

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
October 21, 2015**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman LeBlanc were in attendance. Chairman LeBlanc opened the meeting at 7:07PM. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from October 7, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting Selectman for review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

Joint Pole Location Public Hearing –High Street

Chairman LeBlanc opened the hearing inviting the representative forward. Ms. Iris Price of National Grid was before the board. Ms. Price explained the pole provides service to a customer but the wires are low. Therefore a new pole is needed to rectify, she explained a higher pole is needed. Chairman LeBlanc open the hearing for Public Comment, in favor of the pole relocation, there was none, in opposition of the pole hearing there was none. Selectman Connolly asked Administrator Ward for an update on the status of the double poles in town. Administrator Ward reviewed National Grid is making mediocre progress. He explained he has received a status report from the Community Liaison at National Grid; there has been a lot of work completed in town with the installation of new poles. Selectman Connolly stated it is worse than ever before. Administrator Ward agreed explaining there has been a lot of newly created double poles with recent work done. Selectman Connolly explained he is aware of some customers who have been waiting 10 years to have the double poles corrected. There has been no improvement. The only interaction the board has is with National Grid, he explained he cannot vote to approve another pole until improvements have been made in town with the existing double poles. Selectman Sargent asked if the pole relocation has been requested by the home owner. Ms. Price explained yes, the new pole is needed to provide heavy wire to the house to provide the level of service needed. The pole is located on a side street. Once the new pole is installed a request is made to Verizon to make the change and take out the old pole. Selectman Dziokonski asked if the home owner is receiving poor electrical service. Ms. Price

explained no, the wires are dangerously low and across the road. Administrator Ward explained the National Grid Community Liaison has offered to come in to address this with the board. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the pole relocation as requested and have the National Grid Community Liaison come in to the next board meeting to discuss. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked for the discussion to be scheduled at the next meeting. Administrator Ward reviewed he will request the representative for the next meeting. Selectman Iacobucci explained the 3 companies are multimillion dollar companies; they cannot coordinate to work together. Administrator Ward explained the liaison is very accommodating in working with the town. The vote is 4/1 Selectman Connolly in opposition.

Administrative Business

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of the department for the month of September 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the report as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent thanked the Fire Chief for a great report, he acknowledged Fire Fighter Parkers retirement, he served 33 years in the department, he thanked him for his service and dedication to the town. Selectman Connolly and the board agreed with acknowledgement of Fire Fighter Parkers service to the town. Selectman Iacobucci Congratulated Fire Fighter Wright on his completion of the academy and welcomed him to the department, the board agreed. The vote is unanimous.

Old & New Business

Water Abatement Request; 374 Sterling Street

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Selectman received a request for an abatement to the water bill from DiMeco's Nursery & Landscape located at 374 Sterling Street in Lancaster for a water leak that had gone undetected earlier in the year due to the large amount of snow from the winter season. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the abatement as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the abatement. The vote was unanimous.

Municipal Buildings "Recycling in Practice" Policy

Town Administrator Ward explained a requirement of the DEP for recipients of the recycle grants is to establish a "Recycling in Practice" policy in place within 30 days of the grant award. He explained at this time all of the town departments have recycle bins and participate in the town program. This policy would be for all departments not including the schools. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to support a town wide

recycle practice and policy for all departments. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Traffic Committee Report of Recommendations

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Traffic Committee has recently met to review some traffic requests. Mr. Lowe had submitted a report of recommendations approved by the by the committee. Chairman LeBlanc asked Mr. Ward if consideration from Chairman Lowe was given on the proposed recommendation to the Chestnut Street parking request. Administrator Ward informed the board the request made by the Council on Aging Chairman to eliminate the parking along Chestnut Street in front of the new Senior Center, at this time the Traffic Committee recommends no action and asked for some monitoring to be done of the situation and report back in the future if changes are needed. He explained Chairman LeBlanc proposes adding a 20 foot buffer on either side of the entrance to the center to keep the area open. This will allow visibility around the entrance. The board agreed to the change. Selectman Sargent motioned the need for the probation department to work on finding parking in a lot, at this time they are parking on the sidewalks which is destroying them. Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Traffic Committee Report:

- *Speed Control on Colonial Drive- Traffic Committee recommendation is to install speed limit and caution signs, also the Police Chief is reviewing the purchase of a speed sign trailer to be used around town.*
- *Speed Control on Branch Street- Traffic Committee recommendation is to install “thickly settled” and “caution children” signs in the neighborhood.*
- *Elimination of Parking on Chestnut Street-Traffic Committee recommendation is no action at this time but to monitor the situation. The board has approved the installation of 20 foot buffers to be painted in the road on either side of the entrance to the Senior Center.*
- *Traffic Congestion on Acre from Water Street Construction- Traffic Committee recommendation is no action at this time.*
- *Handicapped Parking Space at Faith Bible Baptist Church- Traffic Committee recommendation is to install 2 handicapped spaces on High Street directly in front of the Faith Baptist Church.*
- *Handicapped Parking Space at Probation Training Center- Traffic Committee recommendation is to install 1 handicapped space on Chestnut Street near the handicapped ramp of the Massachusetts Probation Training Center.*
- *Additional Lighting at Parking Area on Pleasant Street-Traffic Committee recommendation is to take no action at this time and to have the Police Department monitor the area to see if another streetlight is needed.*
- *Crosswalk on Allen Street- Traffic Committee recommendation is no action at this time, the committee noted there is a painted crosswalk at the intersection of Main and Allen Streets connecting sidewalks.*

- *Wayfarer Signs for Woodlawn Cemetery- Traffic Committee recommendation is to install wayfarer signs leading to Woodlawn Cemetery to be erected in locations determined by the Superintendent of Public Works.*

Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Traffic Committee recommendations as presented in the report. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reminded the board of the amendment made to the request to eliminate parking on Chestnut Street near the Senior Center entrance, and add a 20 foot buffer on either side of entrance. Selectman Sargent amended the motion of approval of the Traffic Committee report as amended by the board. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained the change is pending the Traffic Committee approval of amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board will enter into a brief Executive Session under Article 3 Public Works Negotiations and will be returning to open meeting after the session.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to enter Executive Session under article 3 for Public Works Negotiations. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Dziokonski ‘aye”, Selectman Sargent “aye”, Selectman Connolly “aye”, Selectman Iacobucci abstained from voting, Chairman LeBlanc voted “aye”. Selectman Iacobucci recused himself from the meeting.

Executive Session Public Works Negotiations; 7:36PM- 7:41PM

Ratification of Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Department of Public Works Union has approved the Memorandum of Agreement for settlement of negotiations for renewal of their collective bargaining. The board just reviewed the contract in a brief Executive Session. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the contract as presented for the Department of Public Works. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was 4/0 1Abstention Selectman Iacobucci

Committee Reports

Trash/Recycle Planning Committee

Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee recently had met and discussed progress on the new recycle center. The area has been expanded and cleared of the trees and brush, some grading is needed which the DPW intends to complete. This space will provide an area for accepting bulk items like furniture, tires etcetera. The cost will be collected in the form of trash stickers; if an item costs \$4.00 to recycle 2 stickers would be needed. Selectman Iacobucci agreed explaining stickers are in

circulation and they will be the accepted form of payment. Selectman Sargent asked if the person will have to come to the town hall to get the stickers. Administrator Ward reviewed they can stop by the town hall or any other vendor who supplies stickers. The initial thought was to have a prepaid voucher, but through discussion it might not be convenient to only offer vouchers here at town hall. Selectman Sargent asked about yard waste drop off. Selectman Dziokonski explained that was not discussed at this meeting but the committee will review; there may not be enough room at the center it may have to wait until the landfill is complete. Selectman Sargent explained this is a concern there are many residents with no place for yard waste disposal. Selectman Connolly asked if the subcommittee could make an inquiry with the Superintendent of Public Works to consider an area at the center to collect yard waste and possibly transfer the waste to another area. Selectman Dziokonski explained he will ask about a possible yard waste and composting area at the new recycle center. The committee will review. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the committee discussed the possibility of connecting with the Devens Hazardous Waste Facility to recycle paint cans and hazardous material, the cost to host a one day hazardous waste day in town would be about \$14,000.00, to join the Devens facility it is an annual rate of \$6,000.00. There is also a small processing fee the residents pay at the facility. Selectman Iacobucci agreed the cost is very expensive to open a center. Administrator Ward agreed explaining there are more options than just one day a year.

Christmas Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee has been meeting and preparing for the Christmas tree lighting event, additional decorations will be added. The students at Assabet High school are preparing some Holiday Nutcrackers to be displayed around the community; another addition to the lighting is the Central Park Foster Fountain will be lite with red/green lighting as part of the decorations this year. There are also going to be more banners displayed on Union Street. The committee continues to meet to finalize the plans for the event and decorations.

Government Reorganization Committee

Selectman Connolly reported the committee intends to move forward and establish the Facility Department as voted at the last Selectmen's meeting but will continue a dialogue with the school. The committee is scheduling a meeting to continue discussions and try to find a resolution to the outstanding issue. Chairman LeBlanc explained it is great to leave the option open to the school department. Selectman Connolly explained he is cautiously optimistic.

Annual Flu Clinic

The Clinton Board of Health is hosting its annual flu clinic on Thursday October 29th, at the town hall from 8:30AM to 1:00PM.

Renaming Committees

Administrator Ward reviewed the committee have been actively working towards their missions and have evolved from the original categorizing. At this time he would like to see the Trash/Recycle Planning Committee changed to the Solid Waste Committee and the Government Reorganization changed to the Government Affairs Committee.

Chairman LeBlanc expressed he agreed with the updating of the names. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to change the Trash/Recycle Committee to the Solid Waste Committee and the Government Reorganization to the Government Affairs Committee. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly expressed by changing the name it doesn't mean it is a change to the role of the committee. The board agreed. The vote was unanimous.

Maintenance of the Ash Street Fields

Selectman Dziokonski explained recently he has been stopped by many residents with concerns regarding the maintenance of the little league fields. At this time the parents have been volunteering to maintain the fields and or have hired private companies to do so. There is confusion as to what town department has the control or responsibility to keep the fields maintained. Discussion continued Administrator Ward explained he has started to research the town meeting votes that have taken place regarding the fields. It is confusing because there have been many votes taken. His recommendation is to get all the parties together and determine which department has the budget to maintain the fields. There is only so much volunteers can do, there needs to be a budget funding to maintain the fields. The board agreed.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn at 8:08PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

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