

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
May 11, 2015**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman Sargent were in attendance. Selectman Iacobucci arrived at 7:05PM. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons.

Chairman Sargent opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

**FY 16 Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review**

Chairman Sargent reviewed a lot of the articles are standard and require approval each year. He asked Town Administrator Ward to explain each article for review.

*Articles 1 -8*

Administrator Ward agreed stating articles 1 to 8 are standard articles the reauthorization of revolving accounts, senior tax rebate funds, WHEAT assessment approval and social services assessments. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve Articles 1 to 8, as reviewed by Administrator Ward. Selectman Dzikonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

*Article 9*

Administrator Ward continued review with Article 9 explaining this is approval of the \$150,000.00 to be used to cover costs of post employment benefits out of the Health Insurance Trust Fund. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

*Article 10*

Article 10 is approval of \$100,000.00 to be transferred into the stabilization fund. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

*Article 11*

Article 11 is the approval of expenditure in the amount of \$1676.56 from the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund for an unpaid bill to National Grid. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

*Article 12*

Article 12 is the approval of an expenditure of the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$10,436.48 to be raised or appropriated from available funds for an unpaid bills from

National Grid. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward reviewed this amount is unpaid on the Street Light accounts and the funding would come from the General Fund. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 13*

Article 13 is the approval of the an override in the amount of \$1,070,000.00, to be used for funding in the School Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Bigelow Library Department and the Council on Aging Department. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 14*

Article 14 is the approval of \$150,000.00 is transferred from the stabilization fund to be expended by the Clinton School Department for the purchase of textbooks and technology. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 15*

Article 15 is the approval of the transfer of funding from the balance of the Middle School Asbestos Abatement Project to the Phase 1 Middle School HVAC Project; this funding will be used for the completion of Phase 1 of the project. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 16*

Article 16 is the approval of the creation of a contingency fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be used for the completion of the Phase 1 of the HVAC project at the Clinton Middle School to be expended by the Permanent Building Committee. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski asked about the amount needed is there a need for \$75,000.00 for the completion of the project, he is unsure of contingency funding. Administrator Ward explained it is the amount needed for completion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 17*

Article 17 is the approval of available funds in the amount of \$646,196.52 to be expended by the Parks & Recreation Commission for Phase 1 Savage Field Renovation Project and to fund this project through debt exclusion. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the

motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent explained the total cost of the project is \$1.7 million plus over the next few years, he stated he is supporting it be put on the warrant but will not be supporting it at the town meeting vote, he feels this amount of funding could be better spent on other things in town. Selectman Iacobucci agreed he will not support it be put on the warrant, he explained this is a luxury item, this funding would be better spent supporting the schools or needed infrastructure updates or on the public safety departments. Selectman Connolly explained he is in favor of putting this on the warrant but is opposed to the article for a number of reasons, the amount of money, the board was just presented the School Departments budget presentation showing where deductions are being made, at this time he cannot commit to spending over a million dollars on field upgrades. Selectman Dziokonski stated he agrees with Mr. Connolly. The vote was 4/1 in opposition Selectman Iacobucci.

#### *Article 18*

Article 18 is approval of funding in the amount of \$9,800.00, to be expended by the Parks & Recreation Department to purchase a new ride on mower. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to support the article as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 19*

Article 19 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$6,344.00 to be expended by the Parks & Recreation Department for tree removal in Central Park. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent asked if the proposal was presented by an arborist or just a tree removal company. Administrator Ward reviewed he is unsure if the proposed removals were reviewed by a tree company. Selectman Iacobucci asked if tree will be replaced where they are being removed. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 20*

Article 20 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be expended from the Rubbish Enterprise fund to support the purchase of recycle containers. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent explained the containers will be used as part of the new recycle program, he has recently noticed containers in other communities are available in three sizes, small, medium and large, with 90% being used are small containers which he feels are needed. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 21*

Article 21 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 to be expended by the Bigelow Free Public Library for the replacement of the roof. Selectman Connolly made

a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 22*

Article 22 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$6,500.00 to be expended by the Clinton Emergency Management Agency for the purchase and installation of fencing for the property at 359 High Street. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the motion as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 23*

Article 23 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the removal of bump outs on High Street. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained when the bump outs were installed the merchants were in favor of them, he isn't in favor of removing them to accommodate one businesses request. He would like there to be a poll of business owners and get a consensus of the merchants, and have the information reported back to the board. He will vote to support to authorize the funding but will not approve the work until he receives some feedback from the board. He explained the Director of Community & Economic Development should contact the business owners and get an understanding of their usage of the bump outs; they were installed to facilitate deliveries. He asked if this vote was just to fund the concept the work will require another approval. Administrator Ward explained yes this vote only allows for the funding to be allocated another vote is required for it to be spent. Chairman Sargent explained several businesses have approached him and asked for the bump out to be removed in order to create additional parking for the businesses like Aubuchons, Tinkers Cart, The Strand and restaurants on High Street. Deliveries are done all over town to business from the road, he is aware of the Simple Man Saloon receiving delivers from a truck parked in front of business blocking the road, the Cocoran House also receives delivers from the road where traffic is impacted, this will create more parking downtown where it is needed. The vote is unanimous.

#### *Article 24*

Article 24 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for road resurfacing and repairs. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to table this article at this time, he explained he requested this be put on the warrant but would defer until next year allowing for the Chapter 90 funding to be utilized for road repaving. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent explained there is a lot of frustration with the conditions of the roads,

he hoped the town receives more state funding to support resurfacing and there is revenue being generated from the landfill recapping that may be used as well. Selectman Dziokonski asked when the Water Street project will begin. Administrator Ward explained the board has been notified it will begin in July; it will be under construction for two seasons. The first phase is the installation of the drain line, it may be worse before better. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 25*

Article 25 is the approval of funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be expended by the Police Chief for the consolidation of the police and fire dispatching operations at the Clinton Police Station. Solicitor Gibbons explained he was going to clarify the amount with the Chief of Police; this funding will be used to cover salaries, equipment and consultants. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the motion as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Solicitor Gibbons reviewed there will be some small tweaks made to the language in the article. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 26*

Article 26 is the acceptance of Chapter 71§37M of MGL so that it may consolidate administrative functions and authorize the consolidation of facilities maintenance functions. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 27 & 28*

Article 27 and Article 28 are the approvals of the two PILOT agreements with Seaboard Solar Holdings LLC for 100 & 111 Adams Road in Clinton. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the articles as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 29*

Article 29 is the approval of an amendment to the Administrative By-Laws of the town to institute a \$500.00 fine for illegal dumping, to be enforced by the Clinton Police Department. The board discussed the enforcement of the by-law if it would be under the Board of Health; discussion concluded it is a town statute which shall be enforced by the Police Department. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Article 30*

Article 30 is the establishment of a Peddling and Soliciting Administrative By-Law for door to door solicitors, presented by Clinton Police Department. Selectman Iacobucci

made a motion to approve the article as presented, moving it up on the warrant to article 11. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

*Article 31*

Article 31 is the approval of the West Ledge Estate Road as a public way in the Town of Clinton. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the motion as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked if Superintendent McGown had reviewed this request. Administrator Ward stated yes he sent an email to Superintendent who indicated the contractor is closing the escrow accounts and he approves. The vote was unanimous.

*Article 32*

Article 32 is a citizen petition presented regarding an amendment to Section 11 of Article 1 of the Administrative By-Laws. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept this article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Solicitor Gibbons noted the Board of Health plans to add an article for the adoption of the state sanitary code as a Administrative By-Law. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the addition of this article to be submitted by the Board of Health. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman Iacobucci thanked the Board of Health for the great job. He also noted the great job of the Police Department; he commended on the recent Drug Task Force arrests.

Chairman Sargent stated the next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00PM.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn at 7:40PM. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero  
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Clinton Board of Selectmen