

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
October 22, 2014**

Selectman Dziokonski, Selectman Connolly, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Iacobucci and Chairman Sargent were in attendance. Attendee was Town Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Sargent opened the meeting the meeting 7:00P.M.

Review of Minutes

The board reviewed minutes for approval from the October 8, 2014 Selectmen Meeting and Executive Session Article 6 Oxford Court Negotiations. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

Water Street Sidewalk Agreement

Solicitor Gibbons reviewed at the Town Meeting in June the town approved an article to install concrete sidewalks on Water Street, to be funded by the town at approximately \$180,000.00. At this time the MassDOT is requesting the town sign an agreement to fund the upgrade to concrete sidewalks for the Water Street Reconstruction Project. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and any other necessary documents regarding the sidewalk installation on Water Street reconstruction project. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Liquor License Change of Manager – Polish American Veterans

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board has received an application from the Polish American Veterans Club, Inc. with a request for approval of a change in manager on record, to Mary E. Johnson. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request to change the manager on record for the Polish American Veterans Club, Inc. to Mary E. Johnson. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Radio Communications Update

Chairman Sargent reviewed Acting Fire Chief McLaughlin is trying to schedule a meeting with Mr. Mark Cady of LB Communications to update the board on the new communications systems Clinton Fire Department, at this time the discussion will be tabled.

Administrative Business

Clinton Rotary Club

Chairman Sargent reviewed the Clinton Rotary Club has submitted an application for a raffle permit to conduct fundraising activities for the organization. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve a raffle permit to the Clinton Rotary Club as requested. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Halloween Walk

Chairman Sargent reviewed Discover Clinton Committee has sent a letter requesting permission to close High Street from Church to Union to host the Annual Halloween Walk from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursday, October 25, 2014. The committee has also requested permission to display pumpkins along the sidewalks on Church and High Streets. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the requests made by Discover Clinton Committee in conjunction with the Annual Halloween Walk to be held on October 25, 2014. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under discussion: Chairman Sargent thanked Ms. Delorey- McNamara for all of the work she does in planning this event, it is always a big success and well attended. The board agreed. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Community Healthlink Counseling Center Closing

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board has received a letter from a Clinton Resident with concerns regarding the closing of the Community Healthlink Counseling Center to consolidate their counseling centers in Leominster. As a result the patients in Clinton are required to travel to Leominster for services. The President of the Alliance on Mental Illness of North Central Massachusetts has sent a letter supporting an idea to request that Clinton hospital provide space in their facility for mental health counseling at least one day a week. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion for the board to write a letter of support to advocate for services to be offered at the Clinton Hospital. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent reviewed this is a loss for the town, residents will have to travel for services and there is limited public transportation available. He would like the Town Administrator to write a letter to Clinton Hospital requesting they find space to support this programming. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives

- Facility Department Study: Selectman Connolly explained the meeting scheduled for October 28, 2014 with the Consultant has been postponed.
- Business Development Committee: Selectman Iacobucci reviewed there has been a good response for members.
- Trash/Recycle Planning Committee: Selectman Iacobucci explained the committee will meet next week.

Committee Reports

Radio Communications/Dispatch Subcommittee

Chairman Sargent explained the new tower and new antenna have been installed, at this time the committee isn't needed. He reviewed the board in the future should establish a committee to review consolidating dispatch, at this time there is no need of the subcommittee. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to dissolve the Radio Communications Committee. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained he will vote in favor of this motion, presently the existing committee is not the one for the consolidation of dispatch. A warrant article is needed for the consolidation, so this committee should disband and a new one form with a concentration on the consolidation. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business Continued

We Soldier On Project

Selectman Iacobucci asked that the board reach out and find out where this project stands, is there a possibility to have Clinton as a Community to offer Veteran Housing.

Recycle Center

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed there are issues at the center with illegal dumping. There are illegal household bags left at the center. He requested the board work in drafting an article for town meeting warrant regarding littering, imposing a fine. Also he would like to have signs posted at the center regarding dumping.

Department Heads Monthly Reports

Selectman Iacobucci explained in the past when he served on the board, all the departments under the Selectmen submitted monthly reports; he would like to request this again.

Illegal Dumping

Chairman Sargent explained he supports this request to work on an article imposing a fee. He reviewed he sees a lot of illegal dumping of furniture all over town, which stay out for long periods of time. This is an issue that needs addressing.

Committee Reports Continued

Holiday Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonski explained the Lighting Committee has introduced a new Banner Program. Decorative Holiday Banners will be hung along High Street. These banners will showcase the local business which sponsored it along with a holiday display. There will be a total of 22 banners, each banner will cost \$250.00 and will be utilized for three years with a \$50.00 maintenance fee for the following two years. At this time the board has sold 7. He asked if the board is interested in sponsoring one on behalf of the town. He reviewed the tree lighting will also be hosted on November 29, 2014 in conjunction with the Shop Local Day and the Children's Party. The committee also has ordered

more Holiday Decorations from Clinton High School Industrial Arts Program under the Direction of Toby Crowley, 12 new candy canes along with 4 new snowmen will be on display. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve \$250.00 from the Civic Fund be used to purchase a Holiday Banner. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly asked if any consideration was given to have the banners read "Merry Christmas" rather than "Happy Holidays" or "Seasons Greetings". Selectman Dziokonski explained they were chosen from a catalog and this wasn't an option, there wasn't any consideration to using "Merry Christmas" because it wasn't available. Chairman Sargent also noted the banners will be hung after Christmas throughout the winter season. He thanked Mr. Toby Crowley and the High School students who participate in the project. Selectman Dziokonski also noted the programming will be expanded at the tree lighting this year to include more music from the local churches and the girl scouts. Also Rob of the Strand Theater has invited some theater students to participate as Carolers. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Sargent stated the board will be entering into Executive Sessions under Article 6 for Oxford Court Negotiations discussion, Executive Session under Article 3 Police Union Negotiations and Article 3 Public Works Union Negotiations, the board will not return to open session. Roll Call Vote to enter in Executive Session Oxford Court Negotiations discussion at 7:20PM: Selectman Iacobucci "aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye" and Chairman Sargent "aye."

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 8:10PM to adjourn. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero

Administrative Assistant to the

Clinton Board of Selectmen