

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
September 7, 2016**

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

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from June 8, 2016 Selectmen's for review and approval. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Mr. John Martin of 28 Orange Street was before the board to review the private roads in town. He issued a packet of information to the board regarding the private roads in town. He explained he has recently contacted the Inspector General's office regarding the illegal maintenance of these streets by the town. The response he received was to report this to the Ethics Commission and the Department of Revenue or get 10 citizens together and file a law suit against the town. He has made an inquiry with an attorney, he was quoted a price of \$25,000.00. He will not spend the money to file a suit. Selectman Dziokonski explained he has knowledge that the plow has been used on Pond View Drive to only widen the road for access for public safety vehicles if needed. Other private roads mentioned like Hastings Court are maintained by the town, he hasn't heard from other citizens with the argument not to plow. He is happy the board has taken no action. Selectman Connolly explained the board has taken no action to stop maintaining the roads, the board refuses to stop the DPW from doing it. The intention is work with the Superintendent and Administrator. The board refuses to order the DPW not to care for the streets that they have been caring for, they will not put the safety and life of residents in danger. Selectman Sargent seconded the comments.

Seaboard Solar Notice of Assignment 100 & 111 Adams Road

Chairman Iacobucci invited the representatives of Seaboard Solar forward. Mr. Dave Thomas of Danbury, Connecticut was before the board requesting approval for new assignment for 100 & 111 Adams Road. He explained there have been two previous financiers that haven't worked out. There is a new buyer who has made a \$250,000 deposit which will help the process and fund the construction. He is requesting approval of the new assignment. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the request after

a review by Town Counsel has been completed. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Administrator Ward asked for the board to approve the Chairman sign the contract once the Solicitor has completed his review, these documents are different. Selectman Connolly amended the motion to include approval to allow the Chairman to sign the documents once the review has been completed by Counsel. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Joint Meeting with Bigelow Library Board of Trustees

Bigelow Library Board of Trustees Ms. Gloria Parkinson & Ms. Karen Nugent were before the board to discuss the recent resignation of a trustee. Ms. Parkinson explained the trustee resignation opens up a vacancy of a 3-year term expiring in June. Chairman Iacobucci asked how many members are on the board. Ms. Parkinson explained the board is made up of 6 members at this time they have been operating with 5 members and it has been challenging at times to make a quorum to meet. Selectman Connolly made a motion to make a joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees to make an appointment to the Library Board of Trustees, he approved advertising the vacancy. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Solicitor Gibbons explained the statute states the vacancy has to be filled, the notice of the vacancy is to be register with the board within 30 days. The Board of Selectmen are required to fill the vacancy. Selectman Connolly explained the appointment can be made at the next Selectmen's meeting on September 21, 2016.

Administrative Business

Public Works Monthly Report

Superintendent of Public Works submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of his department for the month of July 2016 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to accept the report as presented. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Chief Monthly Report

Fire Chief McLaughlin submitted a monthly report relative to the operations of the department for the month of August 2016 for the Selectmen's review and approval. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the report as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Clinton Turn Verein One Day Liquor License

The board has received applications for One Day License for events to be held on September 9 & 10, 2016 for Olde Home Day, and the outdoor pavilion on September 24, 2016 & October 2, 2016. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the requests for One Day Licenses for Clinton Turn Verein as presented. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Veterans of Foreign Wars One Day Liquor License

The board has received applications for One Day License for events to be held on September 18, 2016 and October 8, 2016 outdoors at the Veterans of Foreign Wars location. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests for One Day Licenses for Veterans of Foreign War as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Break Away Billiards One Day Liquor License

The board has received applications for One Day License for event to be held on October 15, 2016 outdoors at the Break Away Billiards location. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the requests for One Day Licenses for Break Away Billiards as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Clinton Holiday Pops Committee One Day Liquor License

The board has received applications for One Day License for Annual Holiday Concert event to be held on December 10, 2016 at the Fallon Auditorium. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the requests for One Day Licenses for Clinton Park & Recreation for Holiday Pops as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Massachusetts State Police Wives Blue Ribbon Campaign

Administrator Ward explained the office has been contacted from a representative of the MSP Wives Blue Ribbon Campaign requesting permission to put blue ribbons on the Clinton Police Station, Clinton Town Hall and Central Park, to show support for local and state law enforcement officers. The ribbons would be displayed for about a month and taken down before winter. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to support this request as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski explained the Park & Recreation and Fire Department should be contacted regarding support to the request. Administrator Ward agreed explaining he will contact those departments. The vote was unanimous.

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 Dziokonski made a motion to support the request as presented. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Devens Hazardous Waste Amendment

Administrator Ward explained the town of Pepperell has requested permission to join the Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center, all member communities must vote to approve any additional to the consortium. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the acceptance of Pepperell into the Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center consortium. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Iacobucci asked if the membership cost will change with the addition of another community. Administrator Ward explained the annual cost is set by the oversight committee. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to appoint Chairman Iacobucci as the representative to the oversight committee, with Administrator Ward as the alternate. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Police Federal Law Enforcement Transfer for Traffic Trailer

Administrator Ward explained the Police Chief has requested a transfer from the Federal Law Enforcement fund to the State Law Enforcement fund in the amount of \$7000.00 to cover the expense of a new traffic trailer to be used by the department. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the transfer as request by the Police Chief. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Keno License for Papacola's Market

Administrator Ward explained the Massachusetts Lottery Commission has provided the board with notice that Papacolas Market has applied for a Keno License for the 220 High Street location. The local licensing authority has the right to notify the commission of any objections. Selectman LeBlanc made a motion to approve the Keno License for Papacolas Market at the 220 High Street. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Senior Center Building Repair

Administrator Ward explained the Community & Economic Development Director is requesting support to use \$3300.00 from program income to transfer into the senior center building fund to repair rotted sheathing on the new porch roof, these funds will help complete the project. The funding is part of the grant that was awarded for the senior project. Selectman Connolly made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Letter to Department of Conservation & Recreation

Selectman Connolly made a motion to send a follow up letter to DCR regarding filling in the deep end of the state pool, he recommended asking for the state agency to host a public hearing to receive public input, he would like State Representative Naughton and Senators Chandler and Flanagan copied on the letter. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gravel Removal Permit Process

Selectman Connolly stated there has been a lot of confusion regarding the process for the gravel removal permit, it is his understanding the board of Selectmen issue the permit. The recent applicants have been told the Zoning Board has to review the removal, this is new and causing a lot of frustration. The Building Inspector has a different point of view. He would like the Solicitor to review and provide an opinion. He would like clarification on if the board of Selectmen can proceed with a gravel permit application independent from the review of other board's actions, and what is the current process to be followed by a gravel permit applicant. Solicitor Gibbons verified the question is can the hearing proceed before going to the ZBA and Planning Board or is there a specific order to follow. Selectman Connolly agreed yes he is inquiring if it is necessary for the ZBA approval before the board of Selectman.

Recent Action on Municipal Modernization Act

Selectman Connolly explained the Governor had recently signed to reforms the laws regarding double poles and local communities governing Liquor Licenses including amendments other municipal procedures that was not passed. Selectman Connolly made a motion to send out a letter to State Representative Naughton and Senators Flanagan and Chandler expressing concerns that this didn't pass. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski stated the local boards are in a much better position to judge the Liquor License requests. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives

239 Chestnut Street

Chairman Iacobucci stated he would like to see the town owned property at 239 Chestnut back on the tax rolls. Selectman Dziokonski explained this is a useful piece of property. Selectman Sargent agreed, stating he would love to see it developed into Senior Housing, he isn't in favor of selling it. Selectman Connolly explained the Town Meeting would have to authorize this to be sold. Solicitor Gibbons agreed. Selectman Connolly explained he would like to continue discussion perhaps a municipal parking area would be useful, there are many varying ideas. Selectman Sargent agreed explaining the Massachusetts Probation Department may have interest in it to create a parking area for their facility. Chairman Iacobucci asked for a list to be generated of all vacant properties in town. He

expressed concerns regarding the property on 57 Plain Street, the building should be secured. Administrator Ward explained the Board of Health along with the abandoned properties committee has been working on this property but has experienced difficulty in reaching the property owner. Solicitor Gibbons agreed explaining the Board of Health has the authority under the regulations. Chairman Iacobucci explained he would like to see the building made safe.

Committee Reports

Fuller Field Bleachers Sub- Committee

Selectman Sargent asked for the subcommittee to schedule a meeting to review the status of the bleachers of Fuller Field. He asked for the Town Administrator to verify the committee availability for September 21, at 5:30PM or 6:00PM.

Government Affairs Committee

Selectman Connolly informed the board they are working on establishing the Facilities Department and are waiting on the final report from the Personnel Board who will set the salary. Administrator Ward reviewed the consultant has a draft report prepared for the Personnel Board and will present it next week to the Personnel Board. Selectman Dziokonski stated this report is overdue, he would support going ahead and advertising the position. The information was requested in June and we are still waiting. If the information isn't ready for the next meeting, he recommends advertising the position.

Holiday Lighting Committee

Selectman Dziokonki reviewed the committee will begin to meet to schedule the annual festivities.

Chairman Iacobucci announced the Executive Session scheduled for this evening has been tabled for tonight. The board has no further business.

Selectman Sargent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero
Administrative Assistant
Clinton Board of Selectmen