

**May 24, 2012
Town Council Meeting**

The May 24, 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

Also present were:

David V. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor,
Peter Scorpio, Building & Zoning Inspector,
Gary Bergstrom, Acting DPW Director,
Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,
Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer,
Robert Coyne, Police Chief

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT No one spoke under Public Comment.

WARRANTS Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve **Payroll Warrant #45**, in the amount of \$25,489.12.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve **Payroll Warrant #46**, in the amount of \$ 27,027.06.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to approve **General Warrant #20**, in the amount of \$44,570.18.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES Michael Dillon moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the minutes of April 26, 2012.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Michael Dillon moved, Marianne Knight seconded, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2012. Discussion: Lynne DeStefano stated that she did not arrive at the meeting until the last vote but the minutes showed that she was present and voting. Marianne Knight withdrew her second, Michael Dillon withdrew his motion. Lynne DeStefano moved, Michael Dillon seconded, to accept the minutes with corrections.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. The motion passed 5-0.

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**AGENDA ITEM
MOVED**

Gordon Rogers moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to move Agenda item (b) under New Business above Additions & Abatements.

Gordon Rogers, aye; Michael Dillon, aye; Lynne DeStefano, aye; Neal Whitelaw, aye; Marianne Knight, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**NEW
BUSINESS: BID
OPENINGS**

The following bids for the Northwest Roof Repair were opened:

C&D Construction, Inc.-----\$30,955.00
1801 Smith Street
North Providence, RI 02911

M.G.H. Improvements-----\$30,500.00
640 Tarklin Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

Louis Calcagni and Sons, Inc.-----\$24,900.00
196 Wardlaw Avenue
Providence, RI 02908

Giovanni Home Builders-----\$31,000.00
90 Calvin French Road
Sterling, CT 06377

L.G. Desormier Jr.-----\$34,192.00
65 Slavin Path
Chepachet, RI 02814

Bids were turned over to acting DPW Director Gary Bergstrom for review and recommendation.

**ADDITIONS &
ABATEMENTS**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Neal Whitelaw seconded, and it was so voted to approve the Abatements in the amount of \$1,134.52.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye. The motion passed 5-0.

**DPW
DIRECTOR**

Gordon Rogers opens discussion to set up interviews to fill the DPW Director position. Five applicants to meet with interviewers every 15 minutes next Thursday at 7 p.m.

Atty. David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that all applicants need to be notified with letters informing them that they have the right to be interviewed in open session. Neal Whitelaw asked that the letters also request that they bring a CDL and Hoisting License. The clerk was instructed to place it on the agenda as an open session item.

**WOODLAND
MEETING
HOUSE
EXPANSION OF
LICENSE**

Gordon Rogers, Council President, referred the council to the documents regarding the application. After lengthy discussion. Gordon Rogers suggested that the application seemed too rushed to act on that night, and that if all the required sign-offs and submissions were received, then it could be put on the agenda for next Thursday. Atty. David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, suggested that they submit a new application, done properly, and that the license request be tabled.

Gordon Rogers moved, Lynne DeStefano seconded, to table the application for the expansion of the Woodland Meeting House BV and Entertainment license.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye. The motion passed 5-0.

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**RETURN TO
BIDS**

Gary Bergstrom, Acting DPW Director presented his recommendation for the NW Building Roof Replacement. His first choice was M.G.H. Improvements for \$30,500.00, and his second choice was Giovanni Home Builders for \$31,000.00, and third was L.G. Desormier, Jr. for \$34,192.00.

Gordon Rogers moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so voted to award the bid to Giovanni for \$31,000.00.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight aye, Michael E. Dillon aye, Lynne A. DeStefano aye, Gordon E. Rogers aye. The motion passed 5-0.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Lynne Rider, Ron Cervasio, Harold Shippee spoke under Concerned Citizens.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Advertise for Charter Changes
- Planning Board attendance issues/job performance review as requested by Lynne DeStefano in response to Ron Cervasio's accusations during Concerned Citizens. Atty. David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that Job Performance should be listed under Executive Session and that all members should be sent letters giving them the option to have their review in open session.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Marianne Knight seconded, and it was so moved to go into Executive Closed Session 42-46-5 for discussion or work session regarding Collective Bargaining / Contract Negotiations / Litigation according to RI General Laws 42-6-5(a) 2, and to reconvene in open session and to further keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all Executive Sessions held previous to this meeting be closed and remain under the provisions of RI General Law 46-42-4 & 5.

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

Atty. David Igliazzi recused himself from the Executive Session.

No votes were taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 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