

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
July 20, 2011**

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.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from the June 29, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski stated he had a few changes to be made. Chairman Dickhaut explained approval will include changes. The vote was unanimous.

Common Victuallers License Hearing – 9 Sterling Street

The board received an application request for a Common Victuallers License from James H. Rogers d/b/a Kings Pizza. Chairman Dickhaut opened the hearing, for Common Victuallers License, she invited the applicant to come forward and state their name and address. Mr. James Rogers of 4 Highland Street was before the board. He explained the restaurant will operate as a pizza and sub restaurant, with some home cooked meals. He would like to open until 2:00AM on the weekends and 10:00PM during the week. He intends for most of the business to be delivered through livery. Chairman Dickhaut explained there is very limited parking in the area. Mr. Rogers explained he hopes to purchase the building on the corner, but for now the business will be primarily delivery. Selectman Sargent explained he is in favor of the business but is worried about the parking; it would be very dangerous to try to cross the street. Mr. Rogers explained he hoped to get a lot of foot traffic and will be open later on the weekends. Selectman Sargent explained the 2AM closing would be a little late, on the application it list the hours until 10:00PM. Selectman Connolly asked if Mr. Rodgers has experience in pizza business. Mr. Rogers explained he has worked in the business for 3 years, he is a business entrepreneur and failure is not an option. Chairman Dickhaut noted she has concerns with the business on the corner and the limited parking. Mr. Rogers explained when he buys the building on the corner his plan is to demolish it to make parking. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Common Victuallers License for James Rogers d/b/a Kings Pizza, with the hours to reflect those listed on the application. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Community Service Day in Clinton-Gabriel Rivas

Chairman Dickhaut invited Lawrence Jakubowicz to come before the board to explain his request for a community service day. Mr. Gabriel Rivas of 73 West Street was before the board, he stated he is partners with Mr. Jakubowicz. They would like to organize a community initiative to clean up Clinton. He stated they initially went to Superintendent of Schools Ingano who agreed it is a great idea and suggested they speak with the board. Chairman Dickhaut asked what they are looking to do. Mr. Rivas explained they are planning to clean up the trash around the community along with overgrown weeds working with students and volunteers. Chairman Dickhaut asked if the young people will be supervised. Selectman Sargent stated he thinks it is a great idea. Selectman Connolly stated it is a great idea and he wishes him well, he asked if he was connected with any service organization. Mr. Rivas stated no he is not connected to a service organization; he is working with Mr. Jakubowicz. Selectman Dziokonski congratulated him on a great initiative; he asked if there was an organization they are associated with. Mr. Rivas stated they plan to recruit students from high school. They have spoken with Mr. Ingano and if it is successful they will continue to work with the schools. The plan is to advertise through social media, Mr. Ingano mentioned using the connect ed phone system as a way to spread the word. They are working towards a date late in August. The board recommended Mr. Rivas work with the local boy scouts. Selectman Connolly explained the scouts need to earn patches to advance and this would be a great service project; he will get some contact information to Mr. Rivas. Chairman Dickhaut stated she wishes Mr. Rivas the best; the board supports the initiative and commends the efforts. Administrator Ward explained resources from the DPW would be available.

Central Park Loitering Update

Administrator Ward explained Selectman Dziokonski, Police Chief Laverdure, Park & Recreation Commissioner Mendoza, Cocoran House Director Mary Lucien and he recently had a meeting to review the loitering issue in Central Park. Members of the Park & Recreation Commission are present at tonight's meeting to discuss this issue. Chairman Dickhaut invited Park & Recreation Commission members to come before the board for discussion. Mr. Ed Verier, Mr. Paul Zapantis and Mr. Estaben Mendoza were before the board. Police Chief Laverdure and Sergeant Nelson were in attendance. Mr. Verier explained to the board the commission had sent out many letters to the Police Department regarding the upcoming block dances. The letters requested the Police explore an alternate location for the dances; offering the suggestions of the Clinton Middle School or St. John's Gym. Chairman Dickhaut explained at this time the board is planning to discuss the loitering issues in Central Park the block dance requests are on tonight's agenda under Old & New Business.

Motion to Continue Out of Agenda Order

Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to continue out of agenda order with Block Dance approval discussion. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Police Relief Association Block Dances

Mr. Verrier continued discussion explaining last week in the park there was a lot of destruction, the railings were scrapped and the benches were covered with grease. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed the board received pictures from the Park & Recreation Department showing the benches with the paint removed and names engraved. She asked if there was any response to the letter sent to the Police Relief Association regarding the use of the park. Mr. Verrier responded no. Chairman Dickhaut explained there seems to be no communication between the Parks & Recreation Department and the Police Relief Association. Mr. Verrier explained he sent many letters beginning in April and received no response, he then requested a meeting with the Officer Karl Schmidt explaining the Park & Recreation Department was opposed to the request for use of Central Park for block dances and asked for alternate locations to be explored. Chairman Dickhaut explained the board received the request from Police Relief Association in July. She expressed it puts the Selectmen in the middle, there should have been some type of communication or coordination with the concerns being reviewed. Mr. Verrier explained the original letter was sent April 27, no response a registered letter was sent, no response then he requested the meeting with Officer Schmidt to review the concerns of the Park & Recreation Department. Police Chief Laverdure stated he is not representing the Police Relief Association but would like to share some history of the block dances. He explained they have been hosted for the past 25 years and the Park & Recreation Department never wanted the dances in the park. The director has always been in opposition of the block dances. It has been moved to the Clinton Middle School in the past but with that there were issues it was too hot at school and traffic goes through the area where the dances are being held, they were not well attended at the school. He reviewed about 300 to 400 kids enjoy the dances, a lot attend with their parents, the Relief Association has made changes with having 3 details at the dance to be sensitive to the Park & Recreation issues, they have rescheduled dances to a Thursday night as requested by the Park & Recreation Department. The dances have been a topic of discussion with the Park & Recreation for 25 years. Chairman Dickhaut explained recently there has been a lot of damage to the park which has never been experienced before. Selectman Connolly stated he is supportive of the block dances and supportive of putting a stop to the vandalism. He remembers a time when the dances were the responsibility of the Park & Recreation; it

is a great idea to have families enjoy Central Park. Olde Home Days host a lot of great activities in the park; he expressed he applauds the Police Relief Association for trying to address the concerns of the Park & Recreation Department, changing the day to Thursday and having 3 officers provide details. He explained he is not in favor of having the dances at the Clinton Middle School. The Park & Recreation Department needs to find a way to make it work. Chairman Dickhaut asked if consideration was given to hosting the dances at the Park & Recreation building. Mr. Verrier explained the area and building are too small. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the Clinton Police Relief Association request to host the first two requested dates of July 21 and July 28 of Block Dances in Central Park with 3 Police details and then have a review of the future requests depending on a review of the dances and damages done to the park. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski stated the block dances had been hosted in Central Park for years, every year there are damages to the flower beds and shrubs. Mr. Verrier explained that is why the Park & Recreation Department made the recommendation to switch the location and/or the day of the dance so the department can have a chance to clean up the park. He explained there is no funding available to allow for repairs to damages in the park, the staff does a fantastic job. Selectman Dziokonski explained he is curious about the damage to the park after the block dances, the dances are attended by little children. Chairman Dickhaut agreed it is not the little kids attending the dance. Mr. Verrier agreed it is the younger kids dancing and the older kids running through the park causing damage making a mess. Selectman Sargent made an amendment to the motion to include the approval of the first two dates for block dances with a Police Officer detail to be on the corner of Church and Walnut Street throughout the dance. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Mr. Mendoza stated as long as an officer detail is in the park it should be covered. Selectman Connolly stated the deployment of personnel should be left up to who is in charge of the event. Chairman Dickhaut explained she wanted to make sure there is coverage in the park. Mr. Verrier stated one officer should be at the dance, one officer should patrol the park and the third officer should cover the corner. Chief Laverdure explained the Police are scheduled to have 3 officers on details in the park versus 2 which have been used in the past. Discussion continued regarding the detailed officers Selectman Sargent explained the Officer doesn't have to stand like a statue at the corner. Mr. Zapantis stated he agrees this is a great event he has a big concern regarding who is responsible for the damage done in the park. Who will pay for the needed repairs to the continual damage? Selectman Dziokonski explained funding is appropriated to the Park & Recreation Department to manage the park; it is almost if some people feel the park shouldn't be used we should take a picture of it or put it in a bubble and admire it. Chairman Dickhaut reviewed there is a motion to approve use of Central Park for 2 of the dates requested for block dances with a Police Detail on the corner of Church & Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 20, 2011

Walnut Street, and the Park and Recreation Department will monitor the park after the dances and report back to the board the conditions of the park after the dance, pleasure of the board. The vote was unanimous.

Central Park Loitering Update

Selectman Dziokonski explained recently there was a meeting regarding the issue of loitering in Central Park. He reviewed it was a general discussion with a broad plan on how to deal with the issue. He reviewed it was discussed to install cameras on the town hall building to record the behavior occurring in Central Park. Chief Laverdure is reviewing costs for installation of cameras. He is also reviewing a procedure to deal with repeat offenders. Chief Laverdure explained the Park & Recreation needs to issue a warning and then a repeat offender can be charged with trespassing. Selectman Dziokonski explained if a warning is issued a repeat offender can be charged with trespassing. There needs to be a positive effort to get people up to the park to be present and proceed with an effort to talk with the kids. Ms. Lucien Director of Cocoran House is open to a discussion with teenagers in the park. Chairman Dickhaut explained over the past two weeks she has made an effort to monitor the park at different times and she has not seen any Police presence in the park, she asked how often the police monitor the park. Sergeant Nelson explained the time varies but the Officers monitor the park on foot and in a cruiser. He explained the Police presence has no effect on groups in the park. He reviewed he has tried to engage the groups in dialogue asking for suggestions for alternate locations and the response is they like to be in the park. He explained the Police are trying to be as proactive as possible; his recommendation would be to try to enforce no trespassing after dark. He explained a lot of times there are families in the park enjoying it as late as 9:30PM and it is hard to distinguish to the two groups. Mr. Mendoza suggested the park be closed after 10PM; the Park & Recreation Commission will review. Chief Laverdure reviewed the prices for cameras, he explained wireless camera is \$12,000 to \$15,000 or landline is \$5000. to \$7000. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed there will be another meeting to review in the meantime He and Mr. Mendoza plan to stop at the park and engage in discussion with the groups. He explained it will be difficult for Director Janda to be in the park at all times to issue warning, and the individual receiving warning may not give his or her name. Chief Laverdure explained whoever is in charge of the park and serving the warning notice, they can do so with an officer present when verbal warning issued. Chairman Dickhaut explained it sounds like there are some legitimate solutions she recommended the group continue to meet and review a plan. Selectman Dziokonski agreed explaining they will work with town council and the Park & Recreation Department. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to install video camera at the corner of Walnut and Church Street ASAP. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Dickhaut explained it is a fantastic concept but a funding mechanism needs to be

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reviewed. Selectman Dziokonski amended the motion to include the approval of cameras when funding is available to install. Selectman Connolly seconded the amended motion. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of August 2011: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Crystal Café, Clinton Turn Verein, Old Timers, Ringside Café, The Simple Man Saloon & Spruce Street Tavern. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests as presented with any additional requests approved with the Police Chiefs review. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

One Day Liquor License Permits

Administrator Ward reviewed the board has received requests from Clinton Turn Verein for one day liquor permits to use the outdoor pavilion for functions on the following dates:

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| 07/23/11 | Baby Shower | 12:00PM – 6:00PM |
| 07/30/11 | Baby Shower | 1:00PM –5:00PM |

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

Water/Sewer Abatements

Superintendent of Public Works McGown submitted a list of water/sewer abatements from the last billing cycle in the amount of \$18142.73, for the boards review and approval. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the water/sewer abatements as recommended by the Superintendent. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was 4/0/1 abstention by Selectman Dziokonski

Old & New Business

Clinton Olde Home Day

Administrator Ward explained the Olde Home Day Committee is requesting permission for the following items in conjunction with their annual Olde Home Day on Friday, September 9, 2011 – Saturday, September 10, 2011:

- Use of the Town Hall restrooms for both days of their event.
- Use of the Town Hall Auditorium to host an Appraisal Faire & Art Show on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.
- Use of the Town Hall Auditorium to host the event on Saturday, September 10, 2011 in case of inclement weather and the event cannot be held outside.
- Permission to close off Walnut Street, Church Street & Union Street around Central Park for both days of the event.

- Permission to make Walnut Street One Way from Church to Prospect Street, to allow for shuttle to run.
- Permission to hang notices in front of parking spaces on Walnut Street, Church Street & Union Street beginning Thursday, September 8, 2011 to notify car owners of the scheduled street closings.
- Permission to use the public parking lot on Walnut Street for amusements during the event.

Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the Olde Home Day Committee requests. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Cable Committee Selectmen Member Vacancy

Administrator Ward explained there is a vacancy on the cable committee with Selectman Sheridan finishing her term. Selectman Connolly volunteered to fill the vacancy.

FY2011 Community Development Block Grant Award

Administrator Ward reviewed with the board the letter received from the Department of Housing & Community Development office awarding the town a grant in the amount of \$900,000, from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program for water line and roadway improvements on Grove Street and seven units of housing rehabilitation, this is the highest one time amount awarded to Clinton.

Committee Reports

Senior Building Needs Committee

Selectman LeBlanc updated the board that the committee met to review the proposals received and narrowed it down to 3 architectural firms for interviews.

Downtown Christmas Lights Sub Committee

Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he is looking for volunteers to work with, an Electrician and a Lawyer and some Artists are welcome to join the committee. Selectman Sargent stated he could help in finding the Electrician and Lawyer.

Public Comment

Mr. John Martin of 28 Orange Street

Mr. Martin was before the board to deliver a complaint he filed with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office regarding failed attempts to post meetings on the town web site to comply with the open meeting law which went into effect in July 2010. Chairman Dickhaut deferred to Town Administrator Ward. Administrator Ward reviewed he has spoken to the Attorney General's Office regarding getting into compliance. Administrator Ward explained the funding approved at town meeting wouldn't be enough for compliance with the outdoor signs at both entrances. Currently having the notices on

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the town website qualifies for compliance. Selectman Dziokonski made motion to refer complaint to the town council for review. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin continued discussion explaining he would like to revisit items he spoke with the board previously about. He would like to review how services are delivered to residents with decreasing resources, how the school department is planning to provide service without funds and how the block grant program must be run. Chairman Dickhaut explained to Mr. Martin the board is well aware of the subject and information he is bringing forward. Mr. Martin continued by commending the board in returning to meet on a biweekly meeting schedule. Selectman Dziokonski noted the meeting agenda was available online through the town website. Chairman Dickhaut explained the entire town boards operate independently and are constantly looking for ways to be creative. Selectman LeBlanc recommended Selectman Dziokonski join the regionalization subcommittee to replace Selectman Sheridan. Selectman Dziokonski agreed to join the regionalization subcommittee.

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 8:20PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Corbosiero
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Clinton Board of Selectmen