

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
February 29, 2012**

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 February 15, 2012 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.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings March 2012

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of March 2012: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Ringside Café, The Simple Man Saloon & Spruce Street Tavern. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as presented with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of January 2012 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Clinton Public Schools Bike -a- Thon

Administrator Ward explained the Clinton Public Schools have sent a letter requesting permission to host a bike-a-thon on Saturday April 28, 2012 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM along the streets around Central Park. The request is also for permission to use the restrooms of the town hall. Chairman Dickhaut noted the request is to use tables and chairs from the town hall as well. The board verified the tables and chairs would be available. Administrator Ward explained yes tables and chairs available for use. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the request as presented with the

approval of the Police and Park & Recreation Departments, subject to all the requirements presented by the departments as well. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Dickhaut expressed it will be a good activity for the community and she hopes a lot participate. The vote was unanimous.

World War I Monument

Selectman Dziokonski thanked the board for voting on the location in his absence, the approval will help the project move forward. He has spoken with the Mr. Bates the contractor who will be working on the installation. Selectman Dziokonski made the recommendation to the board to form a subcommittee to oversee the upcoming project. He would like the committee to consist of a member from the Legion Veterans group, Administrator Ward, himself and another Selectman. Selectman Sargent agreed to serve on the subcommittee. Selectman Dziokonski asked for Superintendent McGown to be included on the subcommittee as well. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the formation of a subcommittee to consist of the members discussed to oversee the upcoming WWI Monument project. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Dickhaut expressed she agreed it is a good idea to have a subcommittee to oversee the project on town property.

FY13 Fiscal Year Budget Overview

Administrator Ward distributed an overview to the board of the upcoming budget. He reviewed the information he distributed explaining they are preliminary numbers. He reviewed a quick expenditure of revenue numbers. The Veterans benefits continue to increase, this year including the increase made to the line item in last year's budget process the account will run short. The town does get a 75% reimbursement of the amount spent. The Treasurer is looking into changing some temporary borrowing to permanent borrowing. The Health Insurance has a decrease with the adoption of health care reform law. He reviewed there is a 27% increase in the school choice number on the cherry sheet to offset the Chapter 70 funding. The Snow & Ice account has decreased by \$100,000.00 due to the mild winter. He reviewed a property tax increase, there is \$100,000 more than projected. The local revenue numbers are on target for the second quarter, this number will continue to be monitored. Chairman Dickhaut asked Administrator Ward to get started on requesting submittals from departments for the FY 13 budget. She requested each department submit a breakdown of the assets including vehicles and the condition of equipment with the departments. Administrator Ward explained that he will include that as part of the budget requests.

Committee Reports

Cable Advisory Committee

Selectman Sargent reviewed the committee met last night and the discussion continued on finding a new studio location. A temporary program director was hired.

Senior Building Needs Committee

Selectman LeBlanc explained the committee will be meeting on Friday and will be doing a walkthrough of the home with the Building Commissioner and the Architect.

Government Reorganization Committee

Selectmen Connolly reviewed the committee has started meeting on a weekly basis formulating recommendations for the town. There is one issue that is repetitive, the Old Fire Station building at this time the building is under the school department, the building use is for the building to be used for educational programs at this time it is no longer being used for educational purposes. He would like to get support from the board to send a letter to the School Committee recommending the building be returned to property surplus under the town's jurisdiction. Then the transfer would have to be approved at town meeting. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the request to the School Committee to declare the Old Fire Station building as part of the town's surplus property. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Nick Anderson of 289 A Chace Street

Mr. Anderson was before the board to ask for help in addressing an issue he is having.

He purchased his property in 2006 which is a condo unit in a two unit development.

After the purchase he learned there was some opposition from the surrounding neighbors, therefore the project was approved with special conditions. At the time there was also a change with Building Inspectors, the occupancy permit was granted without compliance of the conditions. He has been working with the Building Inspector who sent a letter to the Builder explaining he was responsible to complete the conditions, and if they were not completed within 60 days legal action would be taken through the Solicitor. The letter was never accepted by the Builder. Mr. Anderson stated it is important to have the builders follow through with the boards. After the fact it is difficult to hold the builder responsible. He asked the board for assistance with the issue.

Chairman Dickhaut explained this is the first the board has been aware of this issue, but within the next 2 weeks prior to the next board meeting the board will ask Town Administrator Ward to meet with Solicitor Gibbons to review. Administrator Ward explained they were conditions set by the ZBA on special permit and the Building Inspector tried to assist Mr. Anderson but the Builder was nonresponsive. He will review with the Solicitor to see what action the town can take from here or if Mr.

Anderson will have to pursue this civilly. Chairman Dickhaut asked for Administrator Ward to research some answers for Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson thanked the board and explained he would appreciate the help, he hopes to find a resolution to the issue. Chairman Dickhaut explained the board will try to assist with the matter but it may not fall under their purview. Mr. Anderson thanked the board.

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

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero
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Clinton Board of Selectmen