

AUGUST 11, 2016
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The August 11, 2016 Town Council Meeting was called to order by John L. Lewis, Jr., President of the Foster Town Council, at the Benjamin Eddy Building, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:09 p.m.

The following members were present:
John L. Lewis, Jr., President
Denise DiFranco, Vice President,
Gordon Rogers,
Jon Restivo, and
Cheryl Hawes.

Also present:
Renee M. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor
Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Police Chief William Ziehl

I. OPEN SESSION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

John L. Lewis, Jr. stated that the notice of the meeting was properly posted on the Secretary of State's web site.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ron Cervasio expressed his concern that the Planning Board did not seem to be involved with the Police Station Building Committee meetings.

IV. MINUTES

There were no minutes presented.

V. WARRANTS

Denise DiFranco moved, Jon Restivo seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #3 in the amount of \$35,321.44.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve Payroll Warrant #4 in the amount of \$33,138.26.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve General Warrant #25 in the amount of \$5,400.95.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to approve General Warrant #3 in the amount of \$91,685.73.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Denise DiFranco moved, Jon Restivo seconded, to approve General Warrant #3A in the amount of \$400.00.

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**WARRANTS,
cont.**

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, recused; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 4-0, with one recusal.

**VI. MONTHLY
REPORTS**

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to accept the June monthly report from the Tax Assessor, as presented.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**VII. QUARTERLY
REPORTS**

Denise DiFranco moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to accept the April through June 2016 quarterly report from the Board of Canvassers, as presented.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**VIII. OLD
BUSINESS**

**a.) Hazard
Mitigation
Grant**

John L. Lewis, Jr. reminded the Council that the Director and Assistant Director of the EMA department had received a grant administered through RIEMA, in the amount of \$20,000.00; with \$15,000.00 provided through Federal funding, and \$5,000.00 to be supplied in-kind through Town labor. Town Planner Juliana King had provided a summary letter and timeline to the Council outlining the procedure.

Did the Council want to proceed with signing the contracts?

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to give John Lewis permission to sign and send back two signed copies of the grant contract forms provided by RIEMA.

Ms. DiFranco confirmed that EMA Director Sharon Cotter and Assistant EMA Director Guenter Bay would manage the record keeping.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**IX. NEW
BUSINESS**

**a.) Additions &
Abatements,
Tax Assessor**

Denise DiFranco moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to accept the additions and abatements to the 2016 tax roll from the Tax Assessor, as presented: Motor Vehicle abatements of \$377.59; Motor Vehicle Additions of \$502.22.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**b.) Thank you
letter - Old
Home Days
Committee/
Department
of Public
Works**

John L. Lewis, Jr. read a letter from Barbara Ahlquist, of the Old Home Days Committee, commending the Department of Public Works on their work in preparing the Town House grounds for the Old Home Days event held in July.

Council Vice President asked if all of the DPW workers had been made aware of the letter. Treasurer Kelli Russ stated that she would be putting copies of the letter in each DPW worker's paycheck the following week.

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BUSINESS, cont.**

c.) GFOA Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement - Treasurer's Department Mr. Lewis read a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association, announcing the award of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, for the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, as prepared by Treasurer Kelli Russ. The Association had also included text for a news release.

Ms. DiFranco asked that the letter be distributed to the employees in the Finance Department.

d.) Recreation Committee Request for Fairgrounds, Community Yard Sale Mr. Lewis referenced the Recreation Committees' advertisement for the annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 17th, with a rain date of Sunday, September 18th, and asked that the advertisement serve as the formal request. It was confirmed that the Committee had reserved the space some months prior to the publication of the advertisement.

Cheryl Hawes moved, Gordon Rogers seconded, to allow the Foster Recreation Committee to use the town grounds on Saturday, September 17th, with a rain date of Sunday, September 18th.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

e.) Bid Opening, Gravel John L. Lewis, Jr. opened the three bids for Gravel, and read them as follows:

Cherenzia Excavation, Westerly, Rhode Island:

17.00 per ton, delivered (excluding tolls or road use tariffs)
10.00 per ton, picked up

J.R. Vinagro Corporation, 2208 Plainfield Pike, Johnston, RI

12.00 per ton, delivered
10.00 per ton, picked up

Material Sand and Stone Corp., 618 Greenville Road, North Smithfield, RI:

12.46 per ton, delivered
9.00 per ton, picked up

French River Materials, of Thompson, Willimantic CT

15.25 per ton, delivered
8.50 per ton, picked up

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to refer the bids to the DPW Director for review, to be awarded at the August 25th Council meeting.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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BUSINESS, cont.**

**f.) Bid Opening,
2016-2017
Paving
Project, cont.**

John L. Lewis, Jr. opened six bids for the Paving Project, and read those as follows:

All States Asphalt, Inc., Sunderland, MA:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$66.48 per ton	\$3.00 per linear foot	\$0.30 per square yard

Cardi Corporation, 400 Lincoln Avenue, Warwick, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$69.89 per ton	\$2.00 per linear foot	\$0.27 per square yard

T. Miozzi, Inc., 75 Airport Road, Coventry, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$64.90 per ton	\$4.00 per linear foot	\$0.28 per square yard

Hartford Paving Corporation, 112 Old Pocasset Road, Johnston, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$81.90 per ton	\$15.58 per linear foot	\$0.50 per square yard

Narragansett Improvement Company, 223 Allens Avenue, Providence, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$82.75 per ton	\$3.00 per linear foot	\$0.40 per square yard

D'Ambra Construction Co., Inc., 800 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$72.50 per ton	\$1.50 per linear foot	\$0.35 per square yard

Duarte Corporation, 460 Bullocks Point, East Providence, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$137.00 per ton	\$6.85 per linear foot	\$0.30 per square yard

Pawtucket Hot Mix Asphalt Mix, 25 Concord Street, Pawtucket, RI:

Bituminous Concrete	Keyways	Tack Coat Application
\$62.50 per ton	\$12.50 per linear foot	\$0.30 per square yard

Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to refer the bids to the DPW Director for review, to be awarded at the August 25th Council meeting.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**g.) Bid Award,
Asphalt
Spreader
Drag Box**

John L. Lewis, Jr. opened the single bid presented for the Asphalt Spreader Drag Box, and read it as follows:

J. Pyott and Associates, Inc., Cedar Bluff, Virginia:

One 6' to 10' Adjustable Asphalt Material Spreader Drag Box: \$21,218.44
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Gordon Rogers moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to refer the bid to the DPW Director for review, to be awarded at the August 25th Council meeting.

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BUSINESS, cont. John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**X. FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Location of Swamp Meadow Community Theater Outdoor Performance Center
- PRISM Streetlights
- LESO Program Update
- Financial Statements and Standards Policies & Procedures for Non-Town Entities Receiving Appropriations
- Maintenance of Unmaintained Roads (Awaiting Complete Listing of Unmaintained Roads
- Kennel Ordinance Revisions
- Amendment to Dog License Ordinance(s)
- Renewal of Animal Shelter Agreement
- Request for MOA From Dispatcher's Union, August 25, 2016
- Placement of Signs from Sign Contest.

**XI. EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**XII. ADJOURN-
MENT**

Gordon Rogers moved, Jon Restivo seconded, and it was so moved to adjourn the meeting.

John L. Lewis, Jr., aye; Denise DiFranco aye; Cheryl Hawes, aye; Gordon Rogers, aye; Jon Restivo, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7.43 p.m.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted by,

Jane Christopher
Town Clerk