

**Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 4, 2023**

Select Board Chair Mr. Kobus, Select Board member Ms. Dickhaut, Select Board member Ms. Perusse, Select Board member Mr. Kerrigan, Select Board Mr. Devault were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward, Assistant Town Administrator Snell and Solicitor Gibbons. Chair Mr. Kobus opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Joint Meeting with Park & Recreation Commission**

Chair Mr. Kobus stated there is a vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission, two letters of interest have been received to fill the position. Letters were received from Mr. Michael Burgwinkel of 122 Beacon Street and Ms. Liz Cisneros of 34 Auburn Street. He invited the Park & Recreation Commissioners forward to participate in discussion and joint appointment. Mr. John Green, Chair, Mr. Joseph Notaro Jr., Ms. Patricia Kerrigan and Ms. Amanda Agnitti were present. Select Board Chair Mr. Kobus explained historically with a vacancy there is a joint appointment together with the board that needs membership. Candidates have been invited in the past but an invitation was not extended to the candidates tonight. He confirmed all members had received the letters of interest from the candidates and have had time to review before this evening. Park & Recreation Commissioner Patricia Kerrigan stated she will recuse herself from the vote due to a relative being a candidate of appointment. Select Board member Ms. Perusse stated she will recuse herself due to a relative being a candidate of appointment. Select Board member Mr. Kerrigan stated he will recuse himself from the vote as well. Park & Recreation Commission member Ms. Agnitti made a motion to nominate Mr. Michael Burgwinkel for appointment to the current vacancy on the Commission. Park & Recreation Commission member Mr. Notaro seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Park & Rec Commissioner Green "aye", Park & Rec Commissioner Notaro "aye", Park & Rec Commissioner Agnitti "aye", Select Board member Mr. Devault "aye", Select Board Chair Mr. Kobus "aye", Select Board member Ms. Dickhaut "aye". It was reviewed the term ends in May of 2023. Solicitor Gibbons clarified the appointment is only until the next election. The boards congratulated Mr. Burgwinkel.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### Clinton Turn Verein Raffle Permit

Chair Mr. Kobus stated the board has received a raffle permit application from Clinton Turn Verein Raffle Permit to continue hosting the Queen of Hearts Raffle which helps raise funds to support their organization. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to approve the Raffle permit as requested from Clinton Turn Verein. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

### *Olde Home Day Donation Request*

Chair Mr. Kobus explained the Olde Home Day Committee would like to request the annual donation from the Civic Fund to support the event. Mr. Kerrigan stated what committee, all the members quit. Ms. Perusse explained Ms. Dickhaut has taken over the event and formed a new committee. Ms. Dickhaut agreed she will began meeting now that the holidays have passed. Mr. Kerrigan asked if the usual amount for a donation is \$5000.00. Administrator Ward explained yes in the past the event has received a \$5000.00 donation from the Civic Fund, but they hadn't received that donation due to a timing issue and the fact that the event wasn't held during COVID the donation cycle is off by one year. He explained the Accountant never transferred the funding, so the request is to cover the missed year and the current year, in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to approve a \$10,000 donation from the Civic Fund to the Olde Home Day account. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chair Mr. Kobus asked about the logistics of the funding being appropriated, is this considered funding for the FY24 event. Administrator Ward explained no this is for the current year FY 23. The vote was unanimous.

### *Community Compact Agreement*

Administrator Ward reviewed Assistant Town Administrator completed paperwork for two Community Compact grants and the town has received notice the grants were awarded. One is assistance for the Open Space Plan and the other is for an organization wide technology assessment. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to accept the 2 grant awards as presented, \$50,000 to be used in the open space plan and \$33,750 for a technology audit to be conducted on our current IT service. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### *ARPA Task Force Preliminary Recommendations*

Administrator Ward explained Assistant Administrator Snell has put together a brief narrative for each of the funding requests. Mr. Devault explained he would like to flush out a list and identify businesses in town that could use funding support. He asked for Community & Economic Development Director Duffy to assist along with Discover Clinton

to identify businesses. Discussion continued and the board determined they would like to have representatives from the Task Force attend a separate meeting to review the funding needs identified. Assistant Administrator Snell reviewed funding requests can be categorized as phases, phase one funding can be immediate needs and phase two can wait until phase one has been completed. Her estimation is the Economic Development projects and Public Health should take priority. Chair Mr. Kobus agreed explaining they will have to form a list of priorities. The board agreed to meet next Wednesday January 11 @6:00PM.

#### *ALS Program*

Chair Mr. Kobus explained he would like to have a discussion regarding the ALS program, Chief Lutes will need a budget target. He recommended a separate meeting prior to budget discussions begin. Ms. Perusse asked why this can't be discussed at a regular board meeting. Chair Mr. Kobus explained he would like to have it at a standalone meeting, similar to the one the board had with the negotiation discussions. He feels this allows adequate time needed to discuss. Ms. Dickhaut asked if it will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee as previously scheduled, it does also tie into ARPA funding requests are on the list is a request for funding for a vehicle and equipment. She stated there are a lot of questions out there surrounding this. Chair Mr. Kobus explained the meeting with the Finance Committee will be in the long term.

### **Community Announcements**

#### *Sports Radio Show: Coach Tony Gannon*

Mr. Devault stated there is a new show on the local Channel and YouTube, Coach Tony Gannon's Radio show has been recorded and plays on the public access channel so all can view it locally. It contains great discussions of local sports.

#### *DPW Christmas Tree Collection*

Chair Mr. Kobus explained there will be a month long collection of Christmas trees from the DPW, please leave them curb side.

#### *Three New Police Officers*

Mr. Kerrigan noted three new Police Officers were sworn in for duty this week he congratulated Kristopher Vazquez, Alexander Ruel and Matthew Champagne. He explained he was able to participate in some training exercises but isn't at liberty to disclose what those were. He also congratulated Office Alexander Ruel for being number one in the class in Sharp Shooting category.

*Solicitor Gibbons Top Attorney Rating*

Ms. Dickhaut recognized Solicitor Gibbons for being named in the Best Attorney category of the Best Lawyers ratings.

*Clinton Historical Society upcoming Open House Event*

Chair Mr. Kobus noted the Clinton Historical Society will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 15, 2023 from 2PM to 5 PM at the Holder Memorial. There will be an unveiling of a portrait of Gordon Lankton including an exhibit of his contributions to Clinton. There is a \$10.00 donation, event will include a cash bar, hot and cold refreshments and the entertainment of Carol O'Malley.

**Committee Reports**

There were none.

Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to adjourn at 7:47PM. Ms. Perusse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero

Executive Assistant Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator