

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
April 23, 2013**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dickhaut and Chairman Dziokonski were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward.

Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:50PM.

Chairman Dziokonski explained the board had a draft of the budget and town meeting warrant articles for review and discussion. He asked Administrator Ward to review the list of articles. Administrator Ward began discussion with a review of the School Committee vacancy; he explained the Town Clerk just received a letter from Ms. Turcotte. He was copied on an email directed to the School Committee from the Superintendent on April 1st indicating there would be an upcoming vacancy. The board thanked Administrator Ward for the update on the vacancy. Administrator Ward continued with a review explaining the free cash number has been certified and general fund. He reviewed he prepared a breakdown of articles he has received to date, the deadline isn't until April 30th. He explained he has received some articles from departments and a few from the School Department, but the School Business Manager has indicated he has more to submit.

FY14 Town Meeting Warrant Draft Articles Review

Administrator Ward reviewed articles received to date from departments. He created an article to cover the deficit in the Treasurer withholdings issue of \$30,000.00. Selectman Connolly asked if the Treasurer had submitted this article. Administrator Ward explained no, the Treasurer didn't submit article. Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board had received the memo indicating there is a deficit of \$35,000.00. Discussion continued Administrator Ward explained he included it as a place holder; the Treasurer is working with the company to resolve the issue. The board would like more of an explanation from the Treasurer as to where the deficit stands. They agreed to invite him to a meeting to review the issue. Review continued with an Article from the Superintendent of the DPW, proposing to borrow 1 million to replace water meters. Additional articles include borrowing for the maintenance and updating to the Foster Fountain in Central Park which were submitted by the Parks & Recreation Department. The Park & Recreation department also submitted an article to fund the purchase of a new tractor for the department. He indicated the preliminary review of articles total about 2 million dollars. Chairman Dziokonski reminded the board the schools have requested an increase of \$900,000 in the budget presentation the board heard tonight. Administrator

Ward indicated the level funded budget with adjusted debt leaves a surplus of \$700,000.00, level service creates deficit of \$610,000.00. He explained to the board there are obligations on pensions and health care costs, the board should put funding into the fund created to absorb the increases. The board reviewed the next step is to finalize the budget and then submit to the Finance Committee, then subcommittee of Finance Committee and Selectmen will meet to finalize a budget.

Administrator Ward reviewed he has an Executive Session to add on to the meeting. He asked for the board to approve a discussion regarding Union Negotiations under article 3.

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to enter into Executive Session under article 3 to discuss Union Negotiations at 8:30PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dickhaut "aye", Chairman Dziokonski "aye".

Executive Session Article 3 Union Negotiations Discussion 8:30PM - 8:50PM

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 8:50PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen