

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 2016**

Selectman Dziokonski, Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman Iacobucci and Chairman LeBlanc were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman LeBlanc opened the meeting at 7:00PM. He began by asking for a moment of silence in observation of the passing of Harold Morgan.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from May 4, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Mr. Harold Vanasse was before the board. Mr. Vanasse thanked the board of all of the support he has received as Master of Ceremonies for the annual Memorial Day Parade. He explained he would like to see this tradition carried on by a Veteran on the board of Selectmen, he asked Selectman Dziokonski to accept the duties. Selectman Dziokonski stated he will be happy to do it. Selectman Sargent made a motion to appoint Selectman Dziokonski the Master of Ceremonies for the annual Memorial Day Parade. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly thanked Mr. Vanasse for the years of dedicated services with the high expectations to follow. The board agreed. Selectman Dziokonski stated Mr. Vanasse has done a fabulous job over the last 30 years with the Memorial Day events and the other community events he supported. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mark Grasso of Lancaster was before the board with an introduction to the board as the newest elected Selectman in Lancaster. The board congratulated him explaining they look forward to work together with the neighboring community.

Mr. John Martin of 28 Orange Street was before the board to discuss comments made by P.J. Chamberlain at the prior board meeting held on May 18, 2016. He made reference to the discussion concerning Chairman LeBlanc alleged abuse of power as Chairman. He read a two page prepared statement which included him asking for Chairman LeBlanc's resignation effective immediately.

Chairman LeBlanc read a prepared statement in response to the comments made by P. J. Chamberlain. He reviewed he was only observing laws of the Commonwealth when reporting unlawful acts which took place near his home. He has been working with the Police Chief and Lieutenant, who directed him to call to provide a record. He had brief discussions with the Fire Chief and Superintendent of Schools. There have been derailments of trains in the area one in August of 2014 and one in April of 2010, these have raised concerns. He lives close to tracks and has concerns for rail safety. He explained he does not intend to resign; the decision is that of the voters. Selectman Connolly explained he doesn't intend to debate Mr. Martin. He finds Mr. LeBlanc to be an honorable member of the board and in no way attempts to use his position to advance his personal interest. He supports Mr. LeBlanc and doesn't support the suggestion to resign. Selectman Dziokonski explained he does call the Police Department as needed and doesn't announce his title as Selectmen he expects they'd know, but he also doesn't expect any faster service. He hopes Mr. LeBlanc doesn't resign and will not support a motion to do so. Selectman Iacobucci agreed he has called the Police Department himself and he will not ask Mr. LeBlanc to resign, the people of the town should decide. This is a neighborhood issue that has gotten out of hand. He believes there are no malice actions on Mr. LeBlanc's part. Selectman Sargent made a motion to close the public comment discussion portion of the meeting. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was 4/1 in opposition Selectman Dziokonski.

New Liquor License Public Hearing – 175 Sterling Street

Chairman LeBlanc opened the hearing for Sam's Quick Stop, LLC inviting the applicant forward. Mr. Shehab M. Alkushtaree and Mr. George Thompson were before the board. Chairman LeBlanc asked for an explanation of the business plan. Mr. Thompson explained they own 3 convenience stores two in Clinton, one is open 24 hours. At this time they hope to expand the business at the Sterling Street location. They have had a business in Clinton for seven years now and have had no problems. Chairman LeBlanc opened the hearing for public comment in favor, there was none, in opposition, there was none. Selectman Connolly asked if they have held a license prior. Mr. Thompson stated no. Selectman Sargent asked if the store clerks have experience with carding people. Mr. Thompson explained he has 25 years experience as retired law enforcement. Selectman Sargent asked about the bongs available for sale at the store, he explained at this time the sale of marijuana is illegal. Mr. Thompson explained they are a smoke shop selling over 30,000 varieties of cigars. Selectman Dziokonski asked about the number of licenses available in town. Administrator Ward explained this is the last license available to be issued in town, this license issued put the town at the statutory limit. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the Beer & Wine retail

license for Mr. Shehab M. Alkushtaree d/b/a Sam's Quick Stop as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Class II License Hearing 556 Main Street

Chairman LeBlanc opened the hearing inviting the applicant forward. Attorney Edward Sheridan was before the board, representing Mr. Jerain Aluerez who is the president of Deals On Wheels & Service Inc.. Chairman LeBlanc asked for more information regarding the application. Attorney Sheridan explained Mr. Aluerez plans to re-sell used cars that are in great shape. At this time he has filled with the Secretary of State's office as a limited liability corporation and provided the board with a copy of the article of organization, along with a plot plan and a sketch of the use of the property. Chairman LeBlanc opened the hearing for Public Comment in favor, there was none, in opposition, there was none. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Class II license to Mr. Jerain Aluerez d/b/a Deals on Wheels, LLC as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly informed Mr. Aluerez if repairs are going to be done on cars other than the ones sold on premises an additional Garage License is required. Attorney Sheridan explained Mr. Aluerez works nights at Nypro and plans to only repair vehicles sold on the property. Selectman Dziokonski asked if this is a new license. Administrator Ward reviewed there is a license approved for this location at this time. Attorney Sheridan explained the previous business has gone now. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of June 2016: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Polish American Veterans & The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the requests as presented with any additional requests approved sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Eagle Landing Building Permit Transfer

Administrator Ward explained the new developer for the Eagle Landing project has requested the board approve the transfer of the building permits. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the transfer of all building permits as requested. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward explained the request is for all Building Permits to include electrical and all current permits that had been applied for and previously paid. This will not include new permits. The vote was unanimous.

Police Relief Association Block Dances

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a request from the Police Relief Association for permission to host the annual block dances from July 7 through August 18, 2016. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request as presented by the Police Relief Association. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Farmers Market Liquor License

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the organizer of the upcoming Farmers Market in the Park event scheduled for June 11, 2016 has requested a one day license in conjunction with the event to allow tastings from the Harvard Cider Company. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the One Day License as requested for the Farmers Market in the Park event to be held on June 11, 2016 in Central Park. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward reviewed Ms. Malone the organizer of the event contacted the Department of Agriculture to receive approval for the Harvard Cider Company to receive an exemption to receive the one day license, which are issued to non-profit charitable organizations, the paperwork was part of the packet. The vote was unanimous

MRPC Hazard Mitigation Plan

Administrator Ward reviewed the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission has completed work on updating the local hazard plans for towns in their service area, this is required by FEMA to allow the town to be eligible for Federal Assistance. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

National Storm Drain Water Permit

Administrator Ward explained this document was received after the agenda was published. He explained the Superintendent of Public Works needs approval to authorize him to report on the storm water regulations. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the authorization Chairman LeBlanc sign approval of Superintendent McGown as the designee to report on behalf of the town. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Oxford Court Improvements

Administrator Ward explained the management of Oxford Court was unavailable to attend the meeting but explained they will plan on the June 15, 2016 meeting.

Downtown Decorative Street Light Project

Selectman Dziokonski received a late call to attend a meeting with an engineer to review the street lights on High Street, he understands Superintendent McGown and Mr. Duffy met with the engineer. Administrator Ward agreed explaining he was unable to attend and has no follow up from the meeting.

Committee Reports

There were none.

Chairman LeBlanc explained the board will enter into three Executive Sessions under Article 3 Fire Union Negotiations, Article 3 Town Accountant Contract, and Article 3, Town Administrator Contract at 7:50PM and will not return to an open meeting.

Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Sessions under Article 3 Town Accountant Contract: Selectman Dziokonski "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye" Selectman Iacobucci "aye" and Chairman LeBlanc "aye".

Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Negotiations 7:50PM – 8:05PM

Executive Session Article 3 Town Accountant Contract 8:06PM – 8:15PM

Executive Session Article 3 Town Administrator Contract 8:15PM – 8:25PM

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen