

**April 26, 2012  
Town Council Meeting**

The April 26, 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**  
**Neal C. Whitelaw,**  
**Lynne A. DeStefano,**  
**Marianne Knight**

David V. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor,  
Gary Bergstrom, Acting Director of Public Works  
Patti Moreau, Tax Assessor,  
Kelli Russ, Treasurer,  
Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Official

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 minutes from March 22, 2012, as presented.

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

Motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the minutes from March 29, 2012, as presented.

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

Motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the minutes from April 12, 2012, as presented.

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

Motion passed.

**WARRANTS**

Michael Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so moved to approve Warrant #41 in the amount of \$26,855.48.

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

Motion passed.

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so moved to approve Warrant #42 in the amount of \$24,741.68.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; and Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed.

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**WARRANTS  
CONT.**

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so moved to approve General Warrant #18 in the amount of \$65,215.93.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**QUARTERLY  
REPORTS**

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so moved to approve the quarterly report from CDBG, as presented.

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

Motion passed.

Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so moved to accept the quarterly report from the Foster Libraries, as presented.

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

Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LETTER FROM  
THE PLANNING  
BOARD**

Lynne A. DeStefano read the letter from the Planning Board.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to allow Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, to work an additional eight hours each week, starting April 30, 2012, to the end of the fiscal year June 29, 2012, to exclusively work on the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Motion passed.

**REQUEST  
FROM  
FOSTERING  
ARTS**

Neal Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to grant the request from the Fostering Arts to use the fairgrounds for their summer concerts on June 21, July 19, and August 16, 2012.

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

Motion passed.

**REQUEST  
FROM CCAP**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal C. Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to send a letter of support of a grant application to the RI Department of Elderly Affairs to provide case management services to seniors.

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

Motion passed.

**LETTER FROM US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS** Gordon E. Rogers read a letter from the US Army Corps of Engineers concerning the Construction and Intrusive Efforts at Former Nike PR-79 Control Area, FUDS Project No. D01RI0063 02. This letter is attached and marked as “Exhibit A”.

Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Official wanted the records to show that his office was never informed about any work that was being done at that site. He agreed he was informed of what was going to be done, but not when. The only way he was informed of any work being done was when someone called his office to complain about it.

No action was taken.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE** Lynne A. DeStefano read the letter of recommendation from the Charter Review Committee. This letter is attached and marked as “Exhibit B”.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to refer the recommendations from the Charter Review Committee to the Town Solicitor for review.

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE** Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to accept the Resolution as read which includes House #'s 8006, 8007, 8008, 8009, 8010, 8011, 8012, and House #'s 2823, 2824, 2825, 2826, 2827, 2828, and 2829.

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

Motion passed.

**BRIDGE REPORT FROM DPW DIRECTOR** Lynne A. DeStefano read the Bridge Report from Gary Bergstrom, Interim Public Works Director. This letter is attached and marked as “Exhibit C”.

Neal C. Whitelaw stated that he believed the request was for a report of a “cost analysis” of the bridges, which bridges needed to be repaired first and the time it would take to actually fix them.

No action was taken.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FOSTER ZONING MAP-PLAT 10 LOT 43** Gordon E. Rogers opened the Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the Foster Zoning Map-Plat 10, Lot 43, owned by CLM Realty, LLC.

Michael E. Dillon read a letter from Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner and the Planning Board. This letter is attached and marked as “Exhibit D”.

No one spoke against the application.

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**PUBLIC  
HEARING  
CONTINUED**

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to grant the request of the amendment to the Foster Zoning Map –Plat 10 Lot 43, from Agricultural/Residential to General Business Mixed Use.

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

The motion passed.

**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

Lynne Rider, Ronald Cervasio, and Ruth Spencer spoke under Concerned Citizens.

**FUTURE  
AGENDA  
ITEMS**

- Gloucester Resolution
- Anthony Road Bridge
- Charter Recommendations

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight 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) ,regarding the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3422, and the Providence Water Supply Board, 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

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

One vote was taken in executive session:

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

**Attached Exhibits A,B,C, and D.**

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