

Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
June 3, 2015

Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Connolly, Selectman LeBlanc and Chairman Sargent were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Sargent opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from May 20, 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. Michael Broderick of 19 Hill Street was before the board to express concern regarding the construction job at the former Holy Rosary property; he submitted photos to the board for review. He explained there is no silt fencing and the mud run off is running directly into the catch basins. They have filled areas around trees. He works in the industry and there isn't one town around that would allow this type of project without silt fencing, only Clown town. The job was started and they put fill in without the silt fencing. Clinton is the only town to allow this. He stated it is ridiculous and asked if he should contact the state DEP or Mass Highway to report this. Chairman Sargent explained he will have the owners contacted regarding the project. Mr. Broderick explained the project should be stopped, he stated dig safe had not been contacted; a gas line could be hit. The project needs to be stopped. Chairman Sargent reviewed he intended to follow up in the morning with the correct offices and move forward on this complaint. Mr. Broderick asked if the planning board has reviewed this project, he feels the DEP should be contacted and notified of this mess. It is ridiculous and a cease and desist order should be issued. This project is 13 acres a 10 section of 10 feet each silt fence should be used, who is watching this job the Building Inspector. Chairman Sargent stated he will review in the morning. Mr. Broderick asked for him to please let him know how it turns out. Selectman Connolly asked how old the photos are. Mr. Broderick reviewed he took them 2 days ago, dig safe has never been contacted and there is no silt fence which is not allowed.

Mr. Bill McNally of 25 Dike Drive was before the board to review the double utility pole issue that had recently been discussed by the board. He distributed pictures to the board of double utility poles in his neighborhood. This is a concern because the area the pole is in is frequently used for parking for school games and events like the upcoming Fireworks display. He reviewed there has been no progress made on replacing these poles which are supported by wires holding them together. He

understands this is a small problem with an easy fix and solution. He saw advertised public hearing for a pole relocation and thought a representative from Verizon and National Grid would be at tonight's meeting, so he felt it was a good time to inform the board of the poles on Dike Drive. Chairman Sargent thanked Mr. McNally for the information. Selectman Connolly also thanked Mr. McNally for his comments, this is a major problem in town, and there are probably 15 poles around town like this. All of the poles on Park Street that have recently been replaced are left as double poles. The D.P.W. Superintendent has kept a list over the last 3 years, on the list of 15 only 5 have been repaired. This has become a major problem.

Mr. Michael Cislauk of 131 Chace Street explained he was before the board on behalf of the Fire Union regarding the hold up on the appointment of the permanent Fire Chief. It has been well over a year since the candidates had taken the exam on March 22, 2014, the scores were issued as of June 2, 2014. Both candidates meet with the assessment panel on March 24, 2015 both received their final score as of April 1, 2015. He requested more information regarding the hold up on the appointment. The appointment of the permanent Chief and the Deputy are important to the Department. Chairman Sargent explained the town has not been contacted by Civil Service yet with the final ranking, the board has asked the union to consider getting rid of civil service because of situations like this. The board has also been waiting months and months for a response. Mr. Cislauk requested copies of the e-mails exchanged between the town and civil service. Chairman Sargent asked for the request to be presented in writing.

Utility Pole Relocation Hearing- Ash Street

Chairman Sargent opened the hearing. Mr. Ken Dube of National Grid was before the board, he explained National Grid received a request from an Ash Street resident to relocate a pole. He reviewed the homes are congested in this area and one home is in front of another, connection service wires for the home in the rear run close by the house in the front. The new home owner in the front has requested to move the pole to prevent from the wires being so close to house. This is a customer request for relocation. Mr. Dube provided an explanation for some of the double poles; he explained the poles have connection wires for Comcast, Verizon and National Grid. If National Grid moves wires to a new pole they cannot remove the existing pole until the other utilities remove their connections therefore double poles are set until the other companies make the change. Chairman Sargent opened the meeting for Public Comment, in favor of the pole relocation there was none, in opposition of the pole relocation, there was none. Selectman Iacobucci stated he was at a loss for words regarding poles and wires being left because they are Verizon or Comcast wires. He explained he is not comfortable voting to move the poles if it will create the same issue. Mr. Dube explained this is not part of the hearing request; this pole relocation will affect the citizen who requested it. Selectman Iacobucci explained he will not support this

request if left as a double pole, he cannot support if the pole relocation will result in a double pole with a pole suspended in mid air. Selectman Connolly explained the situation has been explored over the last few months in town and National Grid has been setting poles leaving existing pole creating a double pole. If National Grid doesn't move the pole there wouldn't be a problem. Mr. Dube explained he isn't at the meeting to discuss this issue. Selectman Connolly explained National Grid is creating the problem and not making any effort to correct it. He stated he will not approve any other requests until a plan is in place; National Grid is tearing up the town like pigs. Selectman Connolly made a motion to deny the pole relocation request. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Common Victuallers License Hearing – 165 High Street

Chairman Sargent invited the applicant for a common victualler license forward. Mr. Wuo Zou Zong of 165 High Street was before the board. He explained he will continue to run the business the same as it is being run. Chairman Sargent opened the meeting for Public Comment, in favor, there was none, in opposition, there was none. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to grant the common victuallers license to as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci wished Mr. Wou luck with the business. The vote was unanimous.

Liquor License Change of Manager - VFW Post #523

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board received a request for a change in Manager by the Clinton VFW Post #523 of 10 Allen Street. He explained the proposed new manager of record is Ms. Marlene Chase. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the Change of Manager request as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Chairman Sargent explained the board has received requests from Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Clinton Turn Verein, Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Polish American Veterans, Spruce Street Tavern & The Simple Man Saloon requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of June 2015: Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as presented with any additional requests approved sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Veterans Agent Monthly Report

Veterans Agent Brendan Bailey submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of the department for the month of May 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the report as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Connolly thanked the Veterans Agent and complimented him on his hard work in the new job, he has been helping out the neighboring communities of Sterling & Lancaster temporarily, and he is working on a proposal to form a district. The vote is unanimous.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Acting Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of the department for the month of May 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the report as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Old & New Business

WHEAT 5K Road Race

Chairman Sargent explained the board has received a request from Ms. Barbara Ranieri for permission to use the streets to host a 5K road race to raise funds for WHEAT Community Services, Inc. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Sargent explained because it is a fundraiser he hopes the Officers from the Police Department could help out, he asked for Police Chief Laverdure to be contacted, he not sure the organization could afford the details. The vote was unanimous.

Clinton Turn Verein Support Letter

Chairman Sargent explained the board has received a request from Clinton Turn Verein for a letter of support for their organization relative to the sponsorship of the National Turner Gold Tournament in July 2015. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve this request as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Review of the Non- Union Salary Study

Chairman Sargent explained Selectman Connolly had requested the board consider a discussion regarding the Non Union Salary Study. Selectman Connolly explained he would like to form a sub-committee of 2 members of the Selectman to work with a sub-committee of 2 members of the Personnel board. Selectman Connolly made a motion to form a sub-committee with Chairman Sargent and himself to work with 2 members of the Personnel Board. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Accountant Contract

Chairman Sargent reviewed the board received request from the Town Accountant Diane Magliozzi to enter into a contract with the town. Selectman Connolly explained

this has been discussed by the board at the prior meeting. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the request to make the Town Accountant position a contractual position, he asked for the Town Administrator to meet with the employee to pursue the contract. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Memorial Day Parade

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed he would like to request letters be sent out to local businesses and Veteran's organizations like the V.F.W and the P.A.V. soliciting sponsorships for floats or bands to participate in the Memorial Day Parade next year. He would like to see more community involvement in the parade. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to have the Town Administrator send out letters to local businesses and Veterans organizations to participate in the Memorial Day Parade programming. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports

Government Reorganization Committee

Selectman Connolly reviewed the Town Administrator send out the MoA to the School Department regarding the Facility Department and they are supportive of the concept.

Cable Commission

Selectman Iacobucci explained a meeting is scheduled for this month, recently new microphones were purchased along with new cameras.

Meeting Schedule Review

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the boards schedule would have the next meeting on June 17th, he asked for consideration to hold the meeting on Wednesday, June 24th to accommodate the end of the year transfers. This will allow time for the Town Accountant to work on the transfer recommendations. The board agreed to schedule the next meeting for June 24th. Chairman Sargent stated this will be his last meeting as Chairman and thanked fellow board members for entrusting this position to him. Selectman Connolly stated he didn't want to be presumptuous regarding his campaign for re election, he thanked the board he is serving with and the prior members he served with including Mary Rose Dickhaut, Kathy Sheridan and Kevin Haley. He explained it was a pleasure serving with the finest groups combined, he cannot remember serving with a better group. The board wished him good luck for his campaign. Selectman Connolly asked all residents to get out and vote on Monday, there are 2 important elections on the ballot, the polls are open 8AM to 8PM.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn at 7:40PM. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen