

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
June 19, 2012**

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

**Reorganization of Board**

**Chairman**

Chairman Dickhaut opened nominations for Chairman. Selectman LeBlanc nominated Selectman Dziokonski as Chairman. Selectman Sargent nominated Selectman Connolly as Chairman. Nominations closed, Chairman Dickhaut asked for all those in favor of Selectman Dziokonski nomination. Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman Dickhaut voted "aye", majority rules. Selectman Dickhaut congratulated Chairman Dziokonski.

**Vice Chairman**

Chairman Dziokonski opened nominations for Vice Chairman, Selectman Dickhaut nominated Selectman LeBlanc. Selectman Connolly nominated Selectman Sargent. Chairman Dziokonski asked for additional nomination, there were none. Nominations closed, Chairman Dziokonski asked for all those in favor of Selectman LeBlanc's nomination. Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dickhaut and Chairman Dziokonski voted "aye". Selectman LeBlanc is Vice Chairman.

**Clerk**

Chairman Dziokonski opened nominations for Clerk, Selectman LeBlanc nominated Selectman Dickhaut. Chairman Dziokonski asked for additional nomination, there were none. Nominations closed the vote was unanimous electing Selectman Dickhaut Clerk.

**State Representative Harold Naughton, Jr. – State Budget/Issues Update**

State Representative Harold Naughton, Jr. was before the board. Chairman Dziokonski welcomed him to the meeting thanking him for his service in Afghanistan. The entire board thanked and welcomed Representative Naughton. Representative Naughton thanked the board for having him he also thanked his staff for keeping the office well supported in his absence. Representative Naughton discussed the state budget and

the local aid amount and the increase for the town along with grant funding to be used for improvements to senior housing facilities. He explained it is a battle to get the funding for the water rights from the MWRA. He explained the tree clearing project is well on its way. He has inquired with the DCR about opening the damn more often. The discussion continued with education cost and the amount of funding needed for the school departments to meet all of the state mandates. Representative Naughton explained this is an issue he is aware of and working on. The board thanked Representative Naughton for the updates and look forward to meeting with him in the future regarding the funding needed for the school department.

### **Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from the May 21, 2012, for Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Fire Safety Committee - Radio Communications**

Administrator Ward reviewed the Fire Fighter requested to be rescheduled for the next meeting.

### **Landfill Unilateral Administrative Order – Chris McGown**

Superintendent McGown reviewed with the board a brief update on the upcoming project. He explained the land has been surveyed for the wetlands, test pits have been dug and waste has been taken out, there are 2 to 3 wells and a rough idea for design which includes drainage features. He explained the order proposes a fence around the property but he intends to wait until the landfill is capped to install fencing. The project will proceed in phases and he wouldn't want to cut off access. The DEP will review the negotiations and terms if there are no issues the project will precede. The board discussed if Brown & Caldwell would be the engineers. Superintendent McGown explained yes they will continue to work with Brown & Caldwell for the design; it will be a change order to the original contract. Once an access road is made and the equipment purchased, the project will be able to take soil by the winter with the DEP approval. Superintendent McGown explained he will report to the board as the project goes on. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to endorse the town to operate and manage the landfill recapping project internally, under the supervision and direction of Superintendent McGown. Selectman Dickhaut explained Superintendent McGown has the expertise in this field. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Superintendent McGown explained this is a big undertaking and would like to discuss compensation with the board. Selectman Dziokonski asked if a subcommittee should be formed to oversee the project. Selectman Dickhaut explained the Superintendent can work together with the Administrator. The vote was unanimous.

## **Administrative Business**

### Late Night Closing Request

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of July 2012: Clinton Turn Verein, Clem's Liberty Tavern, Old Timer, Ringside Café, The Simple Man Saloon and Crystal Café. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve late night closings for the month of July 2012 as requested; if any additional establishments apply they can be approved with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of April & May 2012 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Town Hall Use Commission

Administrator Ward explained the Town Hall Use Commission is recommending approval of the following event for use of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium:

6/28/12            Nypro/CHS First banquet            5:30PM

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the event for Town Hall Use as requested. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Reserve Fund Transfer

Administrator Ward explained the Veterans Agent has requested a transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$29,639.00 to pay veteran benefits until the end of the fiscal year. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Dickhaut seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dickhaut explained she intends to vote for the transfer but is frustrated with the Veterans Agent he was asked to present a budget to make it through the end of the year and she is unsure how it comes up short. Administrator Ward explained he doesn't know he can have Mr. Coppenrath come in before the board and explain. Selectman Dickhaut explained the board will move on it tonight to prevent anyone for missing out on their benefits, but she would like to hear from the Veterans Agent. Selectman Sargent explained he would like to have the Veterans Agent attend the next meeting. Administrator Ward explained this is only part of the funding needed to cover the department through the end for the year; there is also an amount to be approved in the end of year benefits. The vote was unanimous.

## **Old & New Business**

### *FY2012 Year End Budget Transfers*

Town Administrator Ward presented the board with a list of end of the year transfers for the board's approval. The Finance Committee must concur with these transfers after the board's approval. He reviewed the spreadsheet presented to the board. Selectman

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

#### *Law Enforcement Fund Transfer*

Administrator Ward explained a request has been made by the Police Chief to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Federal Law Enforcement fund to the State Law enforcement fund to cover Police Department expenses. Selectman Dickhaut made a motion to approve the transfer request as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Clinton Fireworks Donation Request*

Administrator Ward explained the Clinton Fire union is requesting a donation to assist in the costs of the annual fireworks display event that will be held on July 14, 2012. The board reviewed amounts given in the past, and decided what to donate.

#### *Discover Clinton Committee*

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed a new committee has been formed to promote business and the Clinton Community named Discover Clinton Committee. This Committee has sent a letter informing the board they would like to host a Sidewalk Sale Day on Saturday, June 30, 2012 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Clinton Police Relief Association*

Chairman Dziokonski reviewed the board has received a letter from the Clinton Police Relief Association requesting permission to host the annual Block Dances on July 12, 19, 26 and August 2 & 16, 2012 around Central Park and on Union Street. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request of the Police Relief Association to host the annual block dances as requested. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement*

The Fire Chief is requesting that the board review and approve that a mutual aid agreement for Massachusetts Fire District 8 which allows the Clinton Fire Department to join the Mid-State Fire Mutual Aid Association. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement for Massachusetts Fire District 8. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

#### *MWRA Public Access Guidelines*

Chairman Dziokonski explained the board received a letter in the packet from the MWRA Board of Directors sharing a new set of guidelines aimed at providing public access; this will create an opportunity for local municipalities to collaborate with MWRA to allow access to additional open space for residents. The board recommended this be reviewed by the Conservation Commission so a proposal can be shared with the MWRA regarding access. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion for the Conservation

Commission to review and prepare a proposal. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### *Clinton Police Department Invoice Repair Request*

Selectman Dickhaut reviewed during the budget process a request was made to the Police Chief to provide copies of the repair bills for the department. To date the board has not received any information regarding this request. She asked Administrator Ward to request the copies again and have them available to the board for the next meeting.

#### *Clinton Minor League Field Dedication*

Selectman Dickhaut shared with the board she was able to attend the renaming of the ball field to the "Nibben O'Toole Field." She explained it was a well deserved tribute and a great honor to Mr. O'Toole who participated in the league for many years. His family was very overwhelmed with this tribute.

#### *Clinton Fireworks Donation Request Continued*

Administrator Ward reviewed with the board past donations made from the Civic Fund for the fireworks event have ranged from \$600.00 to \$1000.00. Selectman Sargent made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Clinton Fire Department to help support the upcoming fireworks event. Selectman Dickhaut seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The board agreed it is a great event and the department does a fantastic job with the event and all the fundraising. Donations are always welcome to support the event, this year it has been reported they are slow. The vote was unanimous.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Senior Center Building Needs*

Selectman LeBlanc explained the Clinton Home closing took place on May 31, 2012. Chairman Dziokonski congratulated the committee on great work in completing that and he looks forward to continued reports of the renovations.

#### *Government Reorganization Committee*

Selectmen Connolly reviewed town meeting put the committee in a different direction and the committee meetings will resume after summer.

#### *Christmas Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the Christmas Lighting Committee will begin meeting again in July.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Executive Session Article 3 Landfill Consent Order Discussion 8:05PM – 8:30PM**

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion at 8:05 PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for Landfill Consent Order discussion. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman LeBlanc “aye”, Selectman Sargent “aye”, Selectman Connolly “aye”, Selectman Dickhaut “aye”, and Chairman Dziokonski “aye”.

**Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Discussion 8:30PM – 8:50PM**

Selectman Dickhaut made a motion at 8:51PM to adjourn. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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