterly Report from the Foster Center Fire Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded and it was so voted to approve the contact from Verizon for the Town of Fosters' telephone and internet carrier.

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

The motion passed.

**LETTER FROM
ANN-MARIE
IGNASHER,
PLANNER RE:
JENCKS ROAD
ACCESS AND
EGRESS.**

Michael E. Dillon read a letter from Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, concerning the access to and egress from Jencks Road for Adler Bros Excavation. Which is marked and attached as "Exhibit A" to these minutes.

There was no action required.

**BUDGET
WORKSHOP
SCHEDULE**

The consensus of the town council was to conduct a Budget Workshop on March 15, 2012, at 7 pm at the Town House, 180 Howard Hill Road, Foster.

**NEW BUSINESS:
TOWN AUDIT
PRESENTATION-
BACON & CO.**

Patricia Boucher of Bacon & Company gave a short presentation of the Town Audit that was just completed for the Fiscal Year June30, 2011.

There was some discussion on the floor.

**TREASURERS
REPORT**

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to table the item of Treasurer's Report until the next town council meeting.

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

The motion passed.

Lynne A. DeStefano arrived at the meeting.

**REQUEST FROM
CAPT. ISAAC
PAINE SCHOOL-
HEATING PIPES**

Davida Irving, Principal of Capt. Isaac Paine School asked if the Town of Foster could possibly pay for the repair of the heating pipes at the school which are in need of replacement.

There was some discussion on the floor. No action was taken.

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LETTER OF RESIGNATION-J. NEALE Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to accept, with regret, the resignation letter from John Neale, Planning Board Chair.

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

The motion passed.

LETTER FROM NORTHWEST SPECIAL EDUCATION Lynne A. DeStefano read a letter from Northwest Special Education, which is marked and attached to these minutes as "Exhibit B".
No action was taken.

RE-ZONING REQUEST FROM CLM REALTY, LLC Ann-Marie Ignasher, Planner, read a letter of request from CLM Realty, LLC, to re-zone Plat 10, Lot 43, from Agricultural Residential to General Business Mixed Use, which is marked and attached to these minutes as "Exhibit C".

The Public Hearing will be held April 26, 2012. There was no action taken.

LETTER FROM ROBERT CLARKIN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Michael E. Dillon read a letter from Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director, asking the town council to consider increasing the capital budget for the Public Works Department, to repair roads, bridges and equipment/trucks.
No action was taken.

CONTINUANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NO BIN/NO BARREL ORDINANCE Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the "No Bin/No Barrel Ordinance" as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

CONCERNED CITIZENS The following people spoke under Concerned Citizens: Robert DePalo, Lynne Rider, Patricia Fountain, Patricia Moreau, and Robert Clarkin handed a letter of resignation to Councilman Dillon who read it into the record.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Capt. Isaac Paine School Heating Pipes
- Resignation Letter from Robert Clarkin, 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. The motion passed.

No votes were taken in executive session:

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Michael E. Dillon 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 9:15 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