

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
May 20, 2015**

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

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from May 11, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Mr. Eugene Nici of Berlin Street was before the board to discuss the proposed Recycle Program. He explained he understands the town is trying to find ways to promote recycling, the proposed program does encourage recycling. He stated people who do not recycle now, will not recycle with a new program. His recommendation is to not drop the sticker fee but to increase the fee per sticker per bag not make one free. He made a motion for the board to hold off on the vote for the proposed program, he explained there are 5 intelligent gentlemen on the board who are not thinking outside the box. He explained the board has to be better with a solution and not do what everyone else is doing. Selectman Dziokonski explained he read Mr. Nici's letter and agrees his idea is not a bad one, to increase the fee to \$5.00 per bag, and make no change to program. The problem is people do not use the center, he agrees a higher sticker fee will encourage people to recycle. He thanked Mr. Nici for his input.

Ms. Ann Prentice 35 West Street was before the board regarding the proposed recycle program. Ms. Prentice explained she owns a home with a tenant; together they only have one bag of trash. She was unaware of the proposed new program or this meeting until today, she works out of town and was speaking with other residents today notifying them of the changes. She objects to the new program and the billing method. She shouldn't have to change because others won't recycle. She uses the recycle center and loves it. Chairman Sargent explained later in the meeting the board will discuss the proposed program and will make some changes. Ms. Prentice explained the issue should have been better advertised. Selectman Iacobucci explained a mailing had gone out to every household, for a two family home the proposed rate is \$9.00 per month.

Liquor License Transfer of Stock Hearing – 220 High Street

Chairman Sargent explained the Attorney notified the board he will be late for the hearing he asked that the board table the discussion until the Attorney arrives. The board agreed.

Common Victuallers License Hearing- 610 High Street

Chairman Sargent invited the applicant forward. Ms. Meghan Davis was before the board. She explained the plan is to run the same as explained at the Liquor License hearing. A small brunch, lunch and dinner location open daily at 9AM. Chairman Sargent asked when she plans to open. She explained they are finishing a few things and hoped to be open next week. The board wished Ms. Davis good luck. Chairman Sargent opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor, there was none. In opposition, there was none. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to grant the license as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Iacobucci wished Ms. Davis the best of luck for a prosperous business.

Curbside Recycle Program

Chairman Sargent explained the sub-committee has been working on the proposal for a new curbside recycle program; there are new regulations since the last public hearing. Superintendent McGown and Ms. Irene Cogdon of Mass DEP were before the board. Discussion on the proposed plan included the Single Family Home rate is \$13.00 per month including the disposal of one bag of trash and a bi-weekly curbside pickup of the recyclables, in the town provided bin. Additional bags can be disposed of with a trash sticker and the fee will be \$2.00 per sticker. Multi Family homes will be responsible for a \$9.00 monthly fee with a disposal sticker required for each bag at the cost of \$2.00 per bag. There will be one bin issued per property, owner may request additional bin if needed. If a resident chooses to opt out of the program they will have to fill out a form at the Department of Public Works. Chairman Sargent explained he disagrees with that policy. Selectman Connolly explained the monthly fee will be charged to the water bill separately. Superintendent McGown reviewed there will be a discount to seniors over the age of 70 and fall within the income guidelines at the Board of Assessors Department. The rate of \$13.00 per month is affordable. Chairman Sargent explained an opt out no questions asked, this is not a dictatorship and residents will not be forced to participate. Selectman Connolly made a motion to amend the proposed program to include an opt out option with no questions asked, with the option to opt in at a later date. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci explained he is supportive of the opt in option, it is important to offer. Selectman Connolly reviewed the procedure will be to notify the DPW if opting out of program. Selectman Dziokonski explained he is against the amendment but is in support of the program. He is against it for 2 reasons it is a bad policy that could lead to

abuse, the tassel approval of society that the committee has no right to tell people what to do with the trash if not participating in the program. Selectman Connolly made a motion to amend the plan, offering service as enforcement of the state law. The amendment is to offer residents an opt out method it is not legal to not recycle; this is not an enforcement mechanism there are other enforcement mechanisms in place. The vote was 4/1 Selectman Dziokonski in opposition. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the proposed plan as amended to include an opt out option. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman LeBlanc explained he wanted to be clear with the board, the single resident fee of \$13.00 per month to receive the same service he does now at \$2.50 or \$5.00 per month the board has failed. He understands there is a change in the laws, the bins are preferred but it should remain a pay as you through program. At this time he recycles and disposes of one bag per month, now with the rate at \$13.00 per month that is substantial increase. He feels the board and the state should have done better in communicating the expectations for recycling. He is not in favor of the new program as proposed and will not vote to support it. Selectman Iacobucci explained he agrees with some of the statement, there are a lot to residents that generate one bag, it is a fair program but the committee had to consider and review the greater numbers for families, at this time there is limited access to the center to recycle, some are unable to get to the center. Private haulers are a lot more; this program is fair to all and probably will be better to recycle with the bin. The committee considered families that dispose of more than one bag and that is why the fee includes one bag with the rate. This is a good program and unfortunately you cannot please everybody. Selectman Dziokonski stated he disagreed with Selectman LeBlanc, the change in the law and the change to the regulations mandated the town of Clinton to meet the expectations of the law. Inspections are conducted of the bags disposed from town and the town has received notification there is a violation with disposal that will result in fines. He feels bad for those like Selectman LeBlanc that recycle. The community needs to go this route because people are not recycling. Selectman Connolly agreed, he feels bad for those who do recycle, and the reality is the cost will subsidize the program. It costs money to run the recycle program, it is not free. This is a way for the town to enforce the state law, the policy will hopefully reduce the bags disposed and increase the recycling, the current plan cannot continue. Chairman Sargent explained the sub committee will continue to work on changes at the recycle center, in the future the plan is to offer disposal of bulk items, including an area for yard waste. Selectman Dziokonski explained the committee plans to develop a program and education on what will be eligible to recycle. Administrator Ward asked Superintendent McGown for clarification on the opt out process. Superintendent McGown explained the opt out will require a form to be filed with the department. He will make them available on line, it will require the resident to complete and return to department. He explained he planned to send out a flyer with rules & regulations to explain the program and what

is eligible to recycle, all residents will be participant unless they file an opt out form. Selectman Connolly asked if the opt out form can be sent out with the information flyer. Superintendent McGown stated he will review. The first water bill will be out in August and have the new charge, the bins will be delivered before the bills are issued. Selectman Connolly stated he encourages the Superintendent to find a way to get the opt out form out and in the hands of the citizens. Superintendent McGown explained he is unsure he will be able to do that; the mailing would be a one sheet flyer, which is easy to complete. Selectman Connolly asked for a letter review of sending out the opt out form. Chairman Sargent reviewed the trash service will be a great deal at \$13.00 per month, recycling is the present not the future. The vote was 4/1 Selectman LeBlanc in opposition

2015 Junk Dealer's License- William Reisner Corporation

Chairman Sargent reviewed the William Reisner Corporation Junk Dealer's license is due for renewal. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to renew the license as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Chairman Sargent explained the board has received requests from the usual establishments requesting late night closings for Clinton Turn Verein for July 6th, 7th & 8th in conjunction with their hosting of the American Turners 51st Annual National Golf Tournament. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the late night closing for Clinton Turn Verein as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent McGown submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of March 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Veterans Agent Monthly Report

Veterans Agent Mr. Bailey submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of April 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Water & Sewer Abatements

Superintendent of Public Works McGown submitted a list of water/sewer abatements in the amount of \$12049.37 from the last billing cycle for the boards review and approval.

Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the abatements as submitted in the amount of \$5295.76. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Hall Use Events

Chairman Sargent reviewed two applications have been submitted for use of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium:

Clinton High School	Graduation	June 6, 2015
Russian Matryoshka Club	Russian Festival	May 6, 2016

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the dates as requested. Selectman Iacobucci 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 May 17, 2015, June 13, 2015, & June 20, 2015

VFW Post #523 to use on May 25, 2015 Annual BBQ

Good Shepard Church to use on June 13, 2015 for BBQ Event

Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the requests for the One Day License permits as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

DPW Hiring Of Summer Help

Superintendent McGown has notified the board he is seeking approval to hire temporary summer laborers in the department for vacation coverage. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request to hire temporary summer help in the Department of Public Works. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Superintendent McGown explained the laborers will clean up the weeds around the curbing's and cover the vacation scheduled for the department, extra people help out this time of year. The vote was unanimous.

Landfill Project Engineer Contract Amendment

Superintendent McGown recommended the board approve an amendment to the design contract for Brown & Caldwell in the amount of \$75,000 for consulting work as required by the Administrative Consent Order from DEP. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the amendment as recommended by Superintendent McGown. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman LeBlanc asked if the additional cost will be covered by the tipping fees collected. Superintendent

McGown stated yes. Selectman Dziokonski stated that is a lot of money that will run out over time. Superintendent McGown explained this is a continued cost for the next 10 years, there will design and permitting expenses this expense is related to the pond dredging. Discussion continued regarding continual costs for permitting and design changes for the project, along with topography surveys and other amendments that may be ahead in this project. The vote was unanimous.

Liquor License Transfer of Stock Public Hearing – 220 High Street

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board received an application for liquor license transfer of stock to Ranna Inc. d/b/a Papacola's Variety with Ranuka A. Patel as manager on record for the premises located at 220 High Street. He invited the applicant forward. Attorney Arthur Pearlman was before the board representing Ranna, Inc. Attorney Pearlman apologized for being late he submitted an affidavit to the board regarding the transfer request. Attorney Pearlman explained Ms. Renuka A. Patel of 873 Eastwood Road Southbridge, is the familiar with the operations of the business she works at another variety store. Her cousin is the present owner and she is planning to move, so Ms. Patel will take over the business. She will maintain the same hours. Chairman Sargent opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor, there was none. In opposition, there was none. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the transfer as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci wished the new owner the best of luck. The board agreed. The vote was unanimous.

616 Devenwood Way Tax Title Redemption

Ms. Marilyn Holmes has requested to pay the past taxes due and redeem her property at The Woodlands. The board needs to authorize the redemption since the parcel of land went through tax title process. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the authorization of the redemption of the parcel of land for Marilyn Holmes once the past taxes are paid. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant & Budget

Administrator Ward explained the final budget has been presented to the board for a vote of endorsement, the Finance Committee made some final changes at their last review. There were changes in the debt schedule therefore changes need to be made. The Finance Committee Miscellaneous was reduced to \$90,000, the Custodian Capital Improvements line item was reduced to \$90,000. Administrator Ward explained the changes were made where it would be the least impact. Other changes include DPW Miscellaneous was reduced to \$87,000, the Facility Department Miscellaneous was reduced to \$40,000, the Personnel Miscellaneous was reduced to \$171,443, Unemployment Insurance was reduced to \$90,000, Group Health Insurance was

reduced to \$3,297,500. In the Municipal Indebtedness the principal number increased to \$1,933,000 and the Debt Retirement Interest increased to \$501,909. The Assessors reported a \$10,000 increase to the new growth number, making it \$169,000. Administrator Ward stated the vote to endorse the budget will include the approval of the salary study for the non union personnel changes with a 1% increases to the elected officials. Selectman Connolly asked if the changes have been incorporated into the budget. Administrator Ward responded yes currently most of the changes have been incorporated into the budget, some have not been. The Town Accountant is working on this and will finalize tonight. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the budget as approved by the Finance Committee with the minor modifications. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the non union Personnel salary adjustments. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

100th Birthday Celebration of Mary Mahan Cocoran House Resident

Chairman Sargent explained Lifelong Clinton resident Ms. Mary Elizabeth Mahan will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 25, 2015. He asked for the board's approval to issue a citation to honor this event. A celebration at Cocoran House is scheduled for Wednesday May 27, 2015 and the board members are invited to attend. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the citation in acknowledgement of Ms. Mahan celebrating her 100th birthday. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dead Animal Pick up

Administrator Ward reviewed he included in the budget the amount for the dead animal removal under the Animal Control Officer salary. He wanted the board's approval to include in salary or as an additional stipend. Selectman Dziokonski asked if included in salary would it require Personnel Board approval. Selectman Connolly reviewed this is part of the job, it is being added to the job, it didn't create a new job. Therefore it is a new part of salary. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve rolling in the amount for the animal pickup into the Animal Control Officers salary. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Ward explained he will relay this information to the Personnel board, for the board to endorse the rate.

Formation of a Veterans District with Lancaster and Sterling

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he had recently been approached by Selectman in Sterling and Lancaster to explore Clinton forming a district with the Veterans Services. Chairman Sargent reviewed a meeting is scheduled with Veteran Agent Mr. Bailey the Administrators of Sterling and Lancaster, Administrator Ward and himself to review. Discussion continued regarding concerns the Clinton Veterans will not receive the

priority of services if district is formed. The board agreed it will be discussed and explored at this time but nothing will be agreed to without the board's endorsement.

Non - Union Personnel Salary Study

Selectman Connolly stated he would like to review the recent salary study completed. He would like to discuss the implementation, process and procedures used by the Personnel Board to complete the results. He asked for this to be scheduled for the next meeting agenda. The board agreed.

Goals & Objectives

Sidewalk Repairs

Chairman Sargent reviewed there are sidewalk repairs needed in town, on Main Street in front of the Fallon residence.

Double Utility Poles

Selectman Iacobucci stated he is aware of many double utility poles in town, he asked for a letter to be sent to National Grid regarding this issue. He explained a lot of lights are out and poles are leaning. Administrator Ward agreed and explained Superintendent of Public Works McGown has been working on getting the double poles eliminated. Superintendent McGown explained he has been working with National Grid, but it is also Verizon who need to agree on the removal. The board agreed this issue should be eliminated. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion have a letter sent out to Verizon, National Grid and Comcast regarding the removal of the double poles with a deadline to comply by. He also asked for our legislatures to be copied on it, Representative Naughton and our State Senators. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports

Cable Committee

Selectman Iacobucci explained the committee have a meeting scheduled and the auditorium have been wired for new service to be used for town meeting.

Government Reorganization Committee

Selectman Connolly reviewed the facility department agreement with the school has been reviewed by the School Committee; the MoA has been endorsed and is ready for final review by the board for approval.

Chairman Sargent announced the board is scheduled to enter into Executive Session under Article 3 DPW Union Negotiation discussion and Executive Session under Article

2 Town Accountant Contract next and will not return to open session. He explained the next Selectmen's meeting will be held on June 3.

He asked for a Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session under Article 2 Town Accountant Contract at 8:20PM. Roll Call Vote to enter in Executive Session: Selectman Iacobucci "aye", Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye" and Chairman Sargent "aye."

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn at 9:35PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Iacobucci recused himself prior.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero
Administrative Assistant
Clinton Board of Selectmen