

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
August 26, 2015**

Selectman Dziokonski, Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent and Chairman LeBlanc were in attendance. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Town Solicitor Gibbons. Chairman LeBlanc opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The board received minutes from July 22, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting including Executive Sessions for Police Union and Town Accountant contracts 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**

There was none.

**Superintendent of Public Works**

*Road Resurfacing*

Superintendent McGown was before the board to review the upcoming Chapter 90 Road Resurfacing and a new lease for the Recycle/Rubbish Truck. Mr. McGown reviewed the accountant status for the road resurfacing is approximately \$227,000 with the FY15 allocation of about \$331,000 the total will be \$558,000. He explained there are three reconstruction projects to be completed. The list of streets for resurfacing includes Mount View Drive, Skyline Drive, Wilson, Berlin and Clamshell Streets. He explained he is also planning to use funding towards the design of Franklin and Oak Streets and the redesign of High Street, similar to the funding used for the Water Street design project. He is also waiting on one more quote for the High Street to Allen Street project. Selectman Dziokonski asked why that section of High Street has been chosen, it has been on the list for years. Mr. McGown explained it has already been approved and the preliminary work on the TIPP includes High & Allen Streets. The state reviewed and removed Allen. Mr. McGown mentioned further projects will include Main Street to Highland. He is also willing to take recommendations from the board. Chairman LeBlanc explained the board relies on Mr. McGown's knowledge of the streets and roads and the infrastructure. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the list for Road Resurfacing projects as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### *Lease on New Rubbish Truck*

Superintendent McGown explained he had reviewed options for a new truck, the type that will work out best he received lease prices on. He also explained the truck will be a side load that will have the ability to allow compaction while truck continues on the route. At this time the truck being used is small and only holds two full bins capacity and has to stop driving to run compactor, to clear space. He explained he has to have two employees on the collection end and a driver; the new vehicle can be managed with one to two employees. He explained there was a fire in one of the trucks recently so that is out of service. The need for a truck was reviewed at budget time and \$40,000.00 was budgeted for a new truck. The proposed lease is for 7 years and will cost \$40,800.00 per year which is in line with the budget; he can have the new truck within two months. It is a Mack truck and will be very reliable, the recycle program runs Monday to Friday and 6 guys are needed to manage it. Selectman Iacobucci stated this truck seems very efficient. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the lease of the new rubbish truck as presented by Superintendent. McGown. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reviewed he has been working with the recycle/trash subcommittee and there was a need for a new truck regardless of the new recycle program, the truck being used now is a 15 year old Mack. He asked Mr. McGown if the 7 year lease is the same as purchase. Mr. McGown explained yes it is \$243,943.00, broken into a 7 year lease at \$40,880.00 with 2.7% interest rate, at end of 7 years the town owns it. The vote was unanimous.

### **Clinton Motor Inn Complaints**

Chairman LeBlanc explained Selectman Iacobucci requested this discussion regarding complaints he has received. Selectman Iacobucci explained over the last three months he has received many complaints regarding the conditions of the property. He explained the dumpster is typically overflowing and this can attract vermin. He has also taken pictures recently of construction materials being dumped. There are collection clothes boxes that are overflowing and people are leaving items on the ground, like strollers and car seats. He explained there have been many gas grills all over the property in the patio portion and parking area. Automotive repairs have been taken place on the premises; this is a motel not a tenant housing area. He asked for the board to support forming a committee made up of the Town Administrator, a member of the Board of Health, a Selectman, a representative from WHEAT, Solicitor Gibbons, a representative of the Item Appeal, Building Commissioner the Police Chief and Fire Chief. This shouldn't be used for long term stays, they result in problems. Selectman Sargent asked what a committee can do. Selectman Iacobucci explained he hoped the committee can work with property owners to rectify the problems, speak with WHEAT and the Item Appeal to let them know this isn't the right place for long term stays. Review the dumpster, should it be moved, or emptied more often. Selectman Connolly

explained these are concerns being raised but the subcommittee can review the complaints and make recommendations to the board or department that can take action, the committee can take no action on their own. The Police and Fire should give input, the information received by the board shows the Police have been there many times over the past month. Chairman LeBlanc agreed on establishing a committee, he asked Selectman Iacobucci if he would like to serve on it. Selectman Iacobucci stated yes, with the other representative he mentioned. Chairman LeBlanc reviewed he understands the authoritative process, and it will be good to review why there are individuals there for lengths of time, the agencies should facilitate a process. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to establish a subcommittee to work with the Administrator to identify the issues regarding complaints at the property and direct these issues to the appropriate departments to be rectified. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Administrative Business**

#### Late Night Closings

Chairman LeBlanc 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 September 2015: Selectman Sargent 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.

#### Fire Chief Monthly Report

Acting Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of the department for the month of July 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the report as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci explained he reviewed the report and there is an engineer from DEP reviewing 57 Plain Street, to determine if there should be demolition for safety issues. Selectman Connolly reviewed the Chief noted the department is fully staffed under the complexity of civil service. The vote is unanimous.

#### Police Monthly Report

Chief Laverdure submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of June 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent McGown submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of July 2015 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### One Day Liquor License Permit

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a one day liquor license application to be used in the pavilion area of Clinton Turn Verein for an event scheduled August 23, 2015. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectmen Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### One Day Liquor License Permit

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a one day liquor license application to be used in the pavilion area of Clinton Turn Verein for an event scheduled August 29, 2015 and September 11 & 12, 2015 to participate in the Olde Home Day Events. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectmen Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### One Day Liquor License Permit

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a one day liquor license application from Olde Home Day Committee to be used for a Wine Tasting in conjunction with the appraisal and museum for events scheduled September 11, 2015. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectmen Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### One Day Liquor License Permits

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board has received requests for a one-day liquor license from Break Away Billiards to be used for the outdoor enclosed parking area in conjunction with a fundraising event to be held on October 17, 2015. Ms. Joann Souza of Break Away Billiards and bar Manager George were before the board. Ms. Souza explained the request is being made on behalf of a benefit to support liver disease; it will be an outdoor grill off, where different restaurants will be participating. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the requests for the One Day License permit as presented, with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### One Day Liquor License Permits

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board has received requests for a one-day liquor license from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #523 to be used for the outdoor area in conjunction with the Seafood Festival event to be held on September 20, 2015.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the request for the One Day License permits as presented, with the Police Chief review and permission. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### One Day Liquor License Permit

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the board received a one day liquor license application to be used in the pavilion area of Clinton Turn Verein for an event scheduled October 3, 2015 for the Oktoberfest event. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectmen Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### Town Hall Use Events

Chairman LeBlanc reviewed an application has been submitted for use of the Fallon Memorial Auditorium:

Jacqueline Innamorati                      Family Benefit Event              October 3, 2015

Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the dates as requested. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### **Old & New Business**

##### *Constitution Proclamation*

Ms. Jennifer Dickerson of the Daughters of the American Revolution is requesting the board adopt a proclamation commemorating Constitution Week for display at the library and high school. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to support the request as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

##### *Holiday Pops Concert*

The Holiday Pops Concert committee has requested a donation to support the Annual Holiday Pops Concert to be held on December 12, 2015 in the Fallon Auditorium. Selectman Sargent made a motion to support a donation of \$200.00 the same amount as the prior year. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

#### **Goals & Objectives**

Selectman Dziokonski asked about the board reviewing their thoughts on revising the list. The board agreed this will be part of the next meeting agenda for discussion.

#### **Old & New Business**

##### *Oxford Court*

Selectman Connolly expressed concerns regarding the Oxford Court agreement, he asked for a representative of Oxford Court to attend the next meeting to update the board on the progress with the issues on the property. Chairman LeBlanc agreed, he

asked Administrator Ward to schedule a representative of Oxford Court for the next meeting. The board agreed.

#### *State Pool*

Selectman Connolly explained recently he had been made aware of the DCR making plans to fill in the deep end of the state pools including Clinton. He would like to contact Representative Naughton and the DCR requesting the pool be left as is. Chairman LeBlanc explained this is not on this agenda but would like it added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

#### *Down Town Parking Plan*

Selectman Connolly requested the board invite the Community & Economic Development Director to the next meeting for an update on the development of the parking plan and the evaluation of changes needed to the downtown parking.

#### *Water Street Project Update*

Administrator Ward reviewed the Superintendent of Public Works will update the board on the Water Street Project. Superintendent McGown reviewed the utility poles have been relocated and the contract has been executed and sent to the state. He explained he expects the next step which is the notice to proceed within the next 2 weeks. He expects the contractor to be in town as of September 11, 2015 set up in an office. The drainage should begin by the middle or end of September. The board thanked him for the update.

#### Committee Reports

##### *Recycle Committee*

Selectman Iacobucci stated he and Selectman Dziokonski serve on the Recycle Committee the plan is to begin the second phase of the program.

##### *Cable Commission*

Selectman Iacobucci stated he and Chairman LeBlanc serve on the cable commission.

##### *Senior Building Commission*

Chairman LeBlanc updated the board on the Senior Center project; he explained the committee is planning a meeting for the next day to review a minor list of things to be completed at the center. Superintendent McGown reviewed the occupancy certificate has been issued and the completion of the building is final. Selectman Iacobucci asked if there was a date set for the official opening. Chairman LeBlanc explained there are some finer points to be completed. Selectman Sargent asked about the outside painting of the building. Chairman LeBlanc stated he isn't aware of that being part of

the project, at this time the building committee is winding down. They are hoping to have the building turned over for Olde Home Days, so tours will be available.

*Christmas Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski stated the committee plans to begin meeting in September.

*Government Reorganization Committee*

Selectman Connolly reviewed the School Committee sent a list of concerns explained they want to preserve the custodian department as is, that is not the intent of the Department. Hopefully these concerns can be addressed and the agreement will be sign at the next meeting.

Chairman LeBlanc announced the board is scheduled to enter into Executive Session under Article 3 Public Works Union Negotiations next and will not return to open session.

Selectman Iacobucci recused himself from the meeting.

He asked for a Roll Call Vote to enter into Executive Session under Article 3 Public Works Union Negotiations at 7:40PM. Roll Call Vote to enter in Executive Session: Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dziokonski "aye" and Chairman LeBlanc "aye."

Executive Session Article 3 Public Works Union Negotiations 7:40PM- 8:15PM.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn at 8:16PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 16, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero  
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Clinton Board of Selectmen