

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
MARCH 09, 2016
MINUTES

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

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 02, 2016

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder to approve the minutes from March 2, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention from Walter.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations and appointments at this time.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL PARAMEDIC DEPARTMENT FUNDING REQUEST

Jim Santacroce, Paramedic Manager and Laura Martino, Vice President of Marketing and Developing for the Department of Emergency Medical Service at Middlesex Hospital presented a proposal regarding their Paramedic Program. John Battista and Brian Manware were also present. The hospital has 1 unit in Marlborough at their medical center and 1 unit at Westbrook at Shoreline Medical Center based out of the Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. Each of those units operate on a 24 hours a day/365 days a year schedule. The Westbrook location also has one unit that operates 12 hours a day/365 days a year. The Clinton Fire Department is registered with the State of Connecticut as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). If a 911 call comes in and a paramedic is needed then the call is dispatched to Middlesex Hospital. The hospital has seen an increase in calls over the last 4 years and a decrease in supplemental funding. Due to the increase in hospital tax and reduced payments for Medicaid the hospital is has been operating at a net loss since 2008. Below is the proposed funding based on per capita payment. After 5 years the town would be at a fifty percent cost share with Middlesex Hospital.

\$1.00 pp/per capita year 1 = \$13,129.00
\$2.00 pp/per capita year 2 = \$26,258.00
\$3.00 pp/per capita year 3 = \$39,387.00
\$4.00 pp/per capita year 4 = \$52,516.00
\$5.00 pp/per capita year 5 = \$65,645.00

The first year payment would have to be added to the upcoming 2016/2017 fiscal budget. The cost to have the town operate their own paramedic department would be at a much higher cost to the town. According to Middlesex the Town of Clinton is their third largest town in their area. Middlesex is asking other towns to contribute as well. Currently Westbrook, Essex, East Haddam and Colchester are already on board. L. Martino said if all towns do not sign on they will not come back to the town and ask for

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additional funding. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder to make a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance to add the year 1 funding of \$13,129.00 to the town's FY 2016/2017 operating budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLINTON FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Peggy Adler has scheduled 6 movies to be shown this year on the new movie screen at Town Hall. Recently the town purchased a new rear projection movie screen for the Auditorium. W. Fritz has waived all the room fees and custodial fees for the movies scheduled in 2016. The town also paid for the licensing fee of \$150 per movie for the first two movies. The first movie was held on January 9th and the second one was held on February 20th. Approximately 50-60 people attended the first screening and approximately 12 people attended the second screening. There are 4 more movies planned for this year. The other movies are scheduled for April 9th, September 10, October 8th and November 12th. These movies are all free to the public. Adler is asking for the 4 remaining licensing fees to be paid by the town. Pinder made a motion seconded by Fritz to approve paying the April licensing fee of \$150.00 from the Selectmen's miscellaneous fund. The motion was unanimously approved. Adler will have to come back to the board to ask for additional funding for the remainder of the movies next fiscal year.

TRAFFIC CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE VILLAGE AT MILL POND

Planning and Zoning has provided the board with a contract by Frederick P. Clark and Associates to perform a traffic review of the Mill Pond application. Frederick P. Clark and Associates would assist the town in a review of the application. The cost for the services would come out of the \$52,000 so far paid by Mill Pond LLC in fees to Land Use. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the Frederick P. Clark and Associates proposal for Traffic Consulting Services for an amount not to exceed \$10,600 including all out of pocket costs. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Fritz to add #7A – Citizens Guide to the 2016/2017 Budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

CITIZENS GUIDE TO THE 2016/2017 BUDGET

Last year the town paid \$1,508 to Technique Printers for the 2015/2016 Citizens Guide to the Budget. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Fritz to make a motion to go forward with the 2016/2017 Citizens Guide to the Budget subject to the approval by the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Board of Selectmen. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Morgan Building Committee update
- In August 2015 the Board of Selectmen endorsed the Friends of Clinton Youth & Family Services Chris Herren Project. At the time the Friends of Clinton Youth & Family reported having to raise between \$18,000 - \$20,000 through grants and local support. The town was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Farmer spoke to

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the grantor and none of this money from this grant can be used to fund this project. Fritz would like to see this put on a future agenda so they can provide a financial update and request town funding.

Reported by Pinder

- Pinder encouraged the board to support the Chris Herren Project.
- Provided the board with an update on the Clinton Sailing Club. To date they have raised \$6,000.

Reported by Giannotti

- Discussion on local Mobile Manufactured Homes

Reported by Farmer

- Farmer has a meeting next week with Jim Monopoli from the CT River Area Health District on the possibility of having the Town of Haddam join the district.
- There was a discussion on grant funding for Police Body-Worn Recording Equipment. This is a reimbursement grant.
- CIRMA has announced an increase in rates of 3 percent for 2016/17. J. Murphy had budgeted an increase of 5 percent so that line item can be reduced by \$6,500.
- This Friday is the last day anyone can submit names for the Charter Revision Commission. The board was asked to submit their list of recommendations for approval at next week's meeting.
- Discussion on the Fiscal Task Force Committee. Jack Scherban was asked to submit a list of recommended members and purpose of the committee.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant