

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 17, 2016
AMENDED MINUTES

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

Absent: Lynn Pinder

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

VISITORS

Kirk Carr spoke about the LOSAP Ordinance and the affordable housing project on Liberty Place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 10, 2016

Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the minutes from August 10, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention from Fritz.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations or appointments at this time.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST FOR LIBERTY PLACE

John Giannotti recused himself from all discussions. Arthur Isaacson, Faith Fisher and Brad Schide spoke about the affordable housing project proposed for 8 Liberty Place. Clinton Housing Inc is asking for the board to approve a tax abatement. The tax amount due the first year shall be \$3,500. The tax amount will increase 3 percent a year from the prior year tax for 40 years. Clinton Housing Inc was awarded a \$216,000 loan from the Department of Housing. These funds are being used for the design and to apply for and get all town approvals as needed for the project. Since the Department of Housing changed the application rules in the middle of the process, requiring more than 50 percent of the units to have two bedrooms, they have redesigned the building from 32 apartments to 21. Approximately 70 people are currently on the Clinton Housing Authority waiting list. The waiting list consists of veterans, retired police, retired fireman, disabled, seniors and the workforce. They will have first priority on residency. The 9 Town Transit has agreed to provide regular bus service to and from the facility. The bulk of the money for this project is coming from low income housing tax credits. Walter made a motion, seconded by Fritz to approve a tax abatement for the Clinton Housing Inc. for the affordable housing project at 8 liberty place. The tax amount due the first year shall be \$3500. The tax amount will increase 3 percent a year from the prior year tax amount for 40 years. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 in favor (Farmer, Fritz and Walter) 0 opposed and one abstention from Giannotti.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- LOSAP Ordinance – a public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24th at 6pm. An updated actuarial report will be available next week for the public hearing.
- New Morgan School – S.T.E.P. program started this week. They have begun installing sod in front of the school. The Ribbon Cutting and Open House is scheduled for August 28th. A temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector.

Reported by Walter

- The Opera performed this weekend at the town hall. The Clinton Summer Fest & Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday night.

Reported by Farmer

- The 2nd Annual Clinton Summer Fest and Fireworks are scheduled for this Saturday. The festival will begin at 5pm and the fireworks are scheduled to go off at 9pm. There will be activities at Pierson School, behind Town Hall and the town beach. The rain date is Sunday.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM.
Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino