

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
January 23, 2013**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dickhaut and Chairman Dziokonski were in attendance. 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 January 9, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting, including Executive Session Civil Service Appeals for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

FY2013 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Director of Community & Economic Development Philip Duffy is scheduled before the board to conduct a public hearing at 7:15PM on the proposed FY2013 Community & Development Block Grant application. He reviewed it is not quite that time.

Motion to Continue Out of Agenda Order

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

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of February 2013: 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 Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Police Department Monthly Report

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

Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Chief Hart 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 Sargent made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Dickhaut asked to return to the Police Department monthly review for discussion. She asked Administrator Ward about the Police Department overtime expenses, she was under the impression he department was at full staff why is this line item being depleted so early. Administrator Ward explained it is due to the coverage for summer vacations.

Town Hall Use Events

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed board has received an application for rental of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium:

03/09/13 Rock Your Irish III Concert Polus Center Fundraiser'

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve use of the Fallon Auditorium of the town hall on March 9, 2012 for Polus Center to host Rock Your Irish Concert III. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman LeBlanc noted there was a second request included in the packet for:

03/16/13 Leprechaun Convention Leprechaun Society

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve use of the Fallon Auditorium of the town hall on March 16, 2013 for the Leprechaun Convention. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Liquor License Application

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the Polus Center has applied of a one day liquor license in conjunction with the Rock Your Irish Concert III for March 9, 2013 to be held at the Fallon Auditorium. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the One Day Liquor License application as presented by the Polus Center. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Water & Sewer Abatements

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Superintendent of Public Works McGown submitted a list of water/sewer abatements in the amount of \$6,796.76 from the last billing cycle for action by the board. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the abatements as submitted. Selectman Dickhaut seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly asked for an explanation of high usage. Administrator Ward stated he is not sure; it may be onetime leak abatement. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Federal Law Enforcement Fund Transfer

Administrator Ward explained the Police Chief is requesting approval of a transfer of \$10,400.00 from the Federal Law Enforcement Fund into the State Law Enforcement Fund for the purchase of evidence; these funds will be reimbursed by federal agencies. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,400.00 from the Federal Law Enforcement Fund to the State Law Enforcement Fund to cover the expense of evidence purchase. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Municipal Towing Contract Proposal

Chairman Dziokonski explained two weeks ago this was discussed and the Solicitor, the Chief of Police and Administrator Ward were going to work together on this and return to the board with more information. Administrator Ward reviewed he would defer discussion until the Solicitor is able to attend the meeting. He explained the Solicitor did research and informed Administrator Ward this process is exempt from procurement statues.

Clinton High School Friends of Drama

The board has received a request for a donation to support the upcoming 2013 performance of "Once Upon A Mattress." Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve a \$150.00 donation to be made for the full page ad in program to the CHS Friends of Drama to support the 2013 performance. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

School Contract Budget Request

Selectman Connolly made a motion to send a letter to the school department requesting a breakdown of the cost for the new contracts with the teachers association that were recently signed. Selectman Dickhaut seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The board agreed this is an important budgetary stand point. The vote was unanimous.

FY14 Budget Update

Administrator Ward reviewed with the board the Governor filed his proposed FY14 budget. He reviewed there was an impact on the state aid in the budget. An increase is proposed to Chapter 70 funding, it is proposed at \$735,500 which is over amount of the FY13 funding. The local aid funding for the town was level funded with the formula aid with an additional \$75,000.00. He explained the caviot will be if the proposed budget based on the raise of the income tax, is passed. He explained he will watch as it comes available, also it has to be passed an approved by the legislature. Selectman Dickhaut

asked if there was a proposed number for the increase to the tax rate. Administrator Ward explained he is unsure and not sure it would even pass.

FY2013 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy was before the board. Mr. Duffy explained he was before the board to review the proposed application for the upcoming FY13 Community & Development Block Grant and receive public input. He also wanted to provide an update to the board on the 2011 CDBG and the reconstruction of the Grove Street waterline and housing improvements. He explained the waterline project is complete. The housing program is being administered by MRPC and is slow going. There has been some difficulty identifying qualified candidates. There have been two contracts which began in January. The grant has been extended into June 2013, from the original wrap up date as of December 2012. Chairman Dzikonski asked for a review of the target area. Mr. Duffy review the area is Main Street, Prospect Street, East and Forest Street including Chestnut to Grove Street. Mr. Duffy explained there are income restrictions that have to be met as well. He reviewed he may petition to expand the target area, which is done through hosting a public hearing and working with DHCD. Mr. Duffy reviewed he will be preparing the grant application for the FY 13 CDBG and will be applying for the maximum award of \$900,000. He will be focusing the application on two projects, the senior center and a complete streets study. The funding for the senior center will be use to supplement the construction and renovations of the former Clinton home. This funding would cover the expenses for an elevator and help provide more parking, approximately \$715,000.00 would be used. The second project the complete streets study is a planning project which is a complete street survey conducted by the Mass DoT. This initiative will accommodate pedestrians' use of all the public ways. It will also survey the conditions of the sidewalks and take a comprehensive look at all the streets. The target area would be West Main Street, Duck Harbor, Fitch Road and Main Streets including the route to the schools. This project will have a much smaller budget of approximately \$30,000.00 and the remainder of the grant would be used towards administration. Mr. Duffy explained he would like to get approval from the board to use the program income account to address budget shortfalls in the Senior Center construction project. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to authorize the utilization of program income account as part of the FY13 Senior Center construction program, to be determined by Community & Economic Development Director, Mr. Duffy. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman LeBlanc explained this funding may not be needed, as part of the application it is important to have funds available to use. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Connolly read a letter submitted to him by the Chairman of the Council on Aging Mr. William Grady in support of endorsing the proposed grant application.

Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing for public comment regarding the grant application. There was none. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application for the FY13 CDBG. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports

There were none

Public Comment

There was none.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 7:45PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen