

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
October 5, 2016**

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

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from September 7, 2016 Selectmen's for review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

Parker Street Tax Abatement- Lemoine Enterprises, LLC

Chairman Iacobucci reviewed the town has received a request for consideration of a property tax abatement for property that needs an environmental cleanup on Parker Street. Mr. Jeffrey Cunningham and Attorney Peter Campobasso were before the board to discuss an abatement for LeMoine Enterprises. Attorney Campobasso explained the request was made for the Parker Street properties owned by LeMoine Enterprises. He is working with McNeil Environmental on cleanup of the site. The request had been made to the town that the taxes, interest and penalties be abated to 0. He explained he continued working with the town after the last meeting and has come to an agreement to abate the 89 Parker Street for a total of \$130,995.00. This amount will be used to clean up the site. Attorney Gibbons explained he has been working with Attorney Campobasso and the Town Treasurer and Assessor to come to an agreement, as part of the MGL Chapter 59 there is a timeline based upon the work needed to be completed. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the abatement as presented after reviewed and approved by Town Counsel. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski asked if the property isn't abated the town would never see any money from the property, due to the DEP mediation requirements, the only recourse for the town would be tax title taking. The abatement is the sensible course of action and he is in favor of it. Chairman Iacobucci explained he is in favor of it as well, he remembers years ago with the DEP and mediation requirements the brownfields act is what helped with a lot of the clean ups, it can be a vicious cycle. The vote was 4/1. Selectman Sargent was in opposition.

Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility Host Community Agreement

Chairman Iacobucci invited the representatives of Liberty Compassion Center forward for discussion on the community agreement of a medical marijuana cultivation center site. Mr. Bill Eldridge of Liberty Compassion was before the board, he explained he had a beneficial discussion with board members and they worked on an agreement. He received tonight the same agreement the board has with some minor changes, he explained he agrees 100% with the agreement. He reviewed the financial statements are dependent upon the sales. Selectman Dziokonski explained it is his understanding there is a request to issue a letter pending the conclusion of the agreement. The letter could be rescinded if the agreement doesn't come together. If there are any difficulties with the agreement that cannot be worked out. Mr. Eldridge agreed. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the host agreement provides funding to the town the first year after getting the license to operate, the town will get \$10,000, the second year the town will receive \$25,000, the third year the town receives \$50,000 and the fourth year \$100,000, after that time it will be a percentage of increase of the sales over the prior year. The agreement also states there will be no dispensary in town, the board has no control over the permitting process with the Planning & Zoning Boards. The agreement will also include a reopener clause. Selectman Sargent asked for the Solicitor to add the language that the funding will be spent at the discretion of the board of Selectmen. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve a letter of support contingent on the final agreement. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked for there to be a restriction on the hiring to be local candidates. Administrator Ward explained the Solicitor reviewed that language and it needs to be within the law, so consideration will be given to Clinton residents. Solicitor Gibbons agreed, this has to be within the law. Chairman Iacobucci thanked the Town Solicitor and the subcommittee including Town Administrator Ward for working on this. The vote was 4/1 Selectman Connolly opposed.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of October 2016: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Polish American Veterans & 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 Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Eagle Landing Building Permit Transfer

Administrator Ward explained the new developer for the Eagle Landing project has requested the board approve the transfer of the permit fee paid for construction of a garage that has been removed from the original plan. The request is for \$2370.00 permit fee paid for the garage be applied to future permits needed for the project to be completed. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the transfer \$2370.00 permit fee to be applied to future permits as requested. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Police Federal Law Enforcement Transfer

Police Chief Laverdure submitted a request for additional funding from the Federal Law Enforcement Fund to the State Law Enforcement Fund for a new command staff cruiser, firearms targets and evidence information in addition to the Traffic Speed limit trailer that had been approved at a previous meeting. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the transfer as presented by the Police Chief. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Surplus Town Property

Administrator Ward asked for the discussion to be continued to the next meeting.

Olde Home Day Request

Town Administrator included under informational for the board, the Olde Home Day Committee will be hosting a fundraiser for the event on Saturday November 26, "Shop Local Day". They plan is to host Food Vendor Trucks and are currently looking for a location to host them. They have requested use of spaces on Walnut & Church Streets, but are also considering places on High Street. Selectman Connolly explained he supports this request, he asked if any action is required on this request. Administrator Ward explained not at this time.

New Trees in Central Park

Selectman Sargent thanked Mr. Gordon Lankton and Mr. William McGrail for donated the two new maple trees planted this week in Central Park. The board agreed.

Committee Reports

Christmas Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonski announced the committee had a meeting and have begun planning for the upcoming Caroling & Tree Lighting Event. Selectman Dziokonski explained a new program that is in the works. He reviewed he grew up with a Christmas Tradition of singing Polish Christmas Carols. He invited all to participate, he

would like to recruit some class mates from the former Jasna Gora school. He asked for anyone interested in participating please contact the Selectmen's Office on or before November 1st. The event is scheduled for Saturday November 26th in conjunction with the Selectmen's Children's Party and Shop Local Day. He would like to see this event grow and evoke a multi-cultural involvement of all the heritage the town has to offer.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero
Administrative Assistant
Clinton Board of Selectmen