

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
May 14, 2014**

Chairman Connolly opened the meeting at 6:01PM. All members of the board were present. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Connolly asked for a moment of silence in memory of Clinton resident John T. Mahan, he was a dedicated citizen who made a lot of people's lives better in this community.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from the April 16, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was none.

Common Victuallers License Hearing – Mobile Food Cart

Chairman Connolly invited the applicant for a common victualler license forward. Mr. William Hallinan was before the board explaining he would like to operate a mobile food cart at various locations around Clinton. He has a New York style push cart that he attaches to his car and can move to various locations. He intends to sell hot dogs, chips and soda. Selectman Iacobucci asked what locations he will be set up at. Mr. Hallinan explained the Depot Square and or around Central park. He explained he plans on trying various locations to find where it works out best. Chairman Connolly asked that he comply with the requests of the Police department. Mr. Hallinan agreed. Selectman Sargent made a motion to grant the common victuallers license to William Halinan d/b/a Bill's Dog Cart as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Livery License Heary – 46 Lakeside Avenue

Chairman Connolly invited the applicant forward for a livery license. Ms. Marise M. Augustin of 46 Lakeside Avenue was before the board with a request to operate a taxi service in Clinton. She explained she purchased a Toyota Vienza and intends to start Livery Business offering rides back and forth to the airport. Chairman Connolly asked if the board members had any questions. He stated he had some concerns regarding Ms. Augustin's driving resume, he has some reservations about her driving residents around town. Ms. Augustin explained the recent violations were regarding an inspection sticker, she hasn't had any accidents and most were taken out and never charged her, she has a valid driver's license. Selectman Sargent highlighted from the driving record there are violations of improper equipment and speeding, concerned it may be a liability to issue a taxi license.. Ms. Augustin explained she has Gieco Insurance. Selectman Sargent stated there are up to 40 violations listed. Ms. Augustin reviewed she has never had an accident. Selectman Iacobucci reviewed she has a speeding violation along with no valid inspection sticker. Chairman Connolly reviewed the board can

review with the Police Chief and have him give the board a recommendation on this type of driving record. The board members agreed. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to table the discussion and continue the hearing until the next scheduled meeting to invite Chief Laverdure in for his recommendation. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci explained he isn't willing to support this request without hearing from Police Chief. The vote was unanimous.

2014 Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Connolly explained Town Administrator has developed a final draft warrant for the Special Town Meeting for union retroactive raises and an issue from the Board of Assessors. Chairman Connolly reviewed the budget subcommittee will be working on funding sources for the articles; they will take any guidance or feedback to assign funding sources from the board. He reviewed the Finance Committee has some preference on moving some articles directly into the budget. The board discussion continued of the Special Town Meeting articles, approval of the Assessor's office covering appellate court judgments from the reserve account and the approval of the funding of portions of the contract agreements. Chairman Connolly explained these articles will be reviewed prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Connolly asked for approval of the Special Town Meeting articles. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve Article 1 as written to approve funding of the DPW contractual agreement of retro wages in the amount of \$25,914. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Solicitor Gibbons asked for the approval pending his final review. The vote was 4/0/1 Abstention. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve Article 2 as written to approve funding of the Fire unions contractual retro wages in the amount of \$38,685, pending the Town Solicitors final review. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve Article 3 to approve funding of the Police unions contractual retro wages in the amount of \$66,788., pending the approval of the agreement by the Police Union and the Town Solicitors final review. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve Article 4 as written approving the Assessors spending of \$63,428. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2014 Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Connolly explained the Town Administrator has developed a draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting based on submittals from departments and citizens. He began the review explaining Articles 1-4 are standard. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve them as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 5 is the approval \$4800.00 for Social Services. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 6 is the approval of \$15,000 to WHEAT. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 7 is the approval of revolving funds. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve this article subject to modifications of the Town Administrator. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion.

Under Discussion: Administrator Ward explained he is finishing that work with the Accountant and Solicitor Gibbons. The vote was unanimous. Article 8 is the approval of a revolving account for the Senior Center; the Council on Aging has requested a new account to work with when the new center opens to manage funding for rental use of the function area. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 9 is the approval of the Senior Tax Rebate Program managed by the Council on Aging and Senior Center Executive Director. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 10 is the approval of \$35,000 request by the Town Treasurer to defray a deficit in the Payroll Withholdings Account. Selectman Dziukowski made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 11 is the approval of \$150,000 of funding be a transferred into the Health Insurance Trust Fund. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 12 is to approve \$42,000 to be expended by the Board of Assessors to defray the cost of performing the state mandated property for revaluation. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve article as presented. Selectman Dziukowski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 13 is approval of \$50,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purchase of new streetlights. The board discussed and agreed to raise the funding to be used to hire a consultant to review the project of purchasing replacement street lights for the downtown area, to include Church, High, Union and Mechanic Streets and around Central Park areas. Selectman Dziukowski made a motion to approve the Article as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 14, 15, 16 regarding funding for the Library capital improvements have been eliminated and added to the Library budget. Article 17 is the approval of an additional \$100,000 of funding for Senior Center Project. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve article as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 18 is the approval of \$40,800.00 of funding to be expended by the Town Clerk for the purchase of new voting machines. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve article as presented. Article 19 is the approval of the borrowing of \$500,000 to be expended for the purchase of a new Fire engine for the Fire Department with the Board of Selectmen's approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 20 regarding funding for improvements to the Water Park, located at Philbin Memorial Park has been removed to be included in the Park & Recreation budget. Article 21 is the approval of \$45,000 of funding to be expending by the Park & Recreation Department for consulting services for proposed Savage Field renovations. Chairman Connolly reviewed this article is not supported by the Finance Committee. Selectman Dziukowski explained it has always been a long standing policy for the board to include an article submitted by a town department, as a courtesy the board should allow the article to stay on. Chairman Connolly agreed. Selectman Dziukowski made a motion to approve the article for the warrant as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziukowski asked if the work is proposed to be done in phases. Selectman Iacobucci explained he is supportive of including the article

on the warrant. The vote was unanimous. Article 22 is to approve \$25,000 of funding to be expended by the Parks & Recreation Department for the installation of additional electrical outlets. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 23 is the approval of \$11,500 of funding to be expended by the Parks & Recreation for the installation of an ice rink and broom attachment for the tractor to maintain it, for Central Park. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the article as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 24 is the approval of \$250,000 of funding to be expended by the school department for the purchase of textbooks and technology. Chairman Connolly reviewed the sub Committee has reviewed and the Finance Committee has made an amended to lower this amount to \$150,000, the subcommittee agreed. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve as the subcommittee recommendation of \$150,000. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous. Article 25 is the approval of \$600,000 of funding to be expended by the School Department for the removal of asbestos ceiling tiles from the Middle School. Selectman reviewed this will be funded as a debt exclusion. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 26 is the approval of \$150,000 of funding to be expended by the school department for infrastructure improvements to the middle school. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 27 is the approval of \$300,000 of funding to be expended by the school department for renovations to the Athletic Complex track. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 28 is the approval of \$60,000 of funding to be expended by the school department to purchase a new truck. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 29 is the approval of the Board of Selectman to petition for special legislation to reorganize the Town Treasurers position from elected to appointed office. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the motion as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent asked how many times this article is gin got be presented, it is like an old record that is being continued to play over and over, it is getting old, last year the community voted no. Selectman Dziokonski agreed this has been brought up in a different format, if appointed the town will proceed more efficient with the fiscal operation. Chairman Connolly reviewed this is in the best interest for the town, it is a professional position. The vote was 4/1 Selectman Sargent in opposition. Article 30 is the approval of the Town Collectors position being appointed. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Connolly and Selectman Sargent expressed the same sentiment as the prior article. The vote was 4/1 Selectman Sargent in opposition. Article 31 is approval of an amended to the Administrative By-Laws increasing the number of police sergeants from four to five. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve Article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 32 is the approval of an amendment to the Zoning By -Laws to update the floodplain district. Administrator Ward explained these were issued by

FEMA, there are about 3 minor modifications. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve this article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 33 is the approval of Lydia Lane as an accepted public way. Selectman Sargent asked where this street is located. Superintendent McGown reviewed they are located in a development off of Fitch Road; Article 34 is in the same area. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve Article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 34 is the approval of Wilkate Place as an accepted public way. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve Article as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Article 35 is a Citizen Petition presented for approval of \$470,000 of funding for the purchase of a new radio communications system for the Fire Department. Chairman Connolly stated this amount of funding would be a debt exclusion approval. Solicitor Gibbons explained it does meet the \$300,000 threshold therefore it will require both town meeting and ballot election vote approval. Article 36 is also a Citizen Petition presented for approval of funding to support for \$500,000 of funding for concrete sidewalks along Water Street. Selectman Iacobucci reminded the audience the Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday June 2nd, please come out and vote, there is a large amount of funding pending approval. The board agreed.

FY2015 Selectmen Budget Discussion Recommendations

Chairman Connolly explained an FY15 Budget Subcommittee has submitted recommendations for review by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for a balanced budget that will be presented to voters at the Annual Town Meeting. Chairman Connolly began review of the changes in the Town Treasurers budget the \$5000.00 for a consultant has been moved to the Clerks salary she will start full time hours, the liability insurance has increased to \$45,000 at this time it is budgeted for \$10,000 less. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve asking the FY 15 Budget Subcommittee to approve reconsideration of the liability insurance and add \$10,000. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The discussion continued with review of the Police/Fire overtime budgets. Administrator Ward explained there are going to be some adjustments to the wages, and at this time the departments have some staff out. Chairman Connolly reviewed the subcommittee reminded the Finance Committee these departments may have to receive a reserve fund transfer to complete the year. Review continued with the Council on Aging discussion was of the estimated costs to run the new center, the subcommittee is aware of this and informed the Finance Committee they may need a reserve fund transfer to cover expenses through the end of the budget. Review of the Library was adding warrant articles into budget for improvements; the Park & Recreation review was to split the increases between the seasonal ways and programming. The Personnel Study should be implemented within FY15 budget; the subcommittee has estimated \$100,000 of funding. Administrator Ward reviewed the budget summary sheet summarized with a surplus of \$87,000, \$36,000 has been subtracted for the Police Department, leaving \$51,000 remaining. Administrator Ward reminded the board the Police/Fire and Department of Public Works wages will reflect new rates. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the FY15 budget as reviewed. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: the board thanked the subcommittee and Administrator Ward or all of their work on finalizing the budget. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

DPW Monthly Report

Chairman Connolly reviewed Superintendent of Public Works has submitted a monthly report relative to the operation of the Department of Public Works for the period March of 2014 for the Selectmen's review. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci reviewed he would like to have the addition of a seniority report for the department, he asked for each employees hire date to be added. The vote was unanimous.

Town Hall Use Events –

Chairman Connolly reviewed an application has been submitted for use of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium. The Town Clerk has expressed concern that he needs the hall setup for the town election: Clinton High School Graduation to be held on June 7, 2014 as a backup location for inclement weather. Administrator Ward explained the Town Clerk has concerns regarding the election to be held on Monday June 9, 2014 at 8 AM. Unfortunately it is the way the calendar falls, every seven years there may be a conflict. Mr. Kanala explained he will work on the weekend to work through any potential problems. Chairman Connolly appreciated the information and was glad Mr. Kanala was willing to work through any issues to avoid a conflict. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the date as requested. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Water Meter Installation Contract Award

Superintendent of Public Works Chris McGown is recommending that the Board of Selectmen award a contract to East National Water, Inc. in the amount of \$158,000.00 for the installation of new water meters and MXU devices in Clinton. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the water meter installation contract to East National Water, Inc. as recommended by Superintendent McGown. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Constable Appointment

Chairman Connolly explained Board of Selectmen received a letter from Kevin Haley of Clinton requesting appointment as Constable to replace Mr. James Farragher who recently passed away. Administrator Ward reviewed the town is currently without a constable and someone needs to be appointed to sign the town meeting warrants. Selectman Sargent made a motion to appoint Kevin Haley as the Town Constable. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci asked of this will be a permanent appointment. Administrator Ward explained it is up to the discretion of the board. He explained Mr. Farragher did a great job all the years he was in the position, and Mr. Haley has volunteered which will be helpful over the next few weeks he appreciates him stepping forward. The vote was unanimous.

Addition of Name to WWI Monument –

Chairman Connolly reviewed the Board of Selectmen received a letter from Mr. William McNally of Clinton requesting consideration to allow the name of Patrick J. Scahill to be added to the World War I Monument at Depot Square in Clinton. Mr. Scahill immigrated to Clinton and lived here for the remainder of his life after the war, but he enlisted in the military while briefly working in Springfield. According to Veterans Agent Gerald Copenrath, a name can be added to a local monument the Selectmen are convinced that the veteran was a resident of Clinton. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept the additional name as an add on to the World War I Monument as requested. Selectman Sargetn seconded the motion. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski asked if people knew Mr. Scahill. Chairman Connolly explained the Veterans Agent verified his service. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives

Chairman Connolly asked for the board to consider passing on this review until the next meeting. The board agreed.

Committee Reports

Selectman Iacobucci asked the board for consideration to form a Business Development Committee, with the Economic Development Director on it. He explained the committee should be made up of business leaders in the community and focus on the retention and attraction of businesses in Clinton. Chairman Connolly agreed this is a great idea for the community. The board agreed. Chairman Connolly would like to firm up appointing the committee at the next meeting. Selectman Iacobucci volunteered to serve on the committee. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the formation of a Business Development Committee. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Connolly asked for any interested parties to submit a letter of interest to Town Administrator Ward.

Chairman Connolly stated the board will be entering into three Executive Sessions under article 1, 2 & 3 for Current Litigation, Personnel Matter and Union discussion at 7:30PM, and will not return to open session. Roll Call Vote to enter in Executive Session: Selectman Iacobucci "aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye" and Chairman Connolly "aye."

Selectman Iacobucci made a motion at 9:50PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero
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Clinton Board of Selectmen