

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
November 14, 2012**

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 the October 14, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Grove Street Residents- Hydrant Relocation**

Chairman Dziokonski explained this issue has been resolved by DPW Superintendent, Community & Economic Development Director Duffy, and Selectman Connolly. He asked if the board would consider putting together a policy or an outline for the process of relocating a fire hydrant. The board discussed and agreed this is a unique situation and a process that only occurs on a rare occasion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**Late Night Closings**

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of November 2012: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Ringside Café, & The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as presented with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Dickhaut seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Fire Department Monthly Report**

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Fire Chief Hart submitted a report relative to the operations of the department for the period September 2012 for the Selectmen's review. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dickhaut asked about the staffing in the department, she wanted clarification on the 5 members down noted in the report. Administrator Ward reviewed there is one on suspension, one on administrative leave, 2 in the academy and one due for appointment but the testing results are not out yet, they should be out as of December 1, 2012. The vote was unanimous.

### **Department of Public Works Monthly Report**

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

### **Police Department Monthly Reports**

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed Police Chief Laverdure submitted a report relative to the operations of the department for the periods of September & October 2012 for the Selectmen's review. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the reports as presented for September & October 2012. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. 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 \$1974.48 for the boards review and approval. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the water/sewer abatements. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Raffle Permit: WHEAT Community Services**

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board received a raffle permit application from WHEAT Community services to host an upcoming fundraising raffle. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the raffle permit as requested. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Sunday Liquor Sales**

Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received a request from Apple Country Market to extend hours of liquor licenses on Sundays during the holiday season from November 18, 2012 through December 30, 2012. He explained historically the state only allowed extended Sunday sales during the holiday season, now the hours for Sunday are noon to 6:00PM year round. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the Sunday sales extended hours for the holiday season as requested, allowing any establishment interested to participate. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Town Constable Request**

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board has received a request from Lyle Pierce of Leominster, requesting an appointment as a constable for the Town of Clinton. Selectman Dickhaut reviewed the town has always used the services of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and this works well; she recommended keeping the services as

is. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to have the constable services remain as is with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

### *Committee Reports*

#### *Discover Clinton Shop Local Day*

Administrator Ward announced there is an upcoming shop local day being sponsored by the Discover Clinton Committee. Chairman Dziokonski reviewed he will discuss further later.

#### *Renovation Committee*

Selectman Dickhaut explained the committee has made a lot of progress and improvements to the building with the approved \$100,000.00 funding. Administrator Ward reviewed the conversion for the building to natural gas for heating is in the process of being completed. There were roof repairs completed, and the repairs to the tower in the front of building. The Walnut Street entrance playbills are being repaired and should be completed by the Spring. The committee is working on the marble flooring repairs and cleaning in the front entrance and upgrading bathrooms in the auditorium. There is a lot happening. Selectman Dickhaut agreed, she reviewed one main issue that may need additional funding is the repair of the stairs at the front entrance. Selectman Connolly reviewed there would be a significant amount of work required for repairs, he asked Superintendent McGown if he would help out with the needed repairs by reviewing stairs. Superintendent McGown explained recently he had completed some repairs to the stairs and in his opinion this is a project that is not critical he would recommend painting the exterior as a priority over this project. The repairs made are temporary; he would like to see funding approved just for this project. Selectman Dickhaut agreed, explaining she would like to see this project done right, she would like to see research done on repairs and have a plan for town meeting. Administrator Ward reviewed the committee has been working on some big projects and made progress, the funding is being well spent. Selectman Connolly stated the committee has been able to be complete a considerable amount of work with the coordination of Facility Manager Michael Kanala and Selectman Administrative Assistant Joyce Corbosiero.

#### *Open Space Forum*

Chairman Dziokonski explained there is a public forum scheduled for input on the updating of the open space/ recreational plan. All are welcome the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 7:00PM in the Selectman's Chamber room.

*Christmas Lighting Committee*

Chairman Dzikonski announced with cooperation from the Park & Recreation Department and the Discover Clinton Committee there will be a Shop Local Community Day on Saturday November 24, 2012. This day will include many family activities plus a window decorating contest. Please be sure to participate, for the first time following the Selectmen's Annual Holiday Party there will be a Christmas tree lighting and caroling in Central Park.

*Public Comment*

There was none.

Chairman Dziokonski stated the board will be entering into Executive Sessions and will not return to open meeting after.

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to enter into Executive Session under article 6, at 7:30PM for discussion on Landfill Land Purchase. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Connolly 'aye', Selectman Dickhaut 'aye' and Chairman Dziokonski "aye".

**Executive Session Article 6 Landfill Land Purchase 7:30PM- 8:08PM**

**Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Contract Negotiations 8:09PM-8:25PM**

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion at 8:26PM to adjourn. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen