

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 15, 2017
MINUTES

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

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

VISITORS

No one wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 08, 2017

The board discussed amending the minutes to include their decision to reduce the police major's salary. The major's salary was decreased from \$103,328 to \$100,000. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the February 8, 2017 minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations and appointments at this time.

2017/18 TOWN OPERATION BUDGET UPDATE

The total decrease in the police salaries full time line item wasn't included in with the budget total. The full time salary line item went from \$2,047,278 to \$1,985,783. The new town 2017/18 operating budget was decreased to \$17,989,297. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously approved a total 2017/18 Town Operation Budget of \$17,989,297 with an increase of \$696,397 or 4.03 percent.

LIBERTY PLACE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Giannotti recused himself from all discussions related to this item. Last year the board approved a tax abatement for the Clinton Housing Inc. for the affordable housing project at 8 Liberty Place. The agreement states that the tax amount for the first year shall be \$3500. The tax amount will increase 3 percent a year from the prior year tax for 40 years. This will be monitored by the tax office to insure compliance. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and approved the Tax Abatement Agreement between the Town of Clinton and Liberty Place Affordable Housing Limited Partnership for property acquired at 8 Liberty Place. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention from Giannotti.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Fritz and the rest of the board thanked Public Works for doing a great job clearing the roads during the last snow storm.

Reported by Pinder

- The board attended last weekend's Fire Department Banquet.
- The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a meet and greet on Thursday night with the new executive director. The event will be held at the Town Annex building from 5:30 pm – 7pm.

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Reported by Walter

- Walter reported on Monday night's Police Commission meeting.
- Walter briefly discussed the Post Main Water Treatment Facility in Old Saybrook.
- Walter complemented Superintendent Maryann O'Donnell for doing a great job.

Reported by Farmer

- Farmer has been in touch with legislators and organizations regarding the governor's proposed budget. The town is fighting the proposed decrease in revenue on every front.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino