

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN HALL GREEN ROOM  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016  
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Bruce Farmer; Selectmen, Carol Walter, John Giannotti and Lynn Pinder

Absent: William Fritz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**VISITORS**

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to approve the minutes from February 03, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

There were no new resignations and appointments at this time.

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to add agenda item 4A –Ethel Peters Recreation Complex STEAP Grant Authorizing Resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ETHEL PETERS RECREATION COMPLEX STEAP GRANT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

Walter made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved the following resolution.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION  
Town Of Clinton

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sharon Uricchio, 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 February 10, 2016, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect: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 Bruce N. Farmer be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Selectman a grant agreement with the State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) authority for the Ethel Peters Recreation Complex – Field House STEAP 2016-05 Grant, 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

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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 10th day of February 2016.

**FINALIZE 2016/2017 TOWN BUDGET**

Walter recommended increasing the First Selectman's salary by 2 percent. Farmer declined and no motions were made.

The following changes were made to the Elections and Meetings budget. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter to increase certification & dues from \$2,920 to \$3,360. The motion was unanimously approved. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to decrease Election Day meals from \$1,200 to \$1,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter discussed putting some funding back into the Economic Development budget. No motions were made.

The following changes were made to the Inland Wetlands, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning & Zoning budgets. E. Knapp requested to have the intern hours restored in all three budgets. These hours will be used for the Data Management System. If for some reason the system gets eliminated from the budget then the intern hours can be reduced. Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to restore the Inland Wetlands intern line item from \$1,275 to \$1,750. The motion was unanimously approved. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter to restore the Zoning Board of Appeals Intern line item from \$1,275 to \$1,750. The motion was unanimously approved. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter to increase the Planning & Zoning Intern line item from \$1,275 to \$1,750. The motion was unanimously approved. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to add a line item for legal costs to the Planning & Zoning budget for \$30,000. The motion was unanimously approved. This way Planning & Zoning can keep track of their own legal costs.

The board discussed the WSAM salaries overtime line item. So far this year \$6,858 in overtime costs have been waived due to non-profit and town events plus they estimate another \$2,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. The salaries overtime budget has already been increased by \$5,000. Fitting said the weekend hours need to be covered by a full time experienced custodian and not a part timer. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to decrease salaries part time to zero and increase salaries overtime by \$2,800 for a total line item of \$14,800. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board discussed increasing the Fire Marshal position from part time to full time. No motions were made.

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Janet verified all the Communication budget line items and they are all correct. No changes were made to this budget.

The board reviewed the Police Budget. The 4-2 schedule expires on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The salaries overtime line item doesn't reflect any savings from the 4-2 schedule. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter to reduce commission expenses from \$1,000 to \$500. The motion was unanimously approved. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to reduce armory supplies from \$22,925 to \$20,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter to decrease Public Works gas/diesel line item by \$10,000 and increase landfill management costs by \$10,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Pinder to increase Building software line item from \$2,000 to \$6,200. The motion was unanimously approved. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to decrease Building Official salaries line item from \$82,299 to \$80,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Giannotti made a motion, seconded Walter to reduce the Conservation Commission budget from \$3,800 to \$1,800. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter to reduce Park & Rec convention & dues line item from \$1,000 to \$750. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board discussed reducing the Harbor Commission Pile Replacement budget from \$10,000 to \$8,000. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to reduce the repairs & maintenance line item from \$20,000 to \$17,000 due to the reduction in the pile replacement budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

Giannotti made a motion, seconded Pinder to reduce Human Services prevention coordinator line item from \$20,000 to zero. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Pinder to reduce General Government legal other line item from \$100,000 to \$70,000. The motion was unanimously approved. This line item was reduced due to the additional line item added to the Planning & Zoning budget to cover legal costs.

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to decrease Debt 2016 new money town interest line item from \$71,964 to \$49,657 and add a heavy equipment lease line item for \$25,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to remove BOE Debt 2016 Ban BOE INT for \$140,000 and reduce 2016 New Money BOE interest by \$117,113. The motion was unanimously approved. This budget is not reflected in the town budget.

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The board reviewed the capital budget. There was some discussion on the Police Body Cameras and possibly removing the funding if the budget fails to pass. No motions were made.

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve a total town budget of \$17,424,933 with an increase of 4.48 percent and send to the Board of Finance. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN**

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Walter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Administrative Assistant