

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
January 25, 2012**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman Dickhaut were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Dickhaut opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from the January 11, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting and Executive Session under Article 3 Fire Department Union Grievance for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Utility Pole Installation Public Hearing – Green Street, Berlin & Main Streets  
National Grid and Verizon Communications**

Chairman Dickhaut opened the hearing inviting applicant to come forward. Administrator Ward explained he had contacted National Grid and the engineer indicated they would try to make the hearing. Administrator Ward reviewed the installation of the pole on Main Street is for the new Auto Zone at this time the pole is located in the driveway of the entrance. Administrator Ward reviewed the Superintendent of Public Works has been working with the project manager of the Auto Zone project and is at the hearing. He reviewed all of the poles in that area have street lights on them and the pole will be moved and the light will remain to keep the area lit. Chairman Dickhaut opened the hearing for public comment. There was none. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the installation of the utility pole at Main Street. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly reviewed concerns regarding the double pole issues, has there been any movement on this issue. The vote was unanimous.

**FY13 Health Insurance Discussion – Town Treasurer**

Mr. Ed Burns of EBS Foran Benefit Advisors was before the board to present a cost comparison of the employees' health insurance plans between Minutemen Nashoba Health Group and the Group Insurance Commission. Mr. Burns distributed information to the board. He explained due to the new legislature enacted in the Commonwealth there are some changes that can be made outside of collective bargaining. He was hired to perform an analysis of the current health plan rates compared to the GIC health care rates. He explained he had to work with the existing FY12 rates for GIC because the 2013 rates were unavailable, he reviewed it is rumored there will be a 0% increase or as high as 3% increase from the FY12 rates. Chairman Dickhaut asked when the

updated rates will be available. Mr. Burns explained the last week in February. He explained he targeted the Tufts Navigator plan and comparison to the GIC plan. He reviewed any changes are ok under the new law and there is a savings available to the community and the beneficiaries, all the numbers presented include the PPO. He reviewed the information he shared with the board. He explained he concluded the better option is to stay with the Minuteman Nashoba Plan, if there is a change to GIC there needs to be a 5 % point's greater savings. At his time there is a 12% gross savings prior to the 25% of the town's savings being used for mitigation fund. Chairman Dickhaut asked if the mitigation fund had to be supported for one year. Mr. Burns agreed yes for one year or it can be spread out to be used for more than one year. Town Treasurer Patrick McIntyre explained he recently attended the MNHG meeting and there was a review of the communities who accepted section 21 and a lot of communities had accepted it and already have mitigation plans in place. Administrator Ward explained to the board if there were to be any change going to GIC there would have to be a full enrollment process of every employee. Mr. McIntyre explained the town would have to find alternate coverage for one month as well. Chairman Dickhaut asked if the board was ready to make a decision. Administrator Ward reviewed the board should go into Executive Session to review mitigation plan options.

### **Executive Session Article 3 Health Insurance Mitigation Plan Discussion 7:25PM – 7:57PM**

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 7:25 PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for Health Insurance Mitigation Plan discussion. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye", and Chairman Dickhaut "aye".

Chairman Dickhaut returned the meeting to open session to continue the Health Insurance discussion with Consultant Ed Burns and Town Treasurer Patrick McIntyre. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion for the board to enter into negotiations with Minuteman Nashoba Health Group. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained it appears the projected savings is greater and this is less disruptive to employees. The vote was unanimous.

### **Administrative Business**

#### *Late Night Closings February 2012*

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of February 2012: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Ringside Café, The Simple Man Saloon & Spruce Street Tavern. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as

presented with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

### **One Day Liquor License Permit**

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the Gaels Atheletic Booster Association is requesting a one-day liquor license in conjunction with the Gaela Dance fundraiser event on 02/11/12. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

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Town Administrator Ward reviewed the Assabet Valley Mastersingers is requesting a one-day liquor license in conjunction with the Concert event on 05/19/12. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

### **Public Works Monthly Report**

Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of December 2011 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly explained he found the report to be very informative. The vote was unanimous.

### **Water/Sewer Abatements**

Superintendent of Public Works McGown was before the board with a list of water/sewer abatements from the last billing cycle in the amount of \$7,723.28 for the boards review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the water/sewer abatements. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Old & New Business**

#### **Fiscal Year 2013 Town Budget**

Administrator Ward reviewed the Governor released his budget and this included an increase of 3.6% or \$322,310 for the town. The budget is a level funded one the same as 2012 with the general local aid, depending if the state revenue numbers change there may be an increase of an additional \$144,000., which the town received in September or October of 2012 this will not be concluded until the close of the year on June 30. He recommended the Departments submit level funded budgets with level service. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed all Department Heads should include an overview of the department, the Police Department should report the amount of cruisers within the department and the conditions of each, the Fire Department include a listing of the equipment and the DPW the same. Administrator Ward agreed that is a good proposal because there will be no special town meeting in the fall.

### World War I Monument at Clinton Town Hall

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he recently met with members of the J. R. Kirby American Legion post to review the donation of the World War I Monument to be constructed in front of the left side of the Town Hall Church Street entrance. He reviewed a packet of information submitted by the committee showing a picture of the monument, the cost for construction and a description of the construction which are proposed to remove the tree that is on the left side of building. He reviewed the tree will be an obstruction to the monument. Selectman Connolly asked if it is necessary to remove the tree. Superintendent McGown explained he has some objection to the location of the monument. The height is proposed to be 9 feet and the location will be blocking the window of the Public Works office. Selectmen Dziokonski explained it was his understanding the location was all set. Chairman Dickhaut asked Selectman Dziokonski to return to the American Legion Committee to discuss in full the concerns regarding the location and the removal of the tree. Selectman Dziokonski explained he will do so and informed the boards the information regarding the speculations of size and construction has been copied to the Disability Commission for review and comment.

### Route 70 Proposed Road Closing

Administrator Ward explained in the spring the state will begin work on the Route 70; Superintendent McGown will be able to inform the board on the upcoming project. Mr. McGown reviewed with the board the state will be installing new drains to Route 70 and repairing the sidewalks. During the repairs the road will be closed and traffic will be detoured, over Wilson and Oak Streets. The detour will be for one month, the project should begin in early spring at the end of March.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *MMA Conference*

Selectman Sargent reviewed he and Town Administrator Ward attended the MMA Annual Meeting and Trade Show, it was a great experience he met a lot of colleagues and found the workshops to be very education and beneficial.

#### *Government Reorganization Committee*

Selectmen Connolly reviewed the committee had recently meet with departments the Superintendent of DPW , the Solicitor , Superintendent of Schools, Director of Park & Recreation and plan to meet with Assessors, the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to review ways to find efficiencies for town government.

*Christmas Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the Christmas Wreaths will be removed within the next 5 days.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Executive Session Article 3 Landfill Consent Order Discussion 8:22PM – 9:06PM**

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 8:22 PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for Landfill Consent Order discussion. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman LeBlanc “aye”, Selectman Sargent “aye”, Selectman Connolly “aye”, Selectman Dziokonski “aye”, and Chairman Dickhaut “aye”.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 9:08PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero

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Clinton Board of Selectmen