

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
November 16, 2011**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman Dickhaut were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Dickhaut opened the meeting at 7:10PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from the October 19, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Livery License Public Hearing – 32 Lowe Street**

William Dievdonne Phebus of 32 Lowe Street was before the board. Chairman Dickhaut explained the board has his application and would like some more background on the request. She asked if Mr. Phebus has been in the livery business before. Mr. Phebus explained no he has not, he has one vehicle. Chairman Dickhaut asked if Mr. Phebus has spoken to the Police Chief and has the copy insurance certificate. Administrator Ward explained he has worked with the Police Chief and has completed the operator form and the Livery License form but the Chief requested he complete the hearing process and then return for the inspection of the vehicle. Chairman Dickhaut opened the hearing for comment in favor there was none, against there was none. Selectman Connolly made a motion to grant the Livery License to William Dievdonne Phebus. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Department Head Meeting**

CEMA Director: Constantino Zapantis

Chairman Dickhaut invited Mr. Zapantis to come forward before the board. Mr. Zapantis explained to the board he holds the position with high regard and is pleased to be in it. He reviewed he has been working with the Administrator the town has been awarded a grant for \$4000.00. This funding has been used towards equipment for the volunteers, a trailer and lighting along with a shelter kit from National Grid to have the ability to open a shelter. The department now has 2 new generators making a total of 7, 4 large pumps and 3 vehicles are in good condition and the building will be weather tight within the next few weeks the new roof will be completed. Pat's painting has been very generous in painting parts of the building. Chairman Dickhaut asked if there is heat in the building. Mr. Zapantis explained no there is no heat in the building at this time, but it would be useful to keep the equipment warm. He explained a local heating company has volunteered a used heating system but he would require more funding to purchase oil. The board thanked Mr. Zapantis for doing a great job.

### Community & Economic Development Director: Philip Duffy

Chairman Dickhaut thanked Mr. Duffy for attending the meeting and asked for his vision for the department. Mr. Duffy began by explaining the two responsibilities of the position are to seek grants and attract and retain businesses in the community. Selectman Dziokonski asked for more information regarding the housing rehab program. Mr. Duffy reviewed the program will begin in January and accept applications through March and February. There is about \$215,000.00 to be used in the program, which should allow for 7 houses to participate but they must be in the target area. Discussion continued regarding the new Brady Sullivan project on Green Street. Mr. Duffy explained to date he hasn't had much discussion with the developer but plans to. Chairman Dickhaut explained she wishes Mr. Duffy all the best in the position and if there is anything he needs from the board do not hesitate to contact them, she wishes to see him succeed. Mr. Duffy thanked the board.

### **Administrative Business**

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

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the Holiday Pops Foundation is requesting a one-day liquor license in conjunction with the Holiday Concert event on 12/03/11 from 6:00PM – 10:30PM. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

#### **Police Chief Monthly Report**

Police Chief Laverdure submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of September 2011 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the letter of request to hire explaining it should be for more than just 2 officers. Administrator Ward explained the Chief was contemplating adding to the request due to the upcoming retirement of the Lieutenant. The board agreed the request to the state should be for four offices. The vote was unanimous.

### **Old & New Business**

#### **World Candle Lighting Ceremony**

Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received a request from Sharon Cloutier to use Reservoir Pines Cemetery for the Annual World Lighting Ceremony to be held on December 11, 2011 at 6:00PM. This event has been approved in the past several years. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### **CHS Pep Rally Bonfire**

Administrator Ward reviewed the Clinton High School Class of 2011 is requesting that the board authorize the Fire Chief to issue a permit to conduct their annual pep rally

bonfire on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 7:00PM at the CHS practice field in support for the football team. Chief Hart will issue a permit in conjunction with the board's approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request for the Fire Chief to issue a permit for the CHS bonfire. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Sunday Holiday Liquor Sales

Administrator Ward reviewed Apple Country Market has sent a letter requesting an extension of the hours for Sunday liquors sales during the holiday season. Historically the board has approved sales until 11:00PM on Sundays from the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving through the Sunday after Christmas. Selectman LeBlanc approved the request as presented adding any other stores approval with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

#### GASB 45 Consultants

Administrator Ward explained the town is obligated to perform an actuarial valuation for other postemployment benefits every two years. Linda Bournival from KMS Acturies, LLC has submitted a proposal to update this OPEB information. She completed our GASB 45 report during the last compliance period. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve hiring Linda Bournival of KMS Acturies, LLC to perform the GASB 45 report for the two year cycle. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### October 2011 Snowstorm Damages

Administrator Ward reviewed the Superintendent of Public Works request to overspend the tree removal & tree overtime budgets in the amount of \$67 thousand to complete the debris clean up from the recent snowstorm damage. This is only allowed with the Board of Selectmen's approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the overspending in the tree removal and overtime budgets for \$67 thousand. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Secure Communities Act

Administrator Ward reviewed with the board the request of Selectman Connolly to investigate the Secure Communities Act. He reviewed the initiative is to try to target violent criminal activity by illegal immigrants, the process is applied when an arrest is made the fingerprints are sent to the FBI and ICE customs database, the Police Department would hold the individual for 48 hours to determine if deportation is required. This will target dangerous criminals. Selectman Sargent made a motion to adopt the Secure Communities Act. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward reviewed initially the town would have to sign up with ICE, now moving forward total implementation is throughout the whole country with 52% involved, trying to have full compliance by 2013. Discussion continued Selectman Dziokonski stated he has read this is a controversial act in many towns. Administrator Ward reviewed there is research that shows there are some concerns regarding the immigrant communities, but he has spoken to the Police Chief and he doesn't feel this

will set up an adversarial relationship her in Clinton. Discussion continued. The vote was unanimous.

#### Recycle Grant Awarded

Administrator Ward announced the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has awarded the town a competitive grant in the amount of \$5,500.00 for a roll off container and \$1900.00 for the education materials to publicize the new collection program. The board must accept the award of these funds and execute the grant contract. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to accept the grants awarded by Mass DEP. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Selectmen's Children's Holiday Party

Administrator Ward announced the Selectmen's Children's Holiday Party has been scheduled for Saturday November 26, 2011. He explained this is a donation driven event and he wanted to thank all those who continue to support it every year.

#### Committee Reports

##### *Christmas Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the Christmas Holiday Lighting Committee meets every Tuesday. Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee is planning a wreath rehab to prepare the wreaths for use this holiday season with the new solar powered lighting. Donations have been received totaling \$3000.00. The official lighting will take place on Saturday December 3, 2011.

##### *Government Committee*

Selectman Connolly reviewed the last meeting was a positive one, meeting with Department heads and boards there were some good discussions, the committee plans to meet again next week.

##### *Cable Committee*

Selectman Connolly explained he is learning a lot about cable, the last meeting was a review of locations for the new studio and working with Eleston to find equipment. The board thanked Eleston for all of his hard work.

##### *Senior Building Needs Committee*

Selectman LeBlanc explained the committee is finalizing contract with an Architect and will be scheduling another meeting.

##### Public Comment

There was none.

Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the board will enter into Executive Session under article 3 for union negotiation discussion and will not return to open meeting.

**Executive Session Article 3 Union Negotiations Discussion 8:20PM – 8:30PM**

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 8:20PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for Union Contract 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 8:31PM to adjourn. Selectman Conolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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