

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
November 5, 2014**

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

Chairman Sargent explained he will begin by requesting a moment of silence for two former town employees Owen McNamara former Community & Economic Development Director and Judge James Donahue former Town Solicitor. He proceeded out of agenda order with Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy, who has a conflict in scheduling with the Planning Board.

FY2013 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy was before the board to review ideas for the FY15 CDBG applications. He reviewed he wanted to update the board on the FY13 CDBG funding, the Complete Streets Survey is underway and the Senior Center is proceeding on schedule to be completed by December. The Complete Streets is being conducted by the Beta Group they have surveyed the road ways for all uses of transportation. This study should be completed by December. He explained he will be scheduling a public forum for December 1. He reviewed the Department of Public Housing has some changes to the Block Grant Program. The town of Clinton's score has changed. The town has been reissued a new score, which weighs on how an application is evaluated. The number has been changed to reflect the community need, it has been determined it is not as great as it was before. He explained he has two possibilities for the upcoming application due in February. He plans to complete sign improvements to the downtown. A requirement is to have a survey completed; he has funding in his miscellaneous budget to fund the completion of this survey by the Cecil Group, for \$7500.00. He asked the board for their endorsement of the contract. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to go forward with the contract with the Cecil Group as presented by Mr. Duffy. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. He explained the second part would be housing rehabilitation program, areas which are eligible would be Nelson Street, Ash Street or Clark Street, and these streets fit into the program.

Review of Minutes

The board reviewed minutes for approval from the October 22, 2014 Selectmen Meeting and Executive Session Article 6 Oxford Court Negotiations, Executive Session Article 3 Police Union Negotiations, and Executive Session Article 3 D.P.W. Negotiations. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Caira Jr. of 9 Brendan Road was before the board. He explained he was before the board for some advice. He made a call to the D.P.W. on September 25, he left a voice message asking for a return call regarding a question he has about something in his yard he wanted to speak with someone about. On October 6, he called the Selectmen's Office, leaving the same voice mail requesting a return call regarding his question. On October 21, he called the Selectmen's Office again and spoke with the secretary, left another message for Town Administrator regarding the outstanding question. He called the office again on October 22 and spoke with the Town Administrator who explained he would review the situation and try to get more information from the Planning Board and return a call within a week. Mr. Caira explained he has lost faith in all communications with the town. He has two issues what does it take to receive a return call and the original question as to what can be done with the object in his front yard. It has become dangerous and hazardous; children from the neighborhood have begun riding over it. It appears to be a base for a utility light, there is a base with 4 holes and bolts. Chairman Sargent explained he will check in with the D.P.W. in the morning and ask the Superintendent to remove this. He explained he will help solve this issue. Mr. Caira asked what a Clinton resident has to do to receive a call back, not sure should have to come to a Selectmen's meeting to receive help with an issue. Chairman Sargent stated this must have been a miscommunication, the office is busy; in life things are not perfect. He understands the frustration. Mr. Caira explained he waited over a month and never received a response. Selectman Dziokonski apologized stating he should have received a return call. Selectman LeBlanc explained to Mr. Caira he can email the board at any time.

Chairman Sargent congratulated State Representative Naughton on his reelection, along with State Senators Chandler and Flanagan. He also congratulated Governor - Elect Baker. He reviewed the verdict had recently been reached in the case against Dean Weeks, he feels the laws need to be changed. If the perpetrator goes to jail then the victim could lose everything. He has reached out to Senator Chandler to work on proposing a change to the laws. It isn't right the victim is the victim twice.

Fire Radio Communications Update

Chairman Sargent reviewed Acting Fire Chief McLaughlin is before the board with an update on the new communications system for the department. Acting Chief McLaughlin reviewed Mr. Mark Cady of L.B. Communications gave him information to update the board on the new communications systems Clinton Fire Department. He reviewed Mr. Cady has applied for frequency, he reviewed it was received this morning. Mr. Cady plans to be at the Fire Station tomorrow. He will be working on the identifying the best location for the primary antenna, identify how many radios are needed, and review the frequency allocated maps including topography for the primary antenna. He reviewed the equipment will be ordered from the state bid list and L.B. Communications will oversee the install and test to determine if the system should be accepted.

Chairman Sargent asked the date the system should be installed. Acting Chief McLaughlin explained he didn't know. Selectman Connolly asked if a date could be identified, an estimated time of completion. Acting Chief McLaughlin agreed he will review. The board thanked Acting Chief McLaughlin for the update.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Chairman Sargent reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of November 2014: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Ringside Café, Spruce Street Tavern & The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as presented with any additional requests approved sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Raffle Permit: Clinton Turn Verein

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

DPW Monthly Report

Superintendent McGown submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of July 2014 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Community & Economic Development Quarterly Report for FY15

Chairman Sargent reviewed the Mr. Duffy had addressed the board prior.

One Day Wine & Malt License Permit

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board has received a request for a One-Day Wine & Malt License from Clinton Park & Recreation to be used in conjunction with the December 3, 2014 Holiday Pops Concert event in Fallon Auditorium. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests for the One Day License permit. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Clinton Athletic Booster Club Bonfire

Chairman Sargent reviewed the Clinton Athletic Booster Club is requesting that the board authorize the Fire Chief to issue a permit to conduct their annual pep rally bonfire on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 7:00PM at the CHS practice field in support for the football team. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request for the Fire Chief to issue a permit for the Clinton Athletic Booster Association bonfire. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Recycle Grant for Technical Assistance Awarded

Administrator Ward announced the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has awarded the town a competitive recycling grant for 80 hours of technical assistance for curbside recycling program. Selectman Iacobucci explained this is great news for the town, he works on the committee and this will be very helpful. Selectman Dziokonski explained he is also on the committee and agreed it is great.

Traffic Committee Report of Recommendations

Chairman Sargent reviewed the Traffic Committee held a meeting on October 23, 2014 to review many issues brought to them. He asked if the board had reviewed the report as presented regarding the following requests:

- Speeding Control on Colonial Drive: Recommendation is for the Police to conduct random radar checks to analyze the results to determine if further action is needed.
- No U Turn on High Street: Recommendation sign to be erected at the corners of Union & High and Water & High Streets.
- Crosswalk Speed Bumps for High Street: Recommendation not to install
- Truck Exclusion for High Street: Recommendation not to institute
- Wayfarer Signage for Bigelow Public Library: Recommendation is to install signage at the requested locations
- No Parking on Sterling Street: Recommendation is to install "No Parking Here to Corner " signs near 365 Sterling Street to the corner of Highland Street

Selectman Dziokonski stated he has a question on the no u turn sign on High Street. Selectman LeBlanc explained it is a danger to oncoming traffic and cars parked on opposite side of street. Chairman Sargent asked for more handicapped parking to be made available on Election Day. Selectman Iacobucci explained there is a need for a Police Office Detail outside near Church Street on Election Day. Chairman Sargent asked for more information on the removal of the bump outs on High Street. He asked that the DPW Superintendent to review with High Street merchants, he understands this potentially would create additional parking. Selectman Dziokonski explained these were requested by merchants to create a delivery area. Chairman Sargent explained he is interested in how they feel know, he asked for them to be contacted for review. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to accept all articles as presented by the Traffic Committee based upon the report presented for review. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was 4/0/1 Abstention Selectman Connolly.

Goals & Objectives

- Veterans Memorial Completion: Selectman Iacobucci asked for an update. Administrator Ward reviewed he hadn't spoken to the vendor since October. At that time it was indicated the plaques would be delivered on the 10th and installed by the end of the month. Selectman Connolly reviewed the board at that time agreed to terminate contract if not completed by November 11, 2014, which is

next week. He would expect the Town Administrator and Town Solicitor to initiate the process to terminate the contract. Selectman Dziokonski explained they should be installed for the morning of November 11. Chairman Sargent agreed explaining more people were discussing this on Election Day.

- Facility Committee had to be postponed until November 18, 2014.
- Business Development Committee: Selectman Iacobucci reviewed there has been a good response for members, meeting next week on November 12 at 6:30P.M.
- Trash/Recycle Planning Committee: Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee will meet next week on Wednesday to review a draft policy.
- Street Light Project Downtown: Administrator Ward reviewed he spoke with the company conducting the overview and they are still working on putting something together.

Committee Reports

Veteran Search Committee

Chairman Sargent explained this committee has begun the review of process and will be meeting weekly over the next three weeks, to keep this process moving forward.

Personnel Board Salary Study Adjustment

Administrator Ward reviewed as an add on to the meeting, he hadn't posted this discussion on the agenda. The Personnel Board had evaluated a position at the Library, as the wrong status. The Trustees had informed them after the study was completed that the Library Tech position wasn't evaluated correctly. This position had evolved into the same as a Library Assistant therefore has been regarded. The title had never been changed, upon additional review the Personnel board agreed the position should be categorized as the same as Library Assistant. The Accountant requires any expenditure from this Personnel Reserve Fund line item receive a vote by the board. He asked for the board to approve the Library Tech position be approved for the same compensation as the Library Assistants. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the Library Tech position receive the same compensation as the Library Assistants. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 7:50PM to adjourn. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Sargent announced the next meeting is scheduled for November 19th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen