

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
November 4, 2015**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman LeBlanc were in attendance. Chairman LeBlanc opened the meeting at 7:02PM. Selectman Sargent was absent. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward, who arrived late due to attending the Planning Board Meeting.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from October 21, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting including Executive Sessions for D.P.W. Union Contract and October 21, 2015 review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

National Grid Double Poles Discussion- Scott Farrar

Chairman LeBlanc invited the representative of National Grid forward for discussion with the board. Mr. Scott Farrar a Community Customer Manager of National Grid was before the board. He explained he is the community liaison with National Grid and handles all the issues pertaining to Clinton, he works closely with Mr. Ward and Mr. McGown. Chairman LeBlanc thanked him for attending the meeting. He explained the board would like to discuss the double poles in the community. He reviewed some background regarding double poles, explaining the poles in Massachusetts are owned jointly with Verizon. They share ownership of 720,000 poles. National Grid has the setting priority for town of Clinton. He reviewed the placement of the wires on the pole and explained once a pole is set each company is responsible to move their lines including some that have Fire Alarm systems that the Fire Department would work on. He explained recently the company has removed a number of double poles, on September 12, 8 poles were removed, on October 10 18 poles were removed, on October 31 another 6 were removed. He reviewed the company is working on improvements to the pole setting process. The number of double poles within town at this time is about 60 poles which are in process to be pulled, 20 the fire department has to work on, 22 Verizon has to do. Administrator Ward asked if the 60 include the new poles set for the feeder lines. Mr. Farrar explained no, those would be part of the project to rebuild the Fitch Road substation. Selectman Connolly asked if the dates mentioned included poles on Water Street. Mr. Farrar explained no, the poles

completed were ones that have been around a long time. He reviewed there should be better communication to work on the transfer of all wires on the utility poles. He asked for the town to send an updated listing of the poles that are lingering and they will be addressed. Selectman Iacobucci explained there are poles in town leaning over the road this creates a dangerous problem; one has been like this for two years. Mr. Farrar asked for a problematic pole to be reported directly to him. Selectman Connolly mentioned a list had been created by a resident about five years ago he will have the list forwarded to Mr. Farrar for review. Mr. Farrar explained he would be happy to work on that list please provide him a copy. Chairman LeBlanc asked if National Grid could move all of the wires on a pole. Mr. Farrar explained all the wires are owned by the individual company, each entity rents space on the pole, it would be a liability to move another companies wires. Chairman LeBlanc asked if there is a fine that can be issued if a company doesn't work within a provided timeline to complete the pole process. Mr. Farrar explained there is a fine structure in the contract, but it generally isn't adhered to, there needs to be improvement to the process and the fine program. The board thanked Mr. Farrar for updating them on this issue.

High Street Design Proposals- DPW Superintendent Chris McGown

Superintendent of Public Works McGown was before the board to review the design proposals submitted. There are three prices submitted Climfleddler at \$279,000. CHA at \$259,000 and Green Environmental at \$224,474. The project is estimated to cost between 1.5 and 2 million, which will be funded by federal transportation funds. These projects take years and the design has to be completed first. His recommendation is to move forward on the design. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the go ahead with the design contract as presented by Mr. McGown. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked if this is a Mass Dot project, Mr. McGown said yes and the town has input on the project design. Selectman Dziokonski asked for a timeline for the project. Mr. McGown explained 4 to 5 years. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of the department for the month of October 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the report as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent McGown submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of August 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval.

Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Water & Sewer Abatements Request

Superintendent of Public Work McGown submitted a list of water/sewer and trash abatements in the amount of \$17,836.30 for action by the board. Mr. McGown explained this is a large amount due because they are representative of one year of abatements not a quarter and they also include some trash fee abatements for residents who opted out or didn't use the service. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept the abatements as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Oxford Court Renovations

Chairman LeBlanc explained the subcommittee met to review the plans submitted by Claremont Development of improvements to Oxford Court. He asked Selectman Connolly to update the board. Selectman Connolly updated the board by explaining the subcommittee met and reviewed the plans submitted, at this time he would ask the board to send a letter to Claremont explaining the plans are rejected, they do not comply with the contract signed with the town. At this town the town will send out copies of plans to show the inadequate improvements. Chairman LeBlanc explained the improvements are not in conformance with the original plans submitted by Claremont in 1986 as an adequate plan. Selectman Connolly made a motion to send a registered letter to Claremont explaining the plans do not conform to the 1986 plans; therefore the updates are noncompliant with the recent agreement. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked for a timeline. Selectman Connolly stated it should be left up to the Solicitor. Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the contract signed with the town references the plans, and Claremont doesn't have plans. Selectman Connolly reviewed the primary issue is the dumpster on town property; the plans do not address this issue. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Ward reviewed it was not a subcommittee meeting; it was a staff meeting with a review of the plans submitted by staff and board members. He will work on the letter to be sent out.

Implementation of the Public Works Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

Administrative Ward reviewed the board will enter into Executive Session for discussion on the DPW Union Negotiations, and may return to this after.

BAN Approval

Administrator Ward reviewed the Town Treasurer had dropped off some paperwork for the approval of a BAN to borrow \$285,000 for the landfill. This was previously approved at \$300,000 and now has to be reapproved. Selectman Connolly made a motion approve the Bond Anticipation Notice as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives

Emergency Communications System

Selectman Dziokonski asked for an update on the Emergency Communications System. Administrator Ward explained the Fire Chief is working on this, it is in progress and well on its way. He will invite Chief McLaughlin to the next meeting with an update.

Redevelopment of Town Website Update

Administrator Ward reviewed he has researched some companies, and had some preliminary meeting to get some cost estimates. At this time the cost is between \$10,000 to \$15,000. At this time he has to establish some input on development.

Memorial Day Parade Committee

Selectman Iacobucci stated he would like to form a committee and collect feedback on making improvements to the parade.

Downtown Decorative Streetlight Project

Selectman Dziokonski explained the board is awaiting feedback from Mr. Duffy's parking study which will include lighting as part of the redesign plan.

Committee Reports

Business Development Committee

Selectman Iacobucci explained there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 6:00PM.

Solid Waste Committee

Selectman Iacobucci explained there is a meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 6:30PM.

Duffy Park Vegetation

Selectman Connolly explained he recently met with the Director of Park & Recreation to review the status. She explained they are moving forward with authorization and guidance from Conservation Commission. She is planning to hire a contractor.

Facility Department - Government Affairs

Selectman Connolly explained the committee met with the representatives of the School Committee to work out concerns. There is a high expectation to have the agreement signed at the scheduled meeting on Monday.

Senior Building Committee

Chairman LeBlanc explained there was a final meeting and it was decided the amount to hold back from the contractor to address a few things. This funding will be used to make the corrections. The work should be completed within the next few weeks, and then the board will transfer the center over to the CoA.

Christmas Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the Children's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting events are scheduled for Saturday November 28, the party from 3:00 to 5:00 with the tree lighting and caroling to follow in Central Park. The Clinton High School Band will be attending along with the chorus and the Girl Scouts. There will be a new lighting display on the fountain and 8 new nutcrackers have been ordered from Assabet High School to be displayed throughout the community.

15th Annual Turkey Chase

Selectman Iacobucci explained the 15th annual Philip Whein Turkey Chase will be taking place on Thanksgiving morning. This is a long standing great event that benefits the community. He is excited to reach the milestone he worked on the planning committee since the events conception.

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board will enter into Executive Session under article 3 DPW Union Negotiations and will return to an open meeting. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectmen Sargent "aye", Selectmen Dziokonski "aye", Chairman LeBlanc "aye". Selectman Iacobucci recused himself and exited the meeting.

Executive Session Under article 3 DPW Negotiations 8:14PM to 8:29PM

Chairman LeBlanc reopened the meeting at 8:29 PM stating there is no further business at this time.

Selectman Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

Meeting Adjourned,

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