

**Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes  
September 4, 2013**

Selectman Iacobucci, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dziokonski and Chairman Connolly were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward.

Chairman Connolly opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Liquor License 1175 Main Street**

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing inviting the applicant to come forward before the board. Mr. Bryan Tatro of Similian Thai Bistro 1175 Main Street was before the board. Mr. Tatro explained this application is his second attempt before the board. The first request didn't work out. Chairman Connolly reviewed the intention when opening the restaurant was to have a license. Mr. Tatro explained yes a license will help create revenue in his business. He explained the other license he had been pursuing became unavailable to him when the license holder is unable to be reached, he learned there was another license available and felt it was a good idea to pursue. A license will work well with the business. Selectman Sargent reviewed this would be a great addition to the town and he is in full support. Selectman Iacobucci asked if this is a beer & wine license. Mr. Tatro sated yes. Chairman Connolly asked for public comment in favor of the request. There was none. He asked for public comments opposed to the request. There was none. Selectman Sargent made a motion to close the hearing. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the application as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski stated this is a nice restaurant and he wished them a lot of luck. Mr. Tatro explained he has had a great first year without the license; he has received a lot of community support. The vote was unanimous.

**Woodlawn Cemetery National Historic Designation – Historical Commission**

Chairman Connolly invited members of the Historical Commission before the board. Ms. Karen Hamilton and Mr. George Kittredge were before the board. Mr. Kittredge explained he had great news to share on behalf of the Historical Commission. Back in 2004 under the direction of former DPW Superintendent William Spratt and Former Community & Development Director Don Lowe presented a plan to apply for a grant to upgrade the Woodlawn Cemetery; no grant was made available unless it was listed in

the historic registry. Since this time the historical commission has been working on receiving the designation they hired a consultant and completed the application process. As of July 24, 2013 the Woodlawn Cemetery is now listed on the National Registry. He thanked many people for working hard on this designation past Historic Commission members Irene Moran, and Robin Davis along with current members, Town Clerk Phil Boyce, Superintendent of Public Works Chris McGown and the cemetery department. He presented the board with a certificate from the state. Chairman Connolly thanked the Historical Commission and all those who worked hard on this designation. Sounds like a lengthy process, taking 10 years in the making. Selectman Dziokonski agreed stating it is an impressive accomplishment.

### **Goals & Objectives**

Chairman Connolly reviewed at this time he and the Administrator have not had a chance to finalize the program set up they intend to use to follow these goals and objectives. He explained he will work with Administrator Ward and have a draft prepared for the next meeting.

### **Administrative Business**

#### **One Day Beer & Wine License Request**

The Coffeelands Cafe' has submitted a One Day Beer & Wine License application in conjunction with a wine tasting event at their location, on Thursday, September 5, 2013. Selectman Iacobucci made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the request. The vote was unanimous.

#### **Wekepeke Access Agreement**

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board has received a request from Trout Unlimited Chapter #148 and Wekepeke Watershed Restoration Initiative are requesting permission to conduct stream restoration work on Wekepeke property as approved by the Sterling Conservation Commission. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the request as presented, subject to review by the Solicitor regarding liability concerns.. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Connolly explained this project will not involve removal of the dams; all of the work will be done in Sterling, who will approve the work. A representative from Trout Unlimited in attendance requested a copy of the sign agreement. Chairman Connolly thanked the group for their efforts of restoration of the brook.

### **Water Meter Purchase Contract Bid Results**

Superintendent McGown was before the board to discuss the rebid he conducted for the new water meters and advanced water metering equipment. His recommendation is to award the bid to EJ Prescott, Inc. in the amount of \$587,500.00. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent and award the bid to EJ Prescott, Inc. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Landfill Foreman Vacancy**

Administrator Ward reviewed with the board he had prepared a packet of information on all three candidates for the Landfill Foreman vacancy and made a recommendation based on the interviews and reference checks he had conducted. He explained the position has been advertised twice. Chairman Connolly reminded the board the Superintendent had a conflict of interest and was unable to participate in the process. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to accept the Town Administrator's recommendation for the landfill foreman vacancy. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Ward explained the board needs to vote to determine the hire will not prevent Superintendent McGown from performing his job duties. He explained this is a contractual position, only hired to perform a limited scope of duties. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to determining the landfill foreman is specific to the landfill project and there are no conflicts with the Superintendent performing his duties. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Letter Received from the Strand Theatre**

Selectman Sargent stated under the information portion of the meeting packet, the board was copied on a letter sent to the DPW requesting the trees on High Street closet to the marquee be removed. He explained he supports this request and hopes to see these trees removed. Administrator Ward explained he hasn't had an opportunity to discuss this with the Superintendent McGown; he isn't up to date on what his thoughts are on this request. Selectman Iacobucci added there are safety issues with the root system of the trees. Chairman Connolly explained this issue should be referred to the Superintendent informing him of the boards support. Administrator Ward reviewed the trees provide public shade, this request will have to be reviewed by the tree warden and a public hearing held regarding the removal.

### **Retirement of Fire Fighter Paul Welch**

Selectman Iacobucci thanked Fire Fighter Paul Welch for his 33 years of service to the Clinton Fire Department. Mr. Welch retired as of September 3, 2013. Chairman Connolly and the board agreed thanking Mr. Welch.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Garage License Committee*

Selectman Iacobucci reviewed this committee completed an application that has been sent on to the Solicitor for final review, the committee will meet again with business owners to get input and feedback regarding the process.

### *Christmas Lighting Committee*

Selectman Dziokonski explained has meeting scheduled for next week to begin discussions.

### *Government Reorganization Committee*

Chairman Connolly updated the board the committee met recently with members from the CoA and exchanged a lot of ideas regarding how to fill the vacancy of the Director. At this time the committee and CoA are waiting to hear back from the Solicitor who is reviewing the appointment process.

Chairman Connolly explained the board will enter into Executive sessions and there will be no further open session at the meeting.

### **Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Grievance Hearing 7:20PM – 7:55PM**

### **Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Negotiations 7:55PM-8:45PM**

Selectman Dziokonski made a motion at 8:46PM to adjourn. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen