

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
May 18, 2016**

Selectman Dziokonski, Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman Iacobucci and Chairman LeBlanc were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman LeBlanc opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from April 20, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Yoanna Osborne of the Park & Recreation Commission and Mr. Michael Garfoli were before the board on behalf of the Savage Field Project committee. Ms. Osborne explained she wanted to correct some misinformation discussed at the last meeting. She explained the project is not an expensive renovation of the soft ball fields; it has 4 stand alone elements that will enhance the Savage Field property. A new playground will be constructed, a walking path will be installed, a park pavilion and parking for 100 cars will be added with a water absorbing material to prevent flooding in that area. She explained to become more familiar with the project please attend an information public meeting to be held on May 31, 2016 at the Clinton Senior Center at 7:00PM. This session is being presented by the Park & Recreation Commission, for more information on the project please attend or visit the website [savagefieldproject.com](http://savagefieldproject.com) or visit the facebook page setup on the project. Each site contains information on making a donation to the project as well. Selectman LeBlanc stated he is happy to hear of the upcoming public forum. Selectman Dziokonski asked for a description of the Park Pavilion. Mr. Garfoli explained it will be a covered picnic area, similar to the one at Turners. The board thanked Mr. Garfoli and Ms. Osborne for the information.

Mr. P.J. Chamberlain of 12 Beacon Street was before the board to address the board and the citizens of Clinton with a complaint about the misuse of power by Chairman James LeBlanc. Mr. Chamberlain stated Mr. LeBlanc makes numerous calls to the Police Department documented in the call log regarding the vehicles riding the railroad tracks by his home on Pond View Drive. He explained this is his personnel agenda but he begins every phone call with this is James LeBlanc Chairman of the board of Selectmen. The Police Department have limited resources and respond to every call no

matter who they are. Mr. LeBlanc grossly misuses his power for his personnel agenda. He continued to explain perhaps Mr. LeBlanc should hire a private detail to monitor this situation. Mr. Chamberlain explained there was a meeting with Pan Am Rail Road and the Rail Road explained it isn't possible for them to monitor off road vehicles on 1700 miles of railway, they also concluded there is no erosion to the land. He stated recent accidents that had occurred with local teens due to "booby trapping" by Mr. LeBlanc. He also reviewed a recent incident that occurred between his Step Father Tobias Crowley and Mr. LeBlanc's partner Mr. Hennis, this resulted in the Police Department receiving a call and the Superintendent of Schools receiving an e-mail complaint from Mr. LeBlanc, regarding Mr. Crowley's behavior as an educator, making reference to his behavior may influence the youth in the community. He referred to Mr. LeBlanc calling the Fire Chief regarding members of the department walking the Rail Road tracks and Mr. LeBlanc's sister in law Lisa talking pictures of the neighbors while in their yards. He stated he will sit and wait to see what Chairman LeBlanc will attempt to do to him for speaking out. He asked for Mr. LeBlanc to please use boundaries, he has higher expectations of an elected official, please stop. He thanked the board for their time. Chairman LeBlanc stated he takes exception to Mr. Chamberlain's allegations of "booby trapping" he asked what proof Mr. Chamberlain has of that. Mr. Chamberlain explained he cannot answer that, he trusts friends who told him of it. Chairman LeBlanc stated it is illegal to be on Federal Property and within 150 feet of an occupied dwelling on an A.T.V. Mr. Chamberlain asked who has 150 feet; on this stretch of land.

### **Special Town Meeting Draft Warrant Review**

Administrator Ward explained there is needed approval of a Special Town Meeting to be held prior to the Annual Town Meeting. The town auditor has reviewed there are needed amendments to the January Special Town Meeting. At the time of the Special Town Meeting the town had not received the certification letter from the Department of Revenue certifying the balances in the enterprise funds; therefore the funding should not have been approved to be expended. The recommendation is to rescind the votes from the Special Town Meeting and put the spending on for approval at a Special Town Meeting. Selectman Dziokonski asked if the approval is the spending from the rubbish enterprise regarding the curbside recycle expenses. Administrator Ward explained yes and the surplus funding for the raises, \$2000.00 were laborers salaries. Selectman Dziokonski explained he thought this was silly and the auditor was overactive with caution, the funding is there. Selectman Connolly made a motion to schedule a Special Town Meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting approving the Special Town Meeting Draft Warrant as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **Annual Town Meeting Draft Warrant Review**

Administrator Ward reviewed there have been some amendments made since the boards last review of the draft warrant. Some articles have been removed through discussions with the Finance Committee; departments have included expenses in the budgets. The articles removed were funding for police server, the central office doors for the school, Park & Recreation tree removal, and the Fuller Field requests. Selectman Iacobucci asked for the article to fund 1 million dollars for the roads to be removed. Selectman Sargent made a motion to use the Chapter 90 funding to pave the roads, it isn't a good business decision to borrow funding, and remove Article 23. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci explained he asked for this to be put on the warrant to maintain the streets, but it was brought to his attention today the Chapter 90 funding has increased. It was a proactive measures but he realizes today it isn't necessary. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Sargent made a motion to remove Article 25 the Motel/Inn Permit article; the Police/Fire and Board of Health do not endorse this article. Administrator Ward explained he hasn't received feedback from the departments but he hasn't solicited any. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained he is not inclined to remove this article. Selectman Iacobucci explained he requested this be out on the warrant because he receives numerous complaints and this would allow the Selectmen to be involved in the approval process. No other department will lose out on anything, the Liquor License approval is a process involving many departments, this is to allow the board to be proactive and involved, and it is a good management tool. Selectman Sargent explained they are permitted through the Board of Health. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed the current statue is for the Board of Health to act as the regulating authority, there is an application process, the Building Inspector and Fire Chief inspect each year as well. The article has no language to it and will overlap on the Board of Health enforcement. He explained the article needs more language to it and input from the Board of Health. Selectman Sargent stated perhaps this can be worked on in the future. Administrator Ward reviewed the whole genesis is to review other towns and he found West Boylston has a Board of Selectmen permit. There is an application process and the board has the authority to approve the permit for operation including a fine structure if violations occur. The Selectman can create the criteria. Selectman Iacobucci explained currently all boards and persons should stay involved, this will include the Board of Selectmen in the process. Selectman Connolly explained there is no harm in adopting the proposal. Solicitor Gibbons asked would it be an annual permit. Selectman Connolly stated yes similar to the auto repair shops with an annual renewal like all other renewals. Selectman Sargent explained the hotel/motel subcommittee formed never reported back. Selectman Iacobucci explained yes the committee met and reported back. Selectman Dziokonski stated let the article

remain on the warrant and expand the language similar to West Boylston. Selectman Sargent explained he hadn't reviewed it and he isn't ready. Selectman Iacobucci explained this will keep the board in the process. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed the board can approve as drafted and vote to create a by-law then give him some direction on the language subject to Administrator Ward and his discretion. Selectman Sargent explained he isn't comfortable voting to approve without an opportunity to review. The vote was 2 in support Selectmen Sargent and Chairman LeBlanc and 3 in opposition Selectmen Connolly, Iacobucci and Dziokonski. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve Article 25 as written with additional language to be added as drafted by the Solicitor and Town Administrator. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Sargent stated he doesn't support the article because the language isn't available for review. The vote was 3 in support Selectmen Connolly, Iacobucci and Dziokonski, 2 in opposition Selectmen Sargent and Chairman LeBlanc. The board agreed to go through the draft warrant in its entirety. Chairman LeBlanc began review:

*Article 1*

Article 1 is the approval of the town reports of the town officers and to act thereon.

*Article 2*

Article 2 is the approval of the salaries and compensation of all elective officials of the town as proved by Chapter 41§108, of MGL, to be effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

*Article 3*

Article 3 is the approval the town budget as presented by the Finance Committee report and recommendation for July 1, 2016 to June 30 2017.

*Article 4*

Article 4 is the approval of the Town Treasurer and the Town Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement with a banking institution for Fiscal Year 2017 pursuant to Chapter 44, §53F, of MGL.

*Article 5*

Article 5 is the approval of \$4800.00 to be expended for social services in accordance as approved by the board.

*Article 6*

Article 6 is the approval of \$15,000 to be expended as the town's share to WHEAT, which committee is a delegate agency of the United Way of Tri-County.

Article 7 is the approval of authorize or reauthorize the use of revolving funds containing receipts from fees charged to users of the services provided

*Article 8*

Article 8 is the approval of the Assessors Overlay Reserve Account the sum of \$15,000 to be used by the Senior Tax Rebate Program for he Fiscal Year 2017.

*Article 9*

Administrator Ward continued review with Article 9 explaining this is approval of the \$100,000.00 to be used to cover costs of post employment benefits out of the Health Insurance Trust Fund.

*Article 10*

Article 10 is approval of \$127,000.00 to be transferred into the stabilization fund.

*Article 11*

Article 11 is the approval of expenditure in the amount of \$16,792 to in the Devens Regional Household Products Collection Center. Chairman LeBlanc reviewed residents will be able to dispose of paint cans and things not accepted at the curbside.

*Article 12*

Article 12 is the approval of \$21,000 to be used by the Police Department for a new HVAC unit for the station.

*Article 13*

Article 13 is the approval of is the approval using \$225,000.00 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund or any other sum, to be used for support of cable access related services and programming.

*Articles 14*

Article 14 is the approval of \$85,000 to be used by the School Department for a new district wide phone system for the station.

*Article 15*

Article 15 is the approval of \$60,000 to be used by the School Department for the purchase of textbooks and technology.

*Article 16*

Article 16 is the approval of \$25,000 to be used by the School Department for the creation of an additional long jump pit at the Veterans Athletic Complex to include fencing improvements and repairs.

*Article 17*

Article 17 is the approval of \$544,258 to be used by the Parks & Recreation Commission for the phase one Savage Field Renovation Project, by authorizing the Town Treasurer approved by the board to borrow the said amount to issue bonds and notes in accordance with Chapter 44 of MGL or any other enabling authority, such appropriation and debt authorization to be contingent upon passage of a debt exclusion of Proposition 2 ½ so called by the voters of the Town of Clinton or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Article 18*

Article 18 is the approval of \$16,000 to be used by the Parks & Recreation Department for repairs to the Foster Fountain in Central Park.

*Article 19*

Article 19 is the approval of \$160,000 to be used by the Department of Public Works for the purchase of new six wheel sander truck.

*Article 20*

Article 20 is the approval of \$160,000 to be used by the Department of Public Works for the purchase of new six wheel sander truck.

*Article 21*

Article 21 is the approval of \$100,000 to be used by the Department of Public Works for a new a water main on Franklin Street.

*Article 22*

Article 22 is the approval of \$4,000 to be used by the Library Board of trustees for repairs and pointing of the chimney system at the Bigelow Free Public Library.

*Article 23*

Article 23 is the approval of \$1,000,000.00 for road resurfacing, the board agreed to remove this article.

#### *Article 24*

Article 24 is the approval of \$208,500 to be used towards the purchase of the 25.54 acres of the Ciseluk Family Realty Trust conservation and passive recreation property under Chapter 44, Section 8C. Selectman Dziokonski explained this will be the cost for the purchase to be covered by the Sudbury Valley Trustees at no cost to the town and allow access to the 40 plus acres.

#### *Article 25*

Article 25 is the approval of to create a motel/inn permit issued by the Board of Selectmen; the board agreed to add additional language.

#### *Article 26*

Article 26 is the approval to amend to create a capitol/infrastructure improvement stabilization fund.

#### *Article 27*

Article 27 is the approval of to amend the Town's Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 6700, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

#### *Article 28*

Article 28 is the approval of Jackie Way as a public way in the Town of Clinton, as shown on a plan entitled "Acceptance Plan of Bufton Farm in Clinton, MA" on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

#### *Article 29*

Article 29 is the approval of citizen petition to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first 2016 by amount equal to \$1,000,000.00, the amount will be reduction in School Department budget.

Selectman Dziokonski made to approve the articles as reviewed subject to final review by Town Solicitor Gibbons. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Administrative Business**

#### *One Day Liquor License Permits*

Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received requests for one day liquor licenses for dates in May, June July & August of 2016 to hold events in the outdoor pavilion. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the requests as submitted. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### *Town Hall Use Events*

Administrator Ward reviewed Clinton High School Principal James Hastings is requesting use of the auditorium to host their annual graduation ceremonies in the event of inclement weather. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request for use as submitted by High School Principal Hastings. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Old & New Business**

#### FY17 Draft Budget Update

Selectman Connolly opened the discussion complimenting the Finance Committee subcommittee members for developing the budget. The final budget recommendation is developed by the Finance Committee. The board had no issues for the Finance Committee. He explained the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Town Administrator worked very hard on completing a balanced budget. Administrator Ward thanked Selectman Connolly explaining it had been difficult due to the changes with the Governor's local aid numbers. The total budget is \$48,268,426.00. The Finance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on May 26, 2016 for public comment. Selectman Connolly made a motion to support the Finance Committee budget recommendation as presented, there may be minor adjustments made. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chairman LeBlanc thanked Selectmen Connolly and Sargent and Town Administrator Ward for all the hard work on the budget. Selectman Connolly stated the budget numbers are given and aren't definitive from the state, in a future conversation it should be considered to change the Town Meeting date to the beginning of May. Chairman LeBlanc discussed the board had reviewed this and planned on discussing with the Town Clerk. Administrator Ward explained the board can review the by-law and set a new town meeting date, it may be easier to schedule both the town meeting and the election in May. Chairman LeBlanc agreed the timeline should be reviewed.

#### One Day Liquor License for V.F.W.

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed a request for a One Day Liquor License permit had been passed over under Administrative Business. He noted the board received a request from the V.F.W. for a One Day Liquor License to be used in conjunction with the Annual Pig Roast event to be held on May 30, 2016. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve a One Day Liquor License for the V.F.W. to be used in conjunction with the Annual Pig Roast event to be held on May 30, 2016. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.



### Crystal Club Charity

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the Crystal Club Charity has sent a request for donations to support their upcoming fundraising event which provides support to local youth and civic organizations in town. Selectman Sargent reviewed the board has supported this request in the past; the funding is used to support children in town enabling them to participate in sports programming. Selectman Sargent made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Crystal Club Charity. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Selectmen Tablet Technology

Town Administrator Ward submitted information to the board regarding pricing options and tablet types for review. The board discussed and agreed to allow Town Administrator Ward to make the final decision but preferably would like the ipad tablet pro wifi plus cellular. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Town Administrators recommendation. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The board agreed it would be best to have the wifi and cellular connections. The vote was unanimous.

### Clinton Fire Department Thank You

Selectman Sargent thanked the Clinton Fire Department for installing the Memorial Day Banners along High Street and the downtown area. Selectman Connolly seconded the statement. The board agreed.

## **Goals & Objectives**

### Oxford Court Improvements

Selectman Connolly asked for the representatives from Oxford Court to be invited to the June meeting for an update on the progress on the property. Selectman Sargent asked for the board to schedule an Executive Session to discuss strategy of the violation of the contract they made with the town.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Government Affairs Committee*

Selectman Connolly asked for a subcommittee meeting to be scheduled.

*Upcoming Election Warrant*

Town Administrator Ward submitted a copy of the Election warrant for the upcoming June 13, 2016 election, to be signed.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero  
Administrative Assistant  
Clinton Board of Selectmen