

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2012**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dickhaut and Chairman Dziokonski were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from the September 27, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting & October 3, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting and Veteran's Agent Complaint Executive Session for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Common Victualler's License Hearing 19 High Street

Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing and invited the applicant to approach the board. Ms. Dimple Desai was before the board, she reviewed she owns a store at the Shaw's Plaza and would like to open a second location. The board asked where. Ms. Desai explained it is at 19 High Street near the dentist office and Via Alto. Chairman Dziokonski opened the hearing for public comment in favor, there was none. He opened the hearing for public comment opposed, there was none. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the license as presented for Subclinton Two, Inc/d/b/a Subway Restaurant. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The board wished her good luck with the new business.

Fire Alarm System- Fire Chief Hart

Chairman Dziokonski invited Chief Hart forward for discussion regarding the Fire Alarm System; he explained to the board he would like to discuss concerns regarding notices sent out to businesses. Chief Hart explained about 3 years ago he started to experience a lot of trouble with the Fire Alarm System, it has required a lot of maintenance and the parts are hard to find to repair it. He decided to implement a new system the radio box system. He sent a letter to business owners dated November 2, 2009 to inform them of the change and there would be a three year period to make the change. He recently sent out a reminder notice to the businesses some have renewal of licenses coming up with a reminder of the needed change. In September the Solicitor informed him of the case in Springfield regarding the compliance to the change falling under the Building Code and there are 4 options that could be used to comply. In this case three methods can be used and he has tried to encourage the business owners to tie into the new system. This will be protection for the community; the central

station requires 2 phone lines and fees. He explained he has sent out letters to the businesses to encourage they tie into the radio system with the use of radio box, but highlighted all four options explaining they needed to choose one option to comply extending the deadline to December 31. Chairman Dziokonski explained he had spoken to the Chief regarding the 4 options and asked the Chief to review all of the options and an estimated cost associated with each. Chief Hart reviewed all of the options:

- A. Central Station – system requires 2 phone lines and monthly fee approximately \$100.00 per month
- B. Propriety Supervisory System – all alarms sound at one station on property
- C. Remote Fire Alarm System- may be offsite, station at a different location from system, no municipal system available
- D. Radio Box System- system connected via radio to department, has a battery backup, the cost for this system is approximately \$3000.00

Chief Hart explained the radio system is the preferred option. Chairman Dziokonski explained the only options for the small businesses are A & D. Chief Hart explained he found out in September the Building Department was responsible for this code.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to extend the deadline for compliance to the Fire System to July 1st 2013. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Dziokonski asked if the system at the station receives the signals from the businesses from the same company that put the system into station. Chief Hart explained yes this company is compatible with the system; Hannaford's put in a different system with a different company and it was unable to communicate. Chairman Dziokonski asked what the recourse would be for the businesses like an office or retail store that doesn't comply; a restaurant needs to comply in order to renew their licenses. Chief Hart explained his intention was to review again in early November the amount of businesses that have complied and then review an extension for those that hadn't. Discussion continued regarding the old system and how it works. It was concluded a joint letter from Chief Hart and Building Commissioner Zahariadis to business owners to explain the extension will avoid any confusion for business owners. The vote was unanimous. The board thanked Chief Hart.

Administrative Business

Fire Department Monthly Report

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Fire Chief Hart submitted a report relative to the operations of the department for the period August 2012 for the Selectmen's review. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Animal Control Officer Monthly Report

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Animal Control Officer submitted a report relative to the operations of the department for the period September 2012 for the Selectmen's review. Selectman Sargent made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Hall Use Commission Events

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board has received request for use of the auditorium for the following dates:

12/8/12 Holiday Pops Concert

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the use as requested for the Annual Holiday Pops concert. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

12/21/12 Nypro Employee Holiday Party

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the use as requested for the Annual Nypro Holiday Party. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

01/26/13 Winter Gaels Fundraiser

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the date as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent asked why Fire Details were required at certain events, and not all. He asked for the Administrator to review the event schedule with the Fire Department. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Open Space Committee Representative

Chair of the Conservation Commission sent a letter requesting member of the board serve on their Open Space Plan Committee to update Clinton's Open Space and Recreation Plan which will make the community continue its eligibility to apply for grants administered by Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Chairman Dziokonski volunteered to serve. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve Chairman Dziokonski serve on the Open Space Plan Committee. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Budget Subcommittee

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the school committee has sent notice they have committee members with interest in serving on a budget subcommittee. Chairman Dziokonski asked if there were board members with interest in serving. Selectman Dickhaut and Selectman Connolly volunteered to serve. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to appoint Selectmen Connolly and Selectman Dickhaut to serve on the budget subcommittee. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Town Administrator Ward explained he will try to reach the Chairman of the Finance Committee and inform him of the committee.

Committee Reports

Acceptance of the Tax Rebate Program for Veterans

Selectman Connolly reviewed he recently read an article in the paper regarding a work opportunity program for Veterans to help reduce their property tax. He reviewed this program has been implemented in Lancaster and City of Leominster. He would like to evaluate the cost of this program to review for consideration in next year's budget. Selectman Connolly made a motion for the Town Administrator to work together with the Veterans Agent to review the acceptance of the tax rebate program for Veterans. Selectman Dickhaut seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Christmas Lighting Committee

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the committee has been meeting and able to pursue a successful fundraising campaign to rise funding to have the ability to install the Christmas Wreaths on High Street. At this time \$900.00 has been raised and will be enough to work with in hanging the wreaths. Also there will be a new lighting in Central Park that will be supplied by DMH Electric.

Public Comment

There was none.

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board will be entering into Executive Session at this time the public portion of the meeting is closed.

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion at 7:50 PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for DPW Union Negotiations discussion. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dickhaut "aye", and Chairman Dziokonski "aye".

Executive Session Article 3 DPW Union Negotiations 7:50PM- 8:05PM

Executive Session Article 3 Teacher Union Negotiations Update Union 8:05PM- 9:09PM

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 9:10PM to adjourn. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen