

June 14, 2012
Town Council Meeting

The June 14, 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. Iglizzi, Town Solicitor,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Lynne Rider of Burgess Road spoke under Public Comment.

WARRANTS

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #47, in the amount of \$31,004.65.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #48, in the amount of \$ 23,913.90.

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

The motion passed.

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve General Warrant #21, in the amount of \$112,908.05.

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

Neal C. Whitelaw abstained.

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 Building & Zoning Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

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**MONTHLY
REPORTS
CONTINUED**

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

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

The motion passed.

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

Marianne Knight aye, Lynne A. DeStefano, aye, Michael E. Dillon 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 Police Department as submitted.

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Gordon E. Rogers read a letter from the Housing Board, asking for the removal and replacement of Ed McClelland. See "Exhibit A" attached.

No action was taken.

**ADDITIONS &
ABATEMENTS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the abatements from the Tax Collector, in the amount of \$2,398.05 for Personal Property and abatements in the amount of \$5,150.53 for Motor Vehicles, for a total of \$7,548.58.

Neal C. Whitelaw aye, Marianne Knight 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 the abatements from the Tax Assessor, in the amount \$342.71.

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

The motion passed.

**BID OPENING-
DPW, ONE TON
DUMP TRUCK**

The following bids were received for the One Ton, Flat Bed Dump Truck:

Fall River Ford:

- 2012 Ford F350 C & C, Yellow-\$42,593.00
- 2012 Ford F350 C & C, White-\$42,193.00

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**BID OPENING-
DPW, ONE TON
DUMP TRUCK
CONTINUED**

Premier Chevrolet, Inc.:
▪ 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 3500, 4WD, WT-\$28,098.70

The town council handed the bids to Gary Bergstrom, Interim DPW Director, for a recommendation.

**BID OPENING-
FCVFD-
PUMPER
TANKER**

The following bids were received for the Pumper Tanker Fire Apparatus:

C & S Specialty, Inc.:
▪ Spartan ERV Kenworth Chassis, T400, \$320,199.00

Northeastern Fire Associates:
▪ US Tanker Kenworth Chassis, \$322,000.00

The town council handed the bids to FCVFD Chief Will Paul, for a recommendation to the council.

**PLANNING
BOARD
MEMBERS-JOB
PERFORM-
ANCE/REVIEW**

Gordon E. Rogers stated that councilmember Lynne A. DeStefano asked that this be placed on the agenda with proper notice to the board members.

Lynne A. DeStefano stated that Planning Board member Ronald Cervasio requested this be placed on the agenda due to his concerns regarding attendance at the Planning Board meetings.

Ronald Cervasio stated that this was not personal.

There was discussion on the floor.

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Planner read a list of facts concerning the Planning Board, which is attached as "Exhibit B".

No action was taken.

**FOSTER
AMBULANCE
CORPS./RE-
QUEST FOR
TRAINING
FUNDS**

Michael E. Dillon moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the request from the Foster Ambulance Corps. for training funds in the amount of \$1,704.50.

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

The motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS-
S2639&H7603**

Lynne A. DeStefano moved, Michael E. Dillon seconded, and it was so voted to adopt the Resolutions S2639 & H7603 as written.

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

The motion passed. The resolutions are attached and marked as "Exhibit C".

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**PUBLIC
HEARING-
SECONDHAND
LICENSE**

Gordon E. Rogers opened the Public Hearing for an application for a Secondhand License to Sacred Acres Farm, Mary-Alice Beauchesne, 149 Danielson Pike.

No one spoke against the applicant.

Several people spoke in favor of the license.

Neal C. Whitelaw moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to approve the Secondhand License for Mary-Alice Beauchesne/Sacred Acres Farm of 149 Danielson Pike, contingent of all the required signatures for the license.

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

The motion passed.

**BID AWARD
FOR DUMP
TRUCK**

Gary Bergstrom, Interim DPW Director recommended the bid be awarded to Premier Chevrolet in the amount of \$45,024.70.

Gordon E. Rogers moved, Lynne A. DeStefano seconded, and it was so voted to award the bid to Premier Chevrolet as recommended by Gary Bergstrom.

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: Maggie Fennessey, Lynne Rider, Zach Farnum, Ronald Cervasio, Elke Izzo, Tina W. Freeman, John Lewis.

John Lewis asked to have the minutes reflect that he was not given an opportunity to speak, when the Planning Board agenda item was on the floor.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Planning Board Member, Ronald Cervasio

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, Providence Water Supply Board, and, International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 637,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.

Two votes were taken in executive session:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Attached is "Exhibit A", "Exhibit B", and "Exhibit C".

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