

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
December 16, 2015**

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

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from December 2, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

Central Park Security System: Parks & Recreation Director

Park and Recreation Director Emily Easterling, Chairman of Park and Recreation Commission Ed Verier and Commission member Yoanna Osborne were before the board for discussion regarding the installation of security cameras in Central Park. Ms. Easterling referenced the informational packet she gave the board reviewing the reported vandalism in Central Park from July to September. She explained the Police received over 20 calls and there was approximately \$2300.00 worth of destruction to the park. The installation of security cameras is a way to prevent this destruction and vandalism. She reviewed she received notice today that National Grid will not allow the security camera to be mounted on the Street Light pole in center of park, at this time the article will be removed from the special town meeting warrant so the commission and she can conduct further research on a different location. She explained they will pursue this expense at the Annual Town Meeting or as part of the operating budget. Selectman Sargent thanked Ms. Easterling and complimented her on the outstanding job she does with the department. He explained he doesn't support the idea of cameras in a public place. He understands the frustration regarding the vandalism but doesn't view this as the solution. Ms. Easterling explained there are many parks around Massachusetts with cameras; every park in Worcester has cameras. She explained a lot of public places have cameras; they are to be used to prevent vandalism. Selectman Connolly reviewed he shares Selectman Sargent's concerns; he also acknowledged all the hard work that has been recently completed at Central Park and is sympathetic to the damage and vandalism but he doesn't believe the cameras are the appropriate fix.

He encourages the department to explore alternate methods and suggestions including adding additional lighting. Ms. Easterling explained the Police Department has been great, they have increased surveillance and are helping monitor the area. Ms. Osborne explained the objective of the cameras is to balance freedom and misuse; they are not for monitoring but to prevent misuse of the park. Selectman Iacobucci stated he applauds the Park & Recreation Department and feels it is a good approach to have more Police presence and more lighting in the park but it may not help the issue, it may not be enough. He explained the vandalism needs to be stopped and the cameras will allow the vandals to be caught and prosecuted, cameras will keep people safe. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the Police have been notified of the violations and vandalism do they have any leads on who it may be? He explained he is in favor of the cameras. He would like to see this on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to allow the people to decide. Chairman LeBlanc agreed with the frustration regarding the damage and vandalism in the park. He explained the park is dark perhaps if you add additional decorative lighting you can mount the cameras on the lighting and 95% of problem may disappear. Discussion continued regarding the camera system and the monthly maintenance fee, Ms. Easterling reviewed this is optional and if the town chooses to opt out from the monthly maintenance they would just have to pay an annual inspection fee of \$85.00 with no monthly fee, just a service charge per visit if repairs needed. The board thanked Ms. Easterling and Park & Recreation Commission members for the discussion.

Community & Development Block Grant – Director Phil Duffy

Director of Community & Economic Development Phil Duffy was before the board to discuss the procedure for the FY16 Block Grant application. He reviewed he is requesting to hire a consultant to complete the application. This has been done previously by the town for the FY14 and FY11 Block Grants both did receive awards. He has a contract proposal from Community Opportunities Group for \$5000.00 to complete the application. He proposed the fee can be expensed to the miscellaneous office income line item in the departmental budget; this can be reimbursed if the grant is awarded. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve hiring Community Opportunities Group to complete the FY16 Block Grant application for the town of Clinton. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Duffy thanked the board. He continued discussion explaining as a grant application requirement the public hearings will be held one on Friday at the Senior Center, one at the first January meeting of the board of Selectmen along with one on Nelson Street and one at the Community Café. He plans to have the public hearing at the first January board meeting and to finalize the grant application and have approval by the board at the first meeting in February. He reviewed the new addition to the application this year will be to add transportation to the Community Café, hosted by the United Way. This service has been offered for 6 years but is no longer available. He explained

intends to expand the boundaries of the target area for the housing rehab program as well.

Review of the Special Town Meeting Draft Warrant

Chairman LeBlanc referred to Administrator Ward for review. Administrator Ward reviewed the board had completed a preliminary review at the last meeting, since the Town Solicitor has also completed a preliminary review and made some changes, the Board of Health submitted an article to establish a revolving fund but the Solicitor removed this article it can only be approved at an Annual Town Meeting, it is not permissible. The Park & Recreation just spoke about removing Article 10 regarding funding for the security camera system for Central Park. There was a question regarding Article 9 submitted by the CEMA Director for funding for the generator connection to the Park & Recreation Building. Administrator Ward researched and this request was discussed but not included in the departmental budget for the Park & Recreation Department. The Director of the Park & Recreation Department explained she may have funding to cover later in the year when she reviews her funding. Selectman Sargent asked about the date of the meeting. Administrator Ward explained he had been contacted by the Town Moderator and he will be unavailable and out of town on the ninth of January. He has requested the meeting date be changed. He is available the 23rd or 30th early in the day, or a week day within that time period. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to reschedule the Special Town Meeting to Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00AM. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent asked if the meeting could be scheduled for 11:00AM. Administrator Ward explained the Moderator has asked for the meeting to be scheduled early in the day because he has travel plans for the afternoon. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Ward explained the board can finalize the warrant at the next meeting. Chairman LeBlanc agreed, explaining Article 10 submitted by the Parks & Recreation Department has been tabled. Selectman Connolly stated this article has been submitted in writing by the commission, something should be submitted to the board in writing asking for it to be tabled. Administrator Ward explained he will e-mail the Director for written notice, he also explained the Solicitor is working with the Board of Health on Article 7 the Clean & Lien Program but has requested more time to firm up some issues, he has also removed Article 6 the approval of a Board of Health revolving fund. Selectman Sargent explained he would like to see this move forward.

2016 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a 2016 Liquor License listing for approval for annual renewal. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Liquor License holders as submitted to operate in 2016. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2016 CLASS II LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board received request from the current license holders to renew for 2016. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Class II Licenses as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2016 CLASS III LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board has received request for renewal from the current Class III dealers to renew for 2016. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the list as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2016 COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board received requests from the establishments of current license holders to renew the licenses. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the list as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2016 JUKEBOX LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board received requests from the establishments of current license holders to renew the licenses. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the list as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2016 AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board received requests from the establishments of current license holders to renew the licenses. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the list as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2016 ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE RENEWALS

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board received requests from the establishment of current license holders to renew the licenses. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the list as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

There are no items for the Board's consideration at this time.

Old & New Business

Crystal Club Charity 5K Fun Walk/Run

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a request from Ms. Barbara Ranieri of the Crystal Club Charity to conduct a 5K Fun Run/Walk on January 2, 2016 to raise money for the charity. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request as

presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci wished Ms. Ranieri the best of luck with the race. The vote was unanimous.

DPW Surplus Equipment Auction

Administrator Ward reviewed the DPW Superintendent sent a list of old vehicles and equipment no longer usable to be auctioned off but they need to be approved as surplus, so an auction can be established and written bids accepted. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the list as submitted by the Superintendent as surplus equipment no longer needed by the department. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the list as submitted for public information: 1960 Mack-6 wheel cab and chassis, 1999 Dodge 4X4 pickup truck, 1988 Ford tractor backhoe, 2005 Ford Police Cruiser, 1995 Chevy one ton dump, 1983 International 6-wheel dump, 1990 Chevy pickup, and 1996 Volvo rubbish compactor, a total of eight items to be auctioned. Administrator Ward reviewed the trash compactor was totaled through fire damage and the town received an insurance settlement. The vote was unanimous.

Solid Waste Disposal Agreement

Administrator Ward reviewed the DPW Superintendent is recommending approval for a three year contract with EL Harvey & Sons for the disposal of municipal solid waste and curbside recycling. Administrator Ward explained the town has used Waste Management in the past and got prices but is recommending EL Harvey & Sons for the three year contract. Administrator Ward reviewed the prices for the three year contracts are: Municipal Solid Waste year one (July 2015) \$71.00 per ton, year two (July 2016) \$73.13 per ton, year three (July 2017) \$75.32 per ton, for Single Stream Recyclables (July 2015) \$15.00, (July 2016): \$15.45, (July 2017) \$15.91. Selectman Sargent asked for a definition on single stream. Selectman Dziokonski explained everything in one container. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent and approve the Solid Waste Contract from EL Harvey & Sons as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained it just goes to show the savings for the town with the single stream rate being lower than the solid waste rate, prior to the new program everything was paid as waste, this expense should be considerably lower. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Sargent thanked the Solid Waste Committee for all of their hard work with the new program.

Streetlight Request for Gorham Avenue

Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received a request from a resident of Craig Drive for consideration to install a streetlight near the Nathan Heights mailboxes on Gorham Avenue. Chairman LeBlanc asked the board if they agree this request should be forwarded to the Traffic Committee. Selectman Iacobucci asked why the developer

hadn't put in decorative lighting near the mailboxes. Administrator Ward reviewed the bases were installed by the developer and National Grid will install the lights. Selectman Sargent stated he thinks it is a good idea to have lighting near the mailboxes. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the installation of the streetlight as requested. Selectman Dziokonski asked if this request will be referred to the Traffic Committee. Administrator Ward reviewed the Traffic Committee would review the placement of the light and determine if one would be enough. Chairman LeBlanc asked for the Traffic Committee to review being informed the board if supportive of the request. Selectman Connolly explained he understands the recommendation to have the traffic committee review, allowing the public safety officials to review, but he is aware the town had an audit completed and the street lights needed remain on. Selectman Dziokonski stated he is aware the town had the audit and street lights were removed at the time, this is a new location where the neighborhood was nonexistent at the time of the audit. He would like to have the Traffic Committee review. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to refer this request to the Traffic Committee allowing Public Safety Officials to review and determine the need. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent stated this is a time sensitive matter. The vote was unanimous.

Keno License for Sam's Quick Stop

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Massachusetts Lottery Commission provided to the board notice that Sam's Quick Stop has applied for a Keno license for their establishment at 175 Sterling Street. Administrator Ward explained the board received the notification and no action is required unless there is reason to host a hearing. The board had no negative comments, no hearing necessary. Selectman Iacobucci wished them good luck with the license. The board agreed.

Civic Fund Donation Request

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Clinton Youth Football & Cheer has sent a letter requesting support of a donation to help sponsor their cheerleading teams to attend the American Youth Football Cheering National Competition. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the same amount as given in the past. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Goals & Objectives

There was no discussion.

Committee Reports

Clinton Holiday Pops Concert Event

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he attended the Holiday concert recently held by the Parks & Recreation Department in the auditorium, it was marvelous. The Holiday Pops Committee in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation does a wonderful job. He also noted there was a fabulous reader; Town Administrator Ward participated in the program, this year along with Mr. William McGrail as the guest conductor.

Solid Waste Committee

Selectman Iacobucci announced the recycle center as of Monday December 21, 2015 will be accepting bulk materials for recycling. The hours will remain the same for the center, the list of items and the fees accepted will be published on the town's website. Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee reviewed the letter received from a Clinton resident requesting a reduced fee for a senior who is not the home owner, this is a complicated request. Administrator Ward will speak with the Assessors regarding the verification of income statement for non property owners, he planned to review if renters are eligible is they are responsible for household expenses. The committee will continue to research and review this request and have an answer by the end of January.

Government Affairs Committee

Administrator Ward reviewed explained the next step for the Facility Department is to advertise and hire a director. He will reach out to the Superintendent of Schools to organize the process.

Senior Building Committee

Chairman LeBlanc explained the he wanted to announce the building is substantially completed, it is functional and the committee is working on wrapping up all the final bills and final tweaks to the building. He would accept a motion to authorize opening the center. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Senior Center open. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chairman of the Council on Aging Mr. William Grady asked if the Council on Aging will be the custodian of the building. Chairman LeBlanc explained the vote is to authorize the move but the building remains under the jurisdiction of board of Selectmen until the town meeting approval in June to transfer the building to the Council. Selectman Connolly explained any town property needs to be assigned by a town meeting vote. Mr. Grady thanked the board. Selectman Connolly thanked the Senior Building Committee for all of their hard work on overseeing the project. The board agreed.

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board will enter into Executive Session under Article 3 Union Negotiations discussion at 8:15PM. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye", Selectman Iacobucci "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye" and

Chairman LeBlanc “aye”. The board will not return to open meeting, they wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Executive Session Article 3 Police Union Negotiations 8:15PM-8:40PM

Selectman Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41PM. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero
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Clinton Board of Selectmen