

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
November 19, 2014**

Selectman Dziokonski, Selectman Connolly, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Iacobucci and Chairman Sargent were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Sargent opened the meeting at 6:06PM reviewing the board is scheduled for Executive Sessions and will return to open meeting.

Executive Session Article 3 Police Union Negotiations Update 6:02PM-6:30PM

Selectman Connolly made a motion at 6:08PM to enter into Executive Session under Article 3 for Police Union Negotiations update. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Dziokonski “aye”, Selectman LeBlanc “aye”, Selectman Connolly ‘aye”, Selectman Iacobucci “aye” and Chairman Connolly “aye”.

Motion to Continue Out of Order

Chairman Sargent returned to open meeting with a request for a motion to continue out of agenda order with the second Executive Session. Selectman Connolly made a motion to continue out of agenda order. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session Article 6 Oxford Court Negotiations 6:30PM – 6:55PM

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 6:30PM to enter into Executive Session under Article 3 for Oxford Court Negotiations update. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Dziokonski “aye”, Selectman LeBlanc “aye”, Selectman Connolly ‘aye”, Selectman Iacobucci “aye” and Chairman Connolly “aye”.

Motion for a 5 minute Recess

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to take a 5 minute recess. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Sargent opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from November 5, 2014 Selectmen’s Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy was before the board to review with the board his intention to apply for a technical assistance grant application for the downtown lighting. He will look at the factors for what is required for grant and apply for the grant meeting deadline of December 4, 2014. He requested the board support this grant application and approve the Chairman to sign application. Selectman Connolly made a motion to authorize Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy to apply to the technical assistance grant as requested approving Chairman Sargent to sign the application. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Sargent announce Gas & Plumbing Inspector Fred Delorey has decided to retire from the position. He reviewed Fred is one of the nicest guys, and dedicated employee to the town. He thanked Fred and wished him well in his retirement. Selectman Connolly echoed his statement and sentiments to Fred. The board agreed.

Liquor License Transfer and Change of Location-610 Main Street

Chairman Sargent opened the hearing inviting the applicant forward, to state their name and address. Ms. Megan Davis was before the board explaining she would like to transfer the license from 212 High Street to 610 Main Street to be used at the restaurant she will open under the name Wrong Way Café. Chairman Sargent asked for the business plan for the restaurant. Ms. Davis explained it will be a small bar and restaurant with a dining area, seating about 48 people. She will serve home cooked meals and be open Thursday through Monday closing at 9:00PM. Chairman Sargent explained it is a public hearing, he opened the hearing for Public Comment in favor of the application, there was none. He opened for Public Comment in opposition of the request. Ms. Brenda Matos of 189 Oak Street was before the board explaining she wasn't aware the location was going to be a bar. She is a member of the Church located at 603 Main Street. Chairman Sargent explained the area is a commercial space. Ms. Mota reviewed she was under the impression it was to be a restaurant not a bar. Chairman Sargent explained it was a former restaurant. Ms. Davis reviewed the restaurant will serve brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Chairman Sargent reviewed he is confident Ms. Davis will run a nice establishment as a top notch place. Mr. Angelo Felciano owns the building across the street, he asked for the hours of operation. Ms. Davis explained the establishment will be opened from Thursdays 11:30AM to 9:00PM, Friday 8:00AM to 9:00PM, Saturday 7:30AM to 9:00PM, Monday 12:30PM, she reviewed the latest hours of operation will be until 9:00PM, closing at 9:30PM or 10:00PM. Chairman Sargent explained there is an establishment with a liquor license around the corner. Mr. Felciano explained he has concerns about parking. Ms. Davis

reviewed there are 23 spots in the parking lot available. She plans to make an agreement with the business next store if additional parking is needed. Selectman Connolly asked if the menu will include fired fish. Ms. Davis reviewed yes it will include all types of food. Selectman Iacobucci explained he reviewed the application and wished Ms. Davis the best of luck. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the application as presented for a change in location from 212 High Street to 610 Main Street. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Earth Removal Permit Hearing - 190 Fitch Road

Chairman Sargent opened the hearing for an Earth Removal Permit request on 190 Fitch Road by National Grid. The request is for the removal of 200 cubic yards of material from the property to help with the upgrade to the substation and electric power feed lines. Chairman Sargent asked for Public Comment in favor of the request, there was none in opposition there was none. Administrator Ward explained the representative of National Grid has requested a continuation of the hearing he was unavailable to attend this evening. Selectman Connolly made a motion to continue the hearing as requested. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of December 2014: Clinton Lodge of Elks, 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. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received a request from Liberty Tavern for late night closing on the eve before Thanksgiving, it isn't necessary for approval. All establishments are eligible to stay open late the local guidelines allow it. The vote was unanimous.

