

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2012**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman Dickhaut were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman Dickhaut opened the meeting at 12:35PM.

FY 2013 Budget Review

Chairman Dickhaut opened the meeting explaining the final draft of the budget and warrant are prepared for the board's final approval. She began by reviewing the Community & Economic Development's budget; she asked if Administrator Ward had reviewed with Director Duffy what the special programming line item represented. Administrator Ward explained the intent is to have funding to achieve goals for the office. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed with the board the Accountant requested making removing the line item and making it one lump sum making easier for her to identify expenses generally a line item with programs covers events. Community & Economic Director was before the board explaining this funding had been previously used to cover the salary of the Financial Officer. The Accountant raised concern there would be confusion on her end but he explained he is utterly indifferent as to how the funding is titled. He reviewed funding is no longer used for the Financial Officer but the state will review it as the towns commitment to support the program. The board agreed to separate the funding from one line item and move it back into a Special Program line item. Chairman Dickhaut continued the review of changes made during the sub - committee meetings. She reviewed the school funding was changed to \$600,000.00, there was much discussion surrounding the Animal Control Officer funding at \$25,000.00, and more funding was added to Street Maintenance account from \$60,000.00 to \$68,000.00. The snow & Ice Account is funding at \$90,000.00. She explained the Police Miscellaneous increased by \$5000.00 and the training line item was reduced from \$18,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Selectman Connolly asked if the change in the training line item was the funding that was to be used for the trailer for training. Chairman Dickhaut explained the board will have to decide at the time if the trailer is to be used, the finance committee can decrease a line item but cannot dictate how the funding is spent. They have the ability to change the bottom line amount. She continued with review of the Fire Department Overtime there was a decrease from \$180,000 to \$160,000. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed Chairman of the Finance Committee explained he had spoken to Chief Hart regarding the amount needed to fund overtime. Discussion continued with review of the Bigelow Public Library, Administrator Ward heard from the Library Director who explained the Library board would like to make a change on the Library Repairs and Library Public Programs, the request is to

reduce the miscellaneous expense and add to the repairs and also move the line items around. Review continued with the Building Department Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the funding for the inspectional vehicle was taken out so it will be a warrant article. She explained Finance Committee Chairman Tomolo explained he would like to see additional funding added to allow for the purchase of a new vehicle but disagreed with funding a used vehicle. Administrator Ward explained the Finance Committee will do a final review of the warrant article tonight at the meeting. Other changes were to the Assistant Electrical Inspector to allow for coverage for office when the Inspector is out. The Assistant Treasurer line item was increased to allow for the position to go from 20 hours to 30 hours per week, Chairman Dickhaut explained the Treasurer never proposed the change to the board but discussed it with the Finance Committee. The Accountants line item for a new computer increase, Chairman Dickhaut reviewed she works for the board and never mentioned this need to the board upon her budget review. She asked Administrator Ward if he explained this to the accountant. Administrator ward explained he had mentioned to the Accountant the board would prefer to have a request reviewed and approved by them first. This concluded the review of the budget review for the FY13 Budget.

2012 Annual Town Meeting Review

Chairman Dickhaut began review of the warrant articles. Articles 1 through 6 are standard, she reviewed article 7 funding for the stabilization fund it was agreed by the sub committees to be \$300,000.00. Administrator Ward reviewed on the back of the budget there is a listing of the funding sources for the articles. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the only borrowing will be for the funding for the landfill and the ladder truck. She explained the subcommittees agreed to fund the new windows for the middle school at \$124,800.00. The articles will use all of the free cash funding only borrowing the million to cover the truck and the landfill project. Administrator Ward recommended the board adopt the warrant with the funding sources as shown and with any final changes the Solicitor may have. Chairman Dickhaut agreed reviewing some minor changes in language are needed, article 12 should be more specific the wording "repairs and improvements" should be removed and windows added. The board discussed having the final approval on any new purchases. The language in articles 10, 12, 13 and 14 should all include with the board of Selectmen's approval to be consistent. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed the language will be added subject to the board of Selectmen approval, declaring the board has final approval. The board reviewed all articles discussing briefly the citizen petitions explained who sponsored hem will have to provide more information at the town meeting. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the warrant including the changes agreed on and those recommended by the Solicitor and present to the Finance Committee. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

2012 Livery License Renewal – Clinton Livery, Inc.

Administrator Ward explained the board received a completed application for renewal of 2012 Livery License from Clinton Livery Inc.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve renewal as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

FY 2013 Budget Review Continued

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to endorse the budget including the change to the Community & Economic Development line items. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 1:20PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen