

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 06, 2016
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Bruce Farmer; Selectmen, Carol Walter, John Giannotti and William Fritz

Absent: Lynn Pinder

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

VISITORS

K. Carr introduced Mark Hoover to the board. Hoover has asked to be appointed to the GIS Task Force Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the minutes from December 15, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to appoint Mark Hoover to the GIS Task Force Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

The town recently established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust. The board now has to establish a board of trustees which would include the First Selectman, Chairman of the Board of Finance, Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, Chairman of the Board of Education and a person from the Board of Education who shall be appointed by the First Selectman. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Walter to establish an OPEB Board of Trustees contingent upon who the Board Education recommends. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Fritz to add Audit Selection Committee to the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Fritz to appoint Carol Walter to the Audit Selection Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

ELECTRONIC SIGN USAGE POLICY

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the Electronic Sign Usage Policy as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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ELECTRONIC SIGN USAGE POLICY

PURPOSE: This policy establishes the criteria for groups outside of Town affiliated agencies and organizations to use the electronic signs on Main Street in front of the Town Hall Annex on East Main Street. This policy also outlines the procedures used by Town personnel to administer the sign.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT: Responsibility for administrating the policy shall be with the Selectman's Office.

SIGN USAGE: The first priority for the signs is to give important instructions and information to ensure public safety during emergencies including, but not limited to hurricane/storm preparedness, road closures and police and fire emergencies. During such emergencies, use of the signs by other groups as outlined below may be restricted or suspended at the discretion of the First Selectman.

The second priority for sign usage goes to non-emergency Town announcements such as, but not limited to, information on elections, property tax payments, Special Town Meetings and other Town sponsored events.

If there is availability, the sign may be used by local non-profit groups to announce events or special programs on a first come, first serve basis. The sign is not to be used for general advertisement of groups or regular meeting times such as weekly church services. Announcements will not be posted more than one week prior to an event or registration deadline unless space allows. While every effort will be made to accommodate requests, the number of other applicants and Town usage may mean that the sign is not available for the duration or frequency requested.

The sign is not available to for-profit business, political groups or candidates for election purposes or for political action. The First Selectman shall have the authority and sole discretion to deny use of the sign based upon availability or to groups whose mission or purpose is deemed to be offensive or against the best interest of the residents of the Town.

Application requests will be accepted no earlier than two weeks prior to the event. The application must be filled out electronically. Hand written forms will not be accepted. You may also email your request to mschettino@clintonct.org. Failure to provide all the information requested may result in your request being denied. Acceptance of a request, in no way, guarantees that the announcement will appear on the sign. The organization's requested message text may be modified by the Town without notice to conform to space and content restrictions. The Town is not responsible for any errors or omissions in content.

2015 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
Town Of Clinton

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ashley R. Unitas, Assistant Town Clerk of the Town of Clinton, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on January 6, 2016, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bruce N. Farmer, as First Selectman of the Town of Clinton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Clinton and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Bruce N. Farmer, now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 17, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 6th day of January 2016.

Ashley R. Unitas
Assistant Town Clerk

ACCEPT \$250,000 UNILEVER SETTLEMENT & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Town of Clinton and Town of Madison were awarded a \$500,000 Unilever settlement to be split equally between both towns. The funds can only be used for projects that directly affect the waters that were impacted by the discharge. In July 2016 the DEEP accepted the town's proposals to use the funds for a Shellfish Restoration, Farm Share and Educational Program and to complete the closure of the lagoons. The shellfish restoration, farm share and education project would be allocated a total of \$77,000 and the remaining funds are allocated for performing the closure of the town's lagoons. The Shellfish Commission was charged with administering the farm share program. Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to accept the \$250,000 Unilever Settlement and Memorandum of Understanding and send to the Board of Finance and town meeting for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- This Saturday night at Town Hall is the first in a series of movies being played in the Auditorium. The movie this weekend is The Adventures of Robin Hood. The movie starts at 5:00 PM and the admission is free.

Reported by Walter

- Walter attended Monday night's Planning & Zoning meeting

Reported by Giannotti

- Morgan Building Committee met last night

Reported by Farmer

- Farmer attended a executive meeting at the River COG this past Monday
- Historical Society dropped off the Stanton House Needs Assessment and Stewardship Plan Report. Farmer asked the board to review the report and submit comments
- The board discussed putting the old Mill District School (112 Glenwood Road) property up for sale. First the town needs to have an appraisal done before the building can be put on the market.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Schettino