

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
January 9, 2013**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc and Chairman Dziokonski were in attendance. Selectman Dickhaut was absent. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from December 19, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting, including Executive Sessions Landfill Land Purchase and DPW Union Negotiations, & Town Administrator Contract for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Clinton Housing Authority - Board Vacancy**

Housing Authority Members Thomas Vitone, Fred Johnson, Emily McNally and Charlie Moran were before the board. Mr. Vitone explained the board had met last evening and reviewed the applicants received. After review and discussion of all the applicants the Housing Authority members voted on recommending Maria Novedo to the board. Chairman Dziokonski thanked the board for the recommendation and asked if there was any discussion or questions from the boards. There were none. Selectman Connolly made a motion to appoint the Housing Authorities recommendation of Maria Novedo to fill the vacancy on the board. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Class II Motor Vehicle License - 5 Russell Place**

Chairman Dziokonski invited the applicant to come forward and state their name for the record. Mr. Scott Arsenault and Mr. Rene Arsenault were before the board. Chairman Dziokonski explained the license is held currently in Mr. Rene Arsenault's name and Mr. Scott Arsenault would like to have the license changed to his name operating the same. Mr. Scott Arsenault replied yes. Chairman Dziokonski asked if the board had any questions. There were none. He asked for Public Comment in favor, there was one, in opposition, there was none. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the name change as requested for the Class II License at 5 Russell Place, from René Arsenault to Scott Arsenault. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Water Bill Abatement - 39 Webster Street**

Chairman Dziokonski invited the residents of 39 Webster Street to come forward. He asked if Superintendent McGown was going to attend this discussion. Administrator

Ward reviewed Mr. McGown is unavailable to attend. Peter & Terry Cotton of 39 Webster Street were before the board. Ms. Cotton thanked the board for the opportunity to review the billing issue. She explained over the summer she had a leak in her swimming pool. This leak required repairs and the draining and filling of the pool twice plus the continual filling prior to repairs. Her water bill for the cycle was \$2100.00. Chairman Dzikonski asked if this was a result of filling the pool, Ms. Cotton explained no she feels it was due to the amount she had to keep adding. Chairman Dzikonski asked if the Cotton's had spoken to Mr. McGown and he was unable to abate the bill. Ms. Cotton explained yes she has spoken with Mr. McGown and it is his recommendation that she speak with the board. She explained 3 years ago she had an outdoor waterline broken when some landscaping was being completed; she received a water abatement at that time. Administrator Ward explained it is part of the Water Regulations a onetime abatement be granted, after that it is up to the discretion of the Water Commissioners. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the abatement as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman LeBlanc reviewed he was in support of the abatement based on there being 2 separate incidences, one was a waterline issue and this is the swimming pool, 2 separate issues. Chairman Dzikonski asked if there is a time limit on abatements. Administrator Ward explained the Water regulations went into effect in 2006, part of the regulations is the one time abatement. Solicitor Gibbons explained there is no time line; it is a onetime abatement no questions asked. Selectman Connolly asked if the onetime abatement applies to the property or the owner. Administrator Ward reviewed the property. Selectman Connolly stated it is a onetime pass on the life of the property. The vote was unanimous. The Cotton's thanks the board.

### **Community Development Block Grant Informational Meeting**

Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy was before the board for an informal discussion regarding the upcoming FY13 CDBG application. He explained he has 2 projects the application will focus on funding for the Senior Center Construction project and the Complete Streets project. The two projects are the most optimal for the application. He explained he will be hosting a public hearing on January 23, 2013 prior to the Selectmen's meeting for community input. He asked the board if they had any feedback regarding the application. Selectman Connolly stated he very enthusiastically endorses the Senior Center project, and agrees all of the information and data available regarding the streets will be valuable to the community. Selectman LeBlanc explained he is very bias to the Senior Center project; it is a worthwhile endeavor for the community. Chairman Dzikonski asked for more information regarding the complete street project, does it include the infrastructure and improvements needed. Mr. Duffy explained the complete streets project consist of an engineer surveying the data and

mapping of the community reviewing crosswalk along paving conditions. The data is compiled and a report generated with the needed improvements.

### **2013 Junk License Renewal**

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed William Reisner Corporation is requesting renewal of their junk dealer's license for the current year. Selectman Sargetn made a motion to approve the renewal as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Liquor License Violation Hearing – The Spillway, Inc.**

Administrator Ward explained the hearing is scheduled for 7:30PM. Chairman Dziokonski explained he would accept a motion to continue out of agenda order.

### **Motion to Continue Out of Agenda Order**

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to continue out of agenda order with Administrative Business. Selectman Sargetn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### Police Department Monthly Report

Chief Laverdure submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of November 2012 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of November 2012 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

### Reserve Fund Transfer

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Animal Control Officer Wood has requested a reserve fund transfer to cover \$15,000.00 in expenses including veterinary services.

Administrator Ward explained he has exhausted his budget this first half of the fiscal year. He has been very active responding to a lot of calls. He set up the department buying some new equipment needed along with a uniform. He has been very active picking up dogs. As of October 1<sup>st</sup> there are new laws to follow for animal control. Selectman Connolly asked if the request could be approved but the amount left up to the Finance Committee. Administrator Ward explained that would be fine the Finance Committee can change the amount approved. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the transfer request be sent Finance Committee for review and discretion on

the amount. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Dziokonski explained the amount for approval should start at \$5000.00 transfer; the Administrator agreed explaining the entire budget is \$2500.00; he will meet with the Finance Committee and explain the request. The vote was unanimous.

### **Liquor License Violation Hearing – The Spillway, Inc.**

Chairman Dziokonski invited all parties to come forward.

Police Chief Laverdure and Ms. Kerrie Carnes Salwa owner of the Spillway Inc. were before the board. He reviewed the board has had an opportunity to review the reports presented by the Police Department regarding the Spillway, Inc. Police Chief Laverdure explained at this time the owners has notified him that the last night of business will be this coming Saturday, she intends to sell the business and will close. Chairman Dziokonski stated he has attended many charitable events at this establishment and is aware there have been positive contributions made to the community by the business. Selectman Connolly agreed explaining he seconds what the Chairman said; it is a hard business a lot of small businesses are struggling in this economy. Ms. Slawa explained it was a tough decision to make.

### Municipal Towing Contract Proposal

Chairman Dziokonski explained the board has received a letter from Paul Leone d/b/a Paul's Collision & Repair, Inc. with a proposal to become the towing company used by the town of Clinton and the Police Department. The proposal includes a \$30.00 fee for the town for every tow. He asked Chief Laverdure if he had a chance to review the proposal. Chief Laverdure reviewed the history of the towing for the town. He explained when he became Chief the towing was done by 4 different companies, each company would own a week. Each week was owned by a different company which would increase the value of the company. As time has evolved the weeks were sold when companies went out of business. At this time 3 weeks are owned by Lorne Almedia and Guaranty Auto and one week was sold to A-1 Auto recently. The board asked for the Police Chief, Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons to review the property rights to weeks of towing for the town. Selectman Connolly stated this should be reviewed and a letter submitted from potential vendor that it is licensed and has the certification required, all businesses in town should be given an opportunity. Chairman Dziokonski asked for this issue to be reviewed and get back to the board with some information.

### **Committee Reports**

There were none.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

Chairman Dziokonski stated the board will be entering into Executive Session and will not be returning to open meeting.

**Executive Session Article 3 Civil Service Appeals Update**

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 7:40 PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for Civil Service Appeals discussion. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", and Chairman Dziokonski "aye".

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 8:16PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero  
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Clinton Board of Selectmen