

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
November 30, 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 7:00PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from the November 16, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting and Executive Session Union Discussion for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**New Liquor License Insurance Public Hearing- 220 High Street  
Ranna Inc. d/b/a Papacalos Variety- Jyotsna Patel, Manager**

Attorney Henry Simonelli Jr. and Jyotsna Patel, CEO of Ranna Inc. were before the board with the application request. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed all the paperwork is in order and she is aware Ms. Patel is running a busy store. Attorney Simonelli explained the addition of a package store license will enhance the business. Chairman Dickhaut agreed. Selectman Connolly asked if Ms. Patel has any prior experience in selling beer & wine. Mr. Simonelli explained this is her first time as the proprietor but she has worked at other locations. Selectman Connolly asked if she is familiar with all of the state laws of the sale of alcohol. Chairman Dickhaut opened the meeting for Public Comment, against the application. There was none. She asked for public Comment in favor, there was none. Selectman Sargent made a motion to grant a new Package store license to 220 High Street, Ranna Inc. d/b/a Papacola's Variety. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly asked if a license is available. Chairman Dickhaut explained yes. Selectman Sargent asked Ms. Patel to card everyone to make sure they are of legal age. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Dickhaut asked Ms. Patel to do her due diligence to ensure the business operation goes smoothly. Ms. Patel thanked the board.

**Administrative Business**

**Late Night Closings**

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of December 2011: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Ringside Café, The Simple Man Saloon & Spruce Street Tavern and Sevi's. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as presented with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

### **One Day Beer & Wine License Permit**

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the Clinton Fire Fighters Union is requesting a one-day Beer & Wine license in conjunction with the Comedy event on 12/10/11.

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

### **Fire Chief Monthly Report**

Fire Chief Hart 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: Selectmen Connolly explained he feels there are comments in the report he found to be disrespectful and belligerent, he doesn't like the tone of the report, the information in the report is enlightening and helpful.

Selectman Sargent stated he agreed with Selectmen Connolly's comments, Selectmen LeBlanc stated he did as well. Chairman Dickhaut explained Fire Chief Hart was not singled out and this was a request of all of the department heads. She explained the comments are totally inappropriate and demining towards the board. She requested the Chief be asked to respond to the board why the report has a derogatory tone.

Selectman Sargent requested the Chief come before the board at the next meeting with an explanation. The board agreed. The vote was unanimous.

### **Police Department Monthly Report**

Chief Laverdure submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of October 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: Selectmen Dziokonski explained the Police Chief gave a great report. Selectmen Connolly agreed, the report was helpful and enlightening. The vote was unanimous.

### **Old & New Business**

#### **Holiday Pops Foundation Donation Request**

Chairman Dickhaut explained the board has received a donation request from the Holiday Pops Foundation to offset costs of the upcoming concert. Selectman LeBlanc asked for the balance in the Civic Fund. Administrator Ward explained there is \$1400.00 in the Civic Fund. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the concert is a wonderful evening but she will not support the donation request. She explained there are other requests before the board and she would like to see the donation go to other purposes than a social event. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to grant the donation request to the Holiday Pops Foundation. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he has recently returned to the board and recalls this being a routine donation; he explained he is unsure if this has continued.

Chairman Dickhaut explained this donation request had been discontinued; she would like to see a policy for the donations to be made to nonprofit organizations, like the Item Appeal. It is beneficial for organizations that provide for families in need. This is a beautiful event and they have a funding mechanism with ticket sales, perhaps the price should be increased or raise funding with an aggressive fundraising campaign. Selectman Sargent made a motion to make a \$100.00 donation to the Holiday Pops Foundation. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was 2/3 in opposition Selectman Connolly, Selectman LeBlanc and Chairman Dickhaut. Motion failed.

#### Item Appeal Donation Request

Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the Item Appeal has sent a letter requesting a donation. Selectman Connolly made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Item Appeal. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly reviewed there is a clear distinction, between the two requests the Holiday Pops Concert is a great community event but the Item Appeal assists people in need in the community. Chairman Dickhaut asked the amount given in the past. Selectman Connolly amended motion to make the donation the same amount that was given in the prior year. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Selectmen's Holiday Party

Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the Selectmen's Annual Holiday Party was held over the weekend and was very well attended. She thanked all of the volunteers who helped to make the event successful, including the Clinton Fire Department. The board agreed. Selectman Dziokonski explained he attended and enjoyed himself with his family.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Christmas Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the wreaths have been refurbished with new lights and bows. He thanked volunteers and committee members for donating the time to update the wreaths which include Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Sargent, Administrator Ward, Dennis Parker, Paul Curran, Ed Sheridan, Jack Graves, Dave Hennis and Jean Dziokonski. He also thanked Arthur Mayou for all of his hard work with the solar lights. He explained the committee had a successful fundraising campaign raising \$3735.00. He thanked all of the local businesses that provided support with their generous donations. Wreaths will be up by the end of the week.

#### *Government Reorganization Committee*

Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the committee is scheduling meeting with Department Heads to review all options out there.

*Senior Building Needs Committee*

Selectmen LeBlanc explained there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday to review the closing with Solicitor Gibbons and they have had a meeting with the Architect and gave him direction on the building.

Selectmen Connolly congratulated the Clinton High School Football team for making it to the Super Bowl. This is a great achievement and the third year in a row the Clinton team has made it, great work. It wasn't easy this year and he wanted to recognize the hard work and determination of the team, they are a great representation of Clinton. The board agreed and wished the team luck in the upcoming game 10AM this Saturday at Worcester State University.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn at 7:30PM. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectman