

Foster

FIRST TWO VISITS:

Nov. 3

Nov. 12

Documents Not Received

School Committee Minutes:

- Readability: Good
- Thoroughness: Good
- Layout: Good
- Legal Compliance: Partial

City/Town Council Minutes:

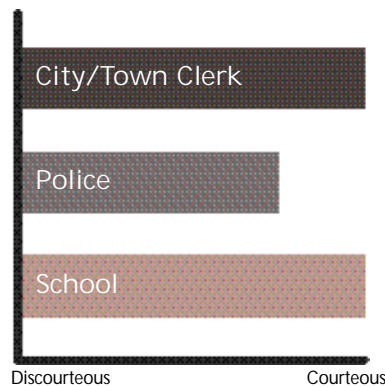
- Readability: Average
- Thoroughness: Average
- Layout: Average
- Legal Compliance: Partial



With less than five thousand residents, Foster is one of the least populated towns in Rhode Island. Foster also illustrates the dramatic statewide differences in compliance with the Open Records Law between the police and other local government entities. The Town Clerk provided all of the documents requested, as did the School Department which is combined with Glocester. Those interactions were friendly and courteous. As a result, Foster received one of the three highest rankings in the state for overall courteousness. There was a tendency, however, across the Town Clerk's office, School Department, and Police to ask for identification and the reason for the request. However, this did not affect our ability to obtain documents.

The Foster Police did not provide any of the materials requested. They were also less cooperative than the clerks encountered in the Town Clerk's office or in the combined school district.

How We Were Treated



Comparison: Cities/Towns