WHEAT Raffle Permit

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board has received an application from WHEAT for a raffle permit to conduct raffles in conjunction with fundraising. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Acting Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of October 2014 for the Selectmen's review and approval.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski asked about the Overtime account and the two vacancies, he asked if a new list is available the first week in December, he would like to start to recruit from the academy to hire, he feels the civil service process is outdated. He explained this process was passed at the turn of the century and Clinton employees are protected by the contract. He explained the process is time consuming and takes several months for a list after requested. If the town were out they could advertise rather than wait months and months, and pay out a lot of overtime while waiting. There is no longer any benefit to town. Chairman Sargent agreed stating a lot of towns do not have Civil Service, but it would have to be negotiated. Administrator Ward reviewed both would impact the unions and require town meeting vote. Selectman LeBlanc stated the late request was made in April and the wait was until December, the wait for the list was too long compared to recruiting from academy. Selectman Connolly stated he will entertain discussion, he would like more information on this also some feedback. Selectman Dziokonski explained it would save money. Administrator Ward explained he will get more information for the board. Selectman Dziokonski suggested hosing a public hearing to get input. Administrator Ward reviewed the process could be similar to Civil Service, but eliminate patronage in hiring. Selectman Dziokonski asked if the Government Reorganization committee should work on this. Selectman Connolly reviewed it should be reviewed by the board. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Liquor License

The Clinton Fire Union has submitted a request for a one day beer & wine permit to be used in conjunction with their upcoming Comedy Night Fundraiser that will be held at the town hall on November 22, 2014. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the one day beer & wine permit as requested by the Clinton Fire Department at the upcoming fundraising event on November 22, 2014. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly asked for the public to come out to the comedy show, it will be a fun night out. The funds raised are used to support the fireworks show hosted by the department. He encouraged people to attend and support the department. Chairman Sargent the fireworks are a great event supported by the department. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

World Lighting Candle Ceremony

The board has received a request from Ms. Sharon Cloutier for permission to hold a gathering in the garden of Reservoir Pines Cemetery to commemorate the Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony in memory of children to be held on December 14, 2014.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Non Union Personnel Board Salary Adjustments

Chairman Sargent reviewed the Personnel Board is recommending adjustments to positions that were not included in the initial compensation report spreadsheet: Senior Van Drivers, Public Safety Dispatchers, and the Town Nurse. The Town Accountant has requested these adjustments be approved by the board to allow the transfer of the funds from the Personnel Reserve Fund to appropriate departmental line items. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the Personnel Board adjustments as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked if the Recycle Center position has been addressed. Administrator Ward reviewed it is on the list. The vote was unanimous.

Private Way Name Change

William Reisner Corporation has sent a letter requesting that the private way of Richardson Place be changed to Reisner Way to better direct truck traffic to the entrance to their facility. This change can be done by the board after a public notice to any affected parties. Selectman Connolly made a public disclosure he has business relations with William Reisner Corporation. Chairman Sargent made disclosure he was a former employee of William Reisner Corporation. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed he will confirm the process with the D.P.W. Superintendent. The board reviewed there is a reason for change, the traffic that doesn't use Elm Street entrance uses the street across from Vale Street is the one requested to be changed to recognize company and entrance for directions to company. This would alleviate traffic going wrong way. Selectman Connolly made a motion to authorize the Solicitor and Town Administrator to proceed with the process and schedule a public hearing if needed. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation Department New Ice Rink

Chairman Sargent reviewed at the last town meeting the installation of an ice rink had been approved, there is a new location then presented to the board, it has been relocated to Vale Street. He would like the Director of Parks & Recreation to attend the next meeting for discussion regarding location presented for town meeting approval.

State Representative Naughton :Nashua River Beach

Chairman Sargent reviewed recently he has read literature that State Representative Naughton plans to work on redoing the town beach at Nashua River. He would like to invite Representative Naughton in to a meeting for discussion on what the proposed

plans are, and where this stands. He also would like to discuss Clinton Housing Authority *issues and needed funding for improvements.*

Congressman Tsongas

Chairman Sargent would like to invite Congressman Niki Tsongas in for an introduction as representative to town and also review the need for Federal Funding for housing=development improvements.

Saturday November 29, 2014 Events

Chairman Sargent reviewed on Saturday November 29, 2014 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM the board will be hosting the Children's Holiday event, he invited all to stop by and enjoy all the fun. He also mentioned the Tree Lighting event in Central Park is scheduled for 5:30PM caroling and fun for all. He invited all to attend. Selectman LeBlanc also announced it is Shop Local Saturday, there will be a lot to shopping specials and events offered by the downtown merchants, beginning at 11:00AM.

Veterans Memorial Update

Selectman Iacobucci asked Administrative Ward for an update on the Veterans Memorial project. Administrator Ward informed the board he is working with the Town Solicitor on a letter to the vendor for cancellation for non-performance. He explained he had received indication from the vendor it would be completed by the end of October, it was not he then received an email from the vendor stating the foundry cast the plaques with errors and parts were illegible therefore they had to be recast. Selectman Iacobucci explained the vendor originally informed the board the job would be completed by the end of September, it is November 19, 2014 and not done. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed originally the date was to be in May, and now we are told there was an error, he is in support to cancel the contract. Solicitor Gibbons indicated he will issue a letter by the end of the week. Chairman Sargent reviewed this is a small company in town, he is in support of the Administrator reaching out again to ask for an update. Selectman Dziokonski explained he is not in favor of that. Selectman Iacobucci reviewed there is no bigger proponent of local business then him, but he isn't in support. He explained it was to be completed in May, then September, and now November 11, and still not completed. He feels there is no sense of urgency to complete this job, this could continue until May 2015 and still not be done. He is a proponent of small business. Selectman Connolly explained he is in agreement with Selectman Dziokonski and Iacobucci, in an interest in getting this done, he made a motion to allow a 30 day extension, to allow an opportunity to get the project done. If not completed then it will give the town reason to pursue new vendor. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent agreed all of the board members are in favor of small business. Selectman Iacobucci explained he isn't in

favor to post pone, it is unacceptable. Selectman Connolly stated he isn't optimistic this will make a difference. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed if an out of town vendor would the board cancel contract. The vendor has failed to perform he will not support motion, enough is enough. The vote was 3/2 Selctman Dziokonski and Iacobucci in opposition.

Goals & Objective Discussion

Recycle Committee

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed the Superintendent of Public Works is working on the numbers and will put together as packet for review and work with the Board of Health.

Cable Committee

Selectman Iacobucci stated the committee will meet tomorrow night at 6:00PM.

PJ Whein Road Race

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed the 14th Annual Turkey Chase is scheduled for Thanksgiving morning, this has grown into a great event and is successful, there is availability to register online.

Government Reorganization Committee

Selectman Connolly explained the consultant has submitted a preliminary draft of the Facility Department, some omissions have been made, the consultant will be pursuing more information and will review again at the December 8, 2014 meeting.

Public Works – High Street Sidewalks

Chairman Sargent reviewed he would like to forma subcommittee including commercial residents for discussion. He would like Selectman Connolly to join him on subcommittee and pursue input on the bump outs. Chairman Sargent stated it would create more parking if removed. He would like to get more information on the pricing on the cost to remove and the value of adding parking.

Christmas Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee had added the business supported Holiday Banners, the Holiday Wreaths were refurbished by Michael Kanala, both to be hung by the Fire Department. New Snowman and candy canes will added to the downtown and Central Park décor. He thanked Toby Crowley and the High School students who created them. He thanked Chairman Sargent and Building Inspector for agreeing to install them.

Soldier On

Selectman Iacobucci explained he would like a response to the review of this organizations review of the community. Administrator Ward reviewed he will speak with Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy regarding his review. Selectman Dziokonski asked the purpose to move forward on this. Selectman Iacobucci stated he would like to explore. Administrator Ward the organization planned to review the town if there is a viable site to be used, not sure the determination.

Committee Reports

Veterans Search Committee

Chairman Sargent explained the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the plan is for the committee to review the applications.

Senior Building Needs Committee

Selectman LeBlanc the next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2014, he also congratulated newly appointed Senior Center Director Debra Goodsell.

Business Development Committee

Selectman Iacobucci explained there is a good diverse committee, made up of business owners and others to work together to get business into Clinton.

Chairman Sargent announced the parking ban is in effect, from November 15th to April 1st no overnight on street parking after 11:00PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2014, he wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Selectman Connolly made a motion to adjourn at 7:50PM. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen