

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
December 7, 2016**

Selectman Dziokonski, Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc and Chairman Iacobucci were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Iacobucci opened the meeting at 7:00PM and began with a moment of silence for the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from November 2, 2016 Selectmen's 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

Mr. Steve Townsend 270 Sterling Street was before the board and read a prepared statement regarding the Earth Removal Hearing for 260 Sterling Street. He reviewed the town by laws regarding the Earth Removal application process, including the history of this application with the ZBA. He explained this request has been denied by the ZBA. He asked for the board to take no action to allow the permit to be reconsidered, it doesn't benefit the town or the neighborhood.

FY 17 Tax Classification Hearing Board of Assessors Chair

Chairman Iacobucci invited the Chairman of the Board of Assessors David Baird to discuss the tax classification shift for FY17. Mr. Baird distributed information to the board and began with an explanation of the information and a review of the FY17. If the shift were set at 160% the increase to the average increase to home or commercial would be about \$8.00. Chairman Iacobucci opened the discussion for Public Comment; he asked for Public Comment in favor, there was none in opposition there was none. Selectman Sargent made a motion to set the FY 17 tax rate at 165%.to lower the split. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly thanked the Board of Assessors for the presentation and the information provided, he explained the data is substantial. He appreciated the information of the comparison to all the surrounding communities tax rate, he explained he is considerate of the value of services available in town. Chairman Iacobucci thanked Mr. Baird for the information presented. Selectman Dziokonski asked for clarification on the 160%, the increase to the commercial and residential rates will be the same, he would like more of an explanation. Mr. Baird reviewed the increase would be the same on either rate, the rate was set at 160% back

in 1982. Selectman Connolly made a motion to amend the tax rate to 160%. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the amendment. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly reviewed taxes go up, the spending is authorized at town meeting and the amended motion will have the average increase of \$80.00. Selectman Sargent explained the increase will be more than \$80.00. Selectman LeBlanc stated regardless of the shift the bills go up. Selectman Dziokonski explained the original motion would set the residential tax rate at \$29.52, regardless of the rate going up at town meeting spending it is best to minimize the impact on households. There should be a decrease to increase for residents and an increase to the commercial and industrial rate, this is a difficult issue and he is a no vote on the amendment. Chairman Iacobucci asked for a vote on the amendment to make the shift 160%. The vote was 3/2 in opposition. Selectmen Dziokonski and Sargent. Amendment passed. Selectman Sargent made a motion to set the shift rate at 170% making a better rate for the residential rate, helping residents who work 3 jobs and cannot come up with extra money. Chairman Iacobucci explained there is no second to motion, motion fails. He called for the vote for the amended rate of 160% for the shift. The vote was 3/2 opposition Selectman Dziokonski & Sargent. The board thanked Mr. Baird.

Liquor License Transfer Hearing 271 High Street

Chairman Iacobucci opened the hearing and invited the applicant forward. Attorney Arthur Pearlman was before the board representing Rashuka Patel. Attorney Pearlman explained Ms. Patel will be the manager of the business. He reviewed the application before the board is to approve the transfer of ownership of 271 High Street, Sonny's Liquors. Attorney Pearlman explained Ms. Patel is the sole officer of the corporation, she resides at 154 Williams Street in Fitchburg. She is the former assistant manager at a BP Gas Station and her family operated the Next-Door Market in town Chairman Iacobucci opened up the hearing to board members for questions. There were none. He opened the hearing for Public Comment in favor of the transfer, there was none. In opposition, there was none. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the transfer as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Connolly thanked the previous owners for their service to the community.

Common Victuallers License: Mobile Food Truck

Chairman Iacobucci explained the applicant has withdrawn the application for a Common Victuallers License at this time.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of December 2016: 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 Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of October 2016 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the in the report the department administered 14 doses of Narcam and 3 opioid deaths in the month of October. The Ambulance is in need of \$1000.00 repairs. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Beer & Wine License for Apatite/Uptown & Discover Clinton

Chairman Iacobucci reviewed a request for a One Day Beer & Wine permit has be requested to be used in conjunction with the upcoming Holiday Craft Fair to be held December 17, 2016. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve a One Day Beer & Wine permit for the Apatite/Uptown & Discover Clinton to be used in conjunction with the December 17, 2016. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Hall Use Events

Chairman Iacobucci reviewed an application have been submitted for use of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium:

Nypro	Holiday Party	December 15, 2016
Apatite Collection	Holiday Market Place	December 17, 2016
Leprechaun Society	Annual Leprechaun Convention	March 11, 2017
Carol Caines	Wedding Reception	July 30, 2017

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the date as requested. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Donation Request

Chairman Iacobucci reviewed the board has received request from the Item Appeal for a donation to be made from the Civic Fund. Selectman Sargent explained this is a great benefit to the community and he will support the request. Selectman Sargent made a motion to make a \$500.00 donation from the Civic Fund to the Item Appeal. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski asked if \$500.00 is available in the fund. Administrator Ward stated yes the funding is available. The vote is unanimous.

Barking Dog Complaints- Country Dog Day Care 500 Main Street

Chairman Iacobucci explained the board has received two written complaints regarding loud and constant barking at 500 Main Street, Country Dog Day Care. The Animal Control

Officer has recommended a hearing be scheduled. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to schedule a public Hearing for Country Dog Day Care of 500 Main Street regarding complaints received. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was 4/1 in opposition Selectman Connolly.

Earth Removal Permit Opinion

Chairman Iacobucci explained the Town Solicitor has issued a legal opinion that an earth removal permit only requires ZBA approval if it is a business quarrying operation in a residential district. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve reopening the hearing for the 260 Sterling Street permit at the next scheduled meeting. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman LeBlanc stated to follow up on the information Mr. Townsend presented he would like more information from the ZBA regarding the denial. Administrator Ward explained he will get a copy of the decision filed. The vote was unanimous.

Ciesluk Open Space Grant

Chairman Iacobucci explained the town of Clinton was awarded an open space grant to help with the purchase of the Ciesluk property off of Chace Street. He explained this was approved at town meeting and the funds were appropriated to make the purchase which will be restored through the grant. Selectman Dziokonski explained this is great news for the town, and he thanked the Open Space Committee and Community & Economic Director Mr. Duffy for all the hard work on putting this application together.

Goals & Objectives

There was no discussion.

Committee Reports

Christmas Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed there was a successful Holiday celebration in the community last week including the Shop Local Day, a well-attended Children's Christmas Party and the Holiday Tree Lighting and caroling in Central Park. He thanked all the sponsors who donated to the events and the volunteers who participated. He had a special thank you to all the Polish Carolers who participated explaining next year other ethnicities will be included in the event. He thanked all who attended and participated for making them a great success.

Chairman Iacobucci stated the board will be entering Executive Session under article 3 Fire Union Negotiations and will not return to open session. He called for a Roll Call vote

at 7:35PM. Roll Call Vote Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye", Selectman Connolly 'aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Chairman Iacobucci 'aye".

Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Negotiations 7:35PM-7:55PM

Selectman Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen