

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
April 17, 2019**

Chairman Dziokonski, Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Connolly, and Selectman Kerrigan were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Public Comment

Mr. Jeffrey Swann of 132 Pleasant Street was before the board, he handed out a prepared statement. He reviewed the statement with the board regarding the use of hybrid vehicles, and the changes in the auto industry making the vehicles a great alternative for Police vehicles. The board thanked Mr. Swann for the information. Mr. Swann then informed the board the town of Leister has taken in over \$193,000 in revenue over the last three months from the sale of recreation marijuana in their community, from the retailer Cultivate.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from April 3, 2019 Selectmen's meeting for review and approval. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Utility Pole Installation Public Hearing – Haskell Avenue

Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing inviting the representative of National Grid forward. Ms. Laura Napolitano of National Grid was before the board to review the request. She explained the request is for the improvement of service, to support the increase size of new transformer and stub pole. The improved Pole is Pole 10 with increased height to Pole 9; this will be completed in three phases on Beech Street. The stub pole will support the weight of the new lines, they will be anchored on the stub pole. Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing for questions from the board, there were none. Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor of the project, there was none, in opposition, there was none. He closed the public hearing. Selectman Connolly made a motion to grant the request as presented for the Pole 9 & 10 including stub pole on Beech Street. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Worcester Street Cleanup – Fuller Field Commission Matt Kobus

Chairman Dziokonski invited Fuller Field Commission Chairman Matt Kobus before the board for discussion regarding the recent Worcester Street Cleanup. Chairman Dziokonski explained the Department of Public Works recently completed the debris cleanup on Worcester Street and are now pricing fencing for protection of the embankment from further illegal dumping. Mr. Kobus explained he isn't opposed to a fence; this is part of a coordinated vision for Fuller Field spring work to review an expansion of parking. We are seeking grant funding and one thing needed is parking. He has been working with Mr. Karlstad and Mr. Duffy who estimated about 100 parking spaces in the area. Part of the discussion was moving the embankment bank to allow room for addition parking. He suggested installing cameras to deter the illegal dumping. Chairman Dziokonski invited Superintendent McGown forward to review. Mr. McGown explained the cleanup went really well, there was about 40 yards of trash removed including sofas, chairs, mattresses and a lot of litter of water and Gatorade bottles. He estimated the area is about 95% cleaned up, what is remaining is to dangerous to remove. He is pricing fencing for the area because he feels without it the area will end up back where it started, if the fence is installed it can be moved if there is a plan developed for expansion. He is willing to meet with Mr. Kobus and the Fuller Field Commission to review where to put the fence to allow for parking. The board commended Mr. McGown and the department for the completion of the cleanup. They recommended adding Recycle Containers to the field and outer area to collect the beverage containers. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve Superintendent McGown and the Fuller Field Commission meet to review the area feasible for the fencing, allowing access way to the embankment. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly is supportive of any design for additional parking provided to the public. Chairman Dziokonski asked about the access way or gate as part of the fencing, he explained Fuller Field cannot continue to dump in this area, he is opposed to it. He explained they need to contact the Conservation Commission to inquire about the status of the land and the 100-foot buffer, he is not supportive of a gate in the fencing. Mr. Kobus explained there are no clippings from Fuller Field, to be dumped. The vote was unanimous.

Cannabis Host Community Agreement – 55 Sterling Street

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the Solicitor completed the draft host community agreement for Crabgrass, LLC to operate the cannabis facility at 55 Sterling Street. He explained this is routine but they have changed the location from the second floor to the first floor, therefor the representatives of Crabgrass, LLC can attend the next meeting to discuss. Selectman Kerrigan agreed he would like to wait and discuss with applicant the change and how it may affect the other neighbors. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to table the approval and discussion of host agreement for Crabgrass, LLC until the next

scheduled meeting. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Green Communities Presentation

Chairman Dziokonski invited the representatives of Green Communities forward for discussion. Mr. James Barry and Ms. Kelly Brown from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources were before the board. Ms. Brown explained they are before the board to provide additional information about the Green Communities Program and the adoption of the 5 criteria to become a designated community. She is aware the town is working with MRPC and Ms. Hume. She reviewed in 2009 the building regulations and standards have been adopted by 251 communities as part of the Green Communities designation. This requires a town meeting vote and the adoption of a general by-law. Mr. Barry explained in 2008 the Green Communities was created, qualifying criteria is the adoption of the stretch code, this is creation of more energy efficient buildings through the building code. With the adoption of the stretch code it will cover new residential construction with an effective date, commercial construction over 10,000 square feet, and commercial buildings over 40,000 square feet like labs or supermarkets. Repairs to existing buildings are exempt. An amendment was adopted in 2017, Base energy code defining 2 standards the prescription path or the performance path. The prescription path follows a checklist compliance or the performance path measures the energy savings. The stretch code applies to the energy savings. He reviewed the adoption of the stretch code costs approximately \$2600.00 per project, there is the cost of a HERS inspection approximately \$500.00, windows approximately \$500.00, heating \$300.00, cooling \$400.00, hot water \$714.00 and duct work \$200.00, totaling \$2600.00. There would be about a \$1600.00 benefit. Administrator Ward reviewed the adoption of the by-law includes zoning changes so he isn't clear if the town is in position to adopt until October. Ms. Brown explained it is a General By- Law and the MRPC representative is reviewing the zoning clarification. The board thanked Ms. Brown and Mr. Barry for the information and explained they look forward to moving forward with the Green Communities Designation. Selectman Connolly explained he will not participate in the discussion because he is a contractor and will have a conflict of interest.

Order of Takings for Rt. 110 High Street Project

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the Town Solicitor has provided the Order of Takings for the Rte. 110 High Street Reconstruction Project for temporary and permanent easements. He asked Solicitor Gibbons to review. Mr. Gibbons explained the reconstruction project requires 63 temporary easements and 31 permanent easements, 4 areas are town owned, totaling 68. Of the 59 temporary easements, 32 have been donated, of the 30 permanent 17 have been donated. He explained he has created two order of takings one is for the donated pieces and one for the others. There are 27 temporary and 13

permanents not donated, with an approximate cost of \$58,900. He is still reviewing the values of the land; the temporary easements will be for four years. Once the takings are approved, they will be recorded at the registry of deeds and the awards sent to the property owners. Superintendent of Public Works Chris McGown reviewed the project is a full reconstruction of Rte. 110 from High Street to Allen Street, including granite curbing and concrete sidewalks. The project will go out to bid in June, with construction to begin in the early fall with about one year to completion. He explained additional costs for the takings are about \$59,000 with \$29,000 in appraisals, he will use chapter 90 funding to cover the costs. This will require the boards approval. Recently he had spoken with the representative from Massachusetts Department of Transportation who explained generally half of the properties are donated for projects like this, Mr. McGown explained at this time about 1/3 have been donated. He asked for the boards approval of \$90,000 to be used from Chapter 90 funding. It is a \$2.4 million-dollar project once completed. Selectman Connolly made a motion to authorize the two orders of takings as presented, and the expenditure of the Chapter 90 funds totaling \$90,000 to be used in the project. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

One Day Liquor License Requests

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board has received several requests for a One Day Liquor License to be used in conjunction with the Clinton Turn Verein outdoor Pavilion events, to be held outside. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Liquor License Request

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board has received a request for a One Day Liquor License from Clinton VFW to be used in conjunction with a BBQ event, to be held outside. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

VFW Buddy Poppy Drive

Chairman Dziokonski explained the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #523 has requested permission to sell Buddy Poppies at the intersections of High & Church Street on Saturday May 25, 2019, to raise funds for veteran causes. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented by the VFW Post # 523. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2019 Bicycles Battling Cancer Ride

Chairman Dziokonski explained the American Cancer Society is requesting permission to allow participants in their annual bicycle ride fundraiser to travel through Clinton along Lancaster Rode on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Dziokonski explained the deadline for the submission of articles for the upcoming town meeting warrant was today. Town Administrator Ward has prepared a draft warrant for review based on the information received. The board will discuss at the next meeting.

Cable Television Committee

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board has received a request from Jeffrey Swann to serve on the Cable Television Committee. This appointment is currently under review.

Goal & Objectives

There was no discussion.

Committee Reports

Marketing and Communication Subcommittee

Selectman Kerrigan announced the committee had met and are putting together a "Town Wide Clean Up Day" on May 18th from 9AM until 12 NOON, to participate or for more information please contact Selectman Kerrigan at skerrigan@clintonma.gov. He reviewed the new web page is launched; he is happy with the results. It is a work in progress, there is no IT Administrator on site to do quality testing. Please notify if there is a problem. Administrator Ward explained he has heard from a citizen point out issues, he wants to thank them. All feedback is welcome.

Old & New Business Continued

Massachusetts Probation Department

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed Representative Naughton sent a recent e-mail regarding the Massachusetts Probation Department has confirmed they will be moving to 55 Green Street as the new location. This is a bigger facility with more parking available, employees will be working 24 hours 7 days a week with electronic monitoring. The board agreed this is great for the community.

Committee Reports

Downtown Steering Committee

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the committee is scheduled to meet on April 18, 2018, the consultants will attend on the final plans and the funding amount needed.

Selectman Iacobucci excused himself from the meeting.

Executive Session Article 3 Public Works Union Negotiations 8:30PM – 8:56PM

The board will not return to open session after the Executive Session.

Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero

Executive Assistant to the Clinton Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator