

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
April 30, 2014**

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

Review of the Minutes

The board received minutes from April 2, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting and March 19, 2014 and April 2, 2014 Executive Session Union Negotiations update, for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

We Soldier on Project- Jack Downing

Chairman Connolly invited Mr. Downing forward for discussion. Mr. Jack Downing CEO of We Soldier On Project and Mr. Jim Scalise were before the board to share information on the agency. They presented each board member with a folder regarding the agency and the recent project completed. He reviewed the materials he submitted to the board explaining they receive funding from the Veterans Administration. He explained the complexes are affordable housing on the 40B model. Typically 50 units per complex all the units are studios. He explained last year 4600 Veterans received help. Mr. Scalise reviewed the project takes 12 – 18 months for completion of construction. If the community is interested it would be a few years to complete the design and development. Selectman Sargent asked if there are individual homes offered for families with children. Mr. Scalise explained all the units are typically studios. Mr. Downing reviewed there are no children in the complex. The greatest impact to the community is on Emergency Services. Chairman Connolly asked if there could be rehab to an existing location. Mr. Scalise explained yes they worked on existing building with Agawam project. Discussion continued concluding the next step is for Mr. Downing and Mr. Scalise to work with the planning staff on finding a location to work for the project. Selectman Sargent made a motion to have Economic Development Director Phil Duffy and veterans Agent Gerald Copenrath meet with the representatives of "We Solider On Project". Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci stated this is an opportunity for Veterans to live independently and pay taxes like any resident. Selectman LeBlanc reviewed there is a local community hospital to provide services. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he was

part of the Veterans Administrations transition of records/services from Boston to North Hampton and he had no problems. He thinks this is a good project and is favor. The vote was unanimous.

Massachusetts Troop Welfare Council – Jeff Ring

Chairman Connolly invited the representative from Massachusetts Troop Welfare Council to present to the board. Mr. Jeff Ring was before the board on behalf of Massachusetts Troop Welfare Council, he explained the council is a small nonprofit. He is a 25 year resident and would like to work with the community to stop the gap method the community has needs for a substantial living. He is proud to be before the board to introduce a mobile application available through a local company to allow Veterans to download an application containing information on the community and veteran resources available. This application will allow people to connect with veteran services and strengthen the services offered to them. There would be no cost to the local veterans to use this application. He explained if the board is interested in the app for the community, it can be customized to the board's wishes. Selectman Iacobucci asked if there is a cost addressed to the app. Mr. Ring reviewed there is no cost for the web medium but there is a fee to publish, it is \$99.00 for Apple and \$25.00 for an Android. Selectman Iacobucci asked if these are one time fees. Mr. Ring reviewed this is the fee for Town of Clinton to house; it can be published by Web Media Solutions. Mr. Ring said there is a one year developer license; the ownership of the app is the license. Chairman Connolly stated it sounds encouraging, what is the next step to proceed with the app. Mr. Ring explained he would let the developer know the town was interested then he will have paperwork for the Solicitor to review. Administrator Ward asked if he could download the app to review. Mr. Ring reviewed at this time the developer has draft model with the app. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve Mr. Jeff Ring work with the Town Administrator and Solicitor on application development for the town. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2014 Town Meeting Warrant Review

Selectman Dziokonski asked the board to continue out of order with budget review; the Board of Health Chairman is in attendance. The board agreed.

FY15 Budget Discussion

Board of Health

Chairman of the Board of Health Steve Lipka was before the board. Mr. Lipka reviewed the budget is \$17,000.00 under budget from last year, the nurses position has been changed to part time. The town joined the Montachusett Health Network therefore the full time salary for the doctor isn't needed. All of the expenses are the same for the department. Chairman Connolly explained the board will note the savings in the

department. He reviewed the non union salary grid is under review, the salaries will be reviewed once completed.

Out of Agenda Order Abandoned Property Committee Update

Chairman Connolly explained the board will continue out of agenda.

Abandoned Property Committee Update- Chairman Steve Lipka

Board of Health Chairman Mr. Lipka reviewed with the board the committee has met a few times and was able to meet with Kevin Flynn of MRPC who referred the committee to the Attorney General's office to explore receivership. The committee has met with Ms. Karen Reed of the Attorney General's Office and will begin working with her. Health Agent Tom Bonci and he are scheduled to meet with Ms. Reed and identify all of the properties. Ms. Reed will represent the town in court regarding the properties. He explained the process is about 32 days long. He reviewed the Attorney General's office takes the lead on notifying the home owner of the action of receivership. He explained there is a list of about 9 homes in Clinton. He reviewed the town cannot evict but they can condemn the property to allow for the process. The plan is for the Attorney General's office to come out and review the homes that have been identified.

New Smoking Regulations

Board of Health Chairman Mr. Lipka explained to the board the Board of Health recently voted to implement new smoking regulations in town. He asked for the boards support in implementing these regulations. He is aware the board will be hearing from some local establishments to amend their alcohol license to allow them to comply with the new regulations.

Animal Control Officer

Animal Control Officer Mr. Paul Wood asked the board if they had any questions regarding the budget request he presented. Selectman Dziokonski asked about the kennel fees and costs. Mr. Wood explained the cost is offset by the owner's fees. Selectman Dziokonski asked if the volume has gone up, he reviewed his daughter speaks very highly of the Mr. Wood he complimented him on his hard work. Administrator Ward asked of Mr. Wood to review the fiscal year budget. Mr. Wood reviewed he is short in this year's budget; he needs an additional \$1900.00 to get through the year.

Fuller Field Commission

Chairman Connolly reviewed the Fuller Field Commission submitted and article for the purchase of a tractor in the amount of \$15,000.00.

2014 Livery Licenses Renewals

Chairman Connolly reviewed livery license holders have submitted applications for their licenses for 2014. The two companies for renewal are Clinton Livery and The Taxi-Livery Ride. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the renewal for Clinton Livery License for 2014. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the renewal for The Taxi-Livery Ride License for 2014. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2014 Junk Dealer License Renewals

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board has received a application for renewal for the Junk Dealer License holder William Reisner Corporation. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the renewal of the William Reisner Corporation Junk Dealers License. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Report

Late Night Closings

Chairman Connolly reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of May 2014: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Liberty Tavern, Old Timer, Polish American Veterans, Ringside Café, & The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman Iacobucci 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.

One Day Liquor License Permits

Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received requests for a one-day liquor licenses from Clinton Turn Verein to use their outdoor pavilion on various dates from May- July of 2014. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the requests for the One Day License permits for dates from May to July for Clinton Turn Verein as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Reserve Fund Transfer

Acting Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a request for transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$7000.00 to cover the costs of the repairs to the apparatus. Acting Chief McLaughlin was before the board with a review of the needed repairs he explained he submitted an invoice showing what repairs are needed and the costs. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the transfer request as presented, \$7000.00 to the Fire Department to cover apparatus repairs as outlined by Acting Chief McLaughlin. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Connolly asked for the balance in the reserve fund account. Administrator Ward advised the

board the current balance there is enough to cover the request but the funding is going fast. Acting Chief McLaughlin explained there is \$1500.00 worth of repairs needed to Engine 3 and Engine 4 should be replaced. Selectman Iacobucci asked what year the Engine was purchased. Acting Chief McLaughlin explained it was purchased about one year ago but is a 1995 model; Engine 3 is 10 years old. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Request for Appointments of Sworn Weighers

Chairman Connolly reviewed the William Reiner Corporation has requested Tracy McAvoy and Timothy Grady be appointed as sworn weighers to MGL Chapter 41, *Section 85 & 86*. Administrator Wad indicated this is still permissible for the board to make appointments. He reviewed the Sealer of Weights & Measures is supportive of this request. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve this request as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

School Capital Improvements Warrant Articles

Chairman Connolly reviewed the Finance Committee has recommended a Debt Exclusion vote to fund any article of \$300,000.00 or more. The Town Clerk will need to receive notice by Monday to have it included on the ballot at the general election. The notice must include the language to be used on the ballot for the general election. The board reviewed there are several articles that this would apply to. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed if the article is part of a debt exclusion it cannot be altered at town meeting. Administrator Ward explained the article will have to pass at town meeting and town election ballot question, the Selectmen will have to call an election the override/debt exclusion only determines how the town gets the funding. The discussion continued regarding how the question will be presented on the ballot, will all the debt exclusion articles be one question or each separate, Administrator Ward that is up to the board. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to make all warrant articles \$300,000.00 or more be considered for debt exclusion override, with each article listed separately. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward asked for clarification on the Middle School Asbestos and the Middle School improvements article, are these to be kept separate. Chairman Connolly reviewed if the school presented them separate then they are to stay as separate articles, leave as presented. Selectman Iacobucci agreed explaining that is the right way to present them. Selectman Dziokonski agreed stating he is in favor of the middle school projects, it is important to present separate. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Ward reviewed he will work together with the Solicitor on the stator language and have notice to the Town Clerk by Monday.

Water Street Hearing

Selectman Dziokonski informed the board at the Water Street Hearing a lot of residents spoke about the speeding on Water Street. He asked for the Police Chief to be notified and the Traffic Committee to review. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion for the Traffic Committee to review the speed limit on Water Street. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Connolly stated the board will be entering Executive Session under article 3 for Fire Union negotiation update at 7:35PM, and will return to open session. Roll Call Vote to enter in Executive Session: Selectman Iacobucci "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye" and Chairman Connolly "aye."

Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Negotiations 7:35PM- 9:00PM

Meeting returned to open session at 9:05PM.

2014 Draft Warrant Review

Chairman Connolly began review with Articles 1 through 4 explaining they are standard Articles, which require annual approval. Article 5 is the approval of the social service funding of \$4800.00, Article 6 is the funding for the WHEAT services provided to the community. Article 7 is \$100,000.00 for the Health Insurance Trust, Chairman Connolly reviewed there is a \$700,000.00 free cash amount. Administrator Ward explained no motions needed this is just an initial review. Article 8 is presented by the Assessors and is a funding request to vote to support \$15,000.00 or any other sum to be taken from the Assessors Overlay Reserve Account, to be used to continue the Senior Tax Rebate Program. Article 9 is approval of \$50,000.00 to be used to be expended by the Selectmen to purchase new street lights for the downtown area, Selectman Iacobucci asked for the area around Central Park to be included, along with a better explanation of the replacement. Article 10 is to support needed repairs to the Library, Article 11 is to support the conversion of the heating system to natural gas. Article 12 is presented by the Fuller Field Commission to support \$12,000.00 of funding for the purchase of a new tractor. Article 13 is a request for additional funding for the Senior Center project. Article 14 is presented by the Park & Recreation Department for support of needed improvements to the Splash Water Park near Philbin Park. Article 15 presented by Park & Recreation is to support funding to hire an engineering firm to redesign Savage Field. Article 16 is presented by Park & Recreation to request for support funding for the installation of electrical outlets in Central Park. Article 17 is presented by Park & Recreation to support funding to be used for the installation of an ice rink in Central

Park and a brush attachment for the snow tractor to maintain it. Article 18 is a listing of the existing Revolving Funds used in the operating certain departments. Administrator Ward reviewed this has been in the auditor's report for the funds to receive authorization each year; this will get the town in compliance. Discussion continued with review of additional articles, funding for the track repairs needed at the athletic complex and school text books, new truck for the school maintenance and asbestos removal. Additional Articles include approval of by law for an additional Sergeant to the Police Department, the FEMA flood maps, the acceptance of Lydia Lane and Wilkate Avenue as public streets. There are two Citizen Petition Articles which conclude the warrant.

Selectman Sargent made a motion at 9:20PM to adjourn. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen