

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Town Hall Green Room  
Wednesday, March 2, 2011  
Minutes**

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen, Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino, Ray Apel and Carol Walter.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

**VISITORS**

Doug Traynor spoke about the \$19,000 appropriation for conceptual drawings. Traynor said the Morgan Building Committee is a town committee and not an elected or appointed board. Traynor said according to state statute it is the responsibility of the Board of Education to make recommendations to the town. Fritz said the Board of Selectmen renamed the roof committee based on the recommendation from the Board of Education. Superintendent of Schools Jack Cross and Gerry Vece, member of the Board of Education, came to the Board of Selectmen requesting to rename the roof committee the Morgan Building Committee.

Jane Scully Welch gave Fritz over 20 signed blight complaint forms on 22 High Street.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to approve the minutes from February 9, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Fritz received a letter from David Lee retiring from the Board of Police Commissioners as of March 1, 2011. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to accept the resignation of David Lee from the Board of Police Commissioners. The motion was unanimously approved. Lee service on the commission for a long time and will be missed. The Republican Town Committee submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen with their recommendation. Lenny Cahill and Arthur Isaacson both submitted letters requesting to be appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners. This appointment will be on next week's agenda.

The Republican Town Committee also nominated someone for the Board of Education and Youth and Family Services Board but no republican seats are currently available.

Fritz received a written request from Conservation Commission chairman Larry Ouellette indicating Jessie Warren and Mike Markovics have volunteered to be student representatives on the Conservation Commission. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to have Jessie Warren and Mike Markovics serve as non voting student members of the Conservation Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**MORGAN BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO APPROVE \$19,000 FOR CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS**

On February 22, 2011 the Board of Finance did not approve the \$19,000 appropriation for conceptual drawings. Fritz said the job of the Board of Finance is to determine if the town has the funds. The Morgan Building Committee recommended the conceptual drawings to complete their study. Mezzetti made a motion for discussion, seconded by Vicino, to send the \$19,000 appropriation back to the Board of Finance for approval. A discussion followed regarding if the Board of Selectmen has the authority to send it back to the Board of Finance. Fritz said he spoke with the Town attorney and the board has the authority to send it back to the Board of Finance. Mezzetti, Fritz and Vicino voted in favor of the motion. Apel and Walter voted in opposition of the motion. The motion passed: 3-2.

**DISCUSS AND ACT ON BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

Mezzetti made a motion for discussion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the 2011/2012 Board of Education budget. Walter said last year the Board of Education was asked to disclose specific things and they were not in their budget presentation. The Board of Education was asked for full disclosure of stipends, allowances, superintendent and assistant superintendent contracts. Fritz agreed there should be full transparency. The motion was unanimously approved.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION**

The new finance director is Kevin Kane and his first day of work is Monday, March 14, 2011. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter to hiring Kevin Kane for Finance Director. The motion was unanimously approved.

**BONDING PACKAGE**

Fritz reviewed the bonding package with the board.

**Potential Projects for Bonding**

**Infrastructure (Roads, Sidewalks, Drainage etc.) - \$2.0 million**

**WSAM Restoration - \$2.0 million**

- Interior and exterior restoration

**IRRC Field 2 turf - \$985,000**

- for use and playability
- high demand on fields
- will allow extended play
- will allow other fields to be taken out of play for maintenance

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**Beach Building - \$120,000**

**Bulkheads and Uplands - \$900,000**

- Town received a STEAP grant for \$250,000
- Will raise the elevation to take the Old Police Station building out of the flood zone

**Academy Building Restoration - \$0**

- The Municipal Building Committee had several projects come in well under budget
- That money will be reallocated and put towards the Academy Building

**Eliot Windows, Septic System & Parking - \$775,000**

- the windows in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing are original construction from 1959
- The window walls and unit heaters need replacing
- The front septic system in the parking lot needs replacing

**Fiber - \$500,000**

**Salt Shed - \$600,000**

**Old PD - \$1.5 million**

- 1st floor would consist of a community room and kitchen
- 2nd floor will be business offices

**Total=           \$9,380,000**

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the bonding package totaling \$9,380,000 and send to the Board of Finance for approval. Mezzetti, Fritz, Walter and Vicino voted in favor of the motion. Apel voted in opposition of the motion. The motion passed: 4-1. If the Board of Finance approves the Bonding Package there will be a town meeting on March 30, 2011. The town meeting would adjourn to referendum on April 6, 2011.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino and unanimously approved and adopted the following resolution:

**TOWN OF CLINTON**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**BOND RESOLUTIONS**

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on March 2, 2011, on a motion by Board Member Dolly Mezzetti, and seconded by Board Member Thomas Vicino, the following resolutions were adopted:

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**Re: Appropriation and Bond Authorization of \$9,380,000 for Various  
Infrastructure Improvement Projects**

(i) that the sum of \$9,380,000 be appropriated for the cost of the various infrastructure improvement projects described on the list attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and all alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith, as well as engineering, architectural and temporary and permanent financing costs (the "Project") and to meet said appropriation and in lieu of a tax therefor, bonds of the Town be issued pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town Charter or any other provision of law thereto enabling in the amount of \$9,380,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available therefor; and

(ii) that the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer, be authorized to issue and sell temporary notes of the Town not to exceed \$9,380,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes or bonds, pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Town Charter or any other provision of law thereto enabling, provided that the proceeds from the sale of such notes shall be used for said purpose; and

(iii) that the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board of Selectmen, and the Treasurer shall sign the bonds or notes by either manual or facsimile signatures and that the law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes; and

(iv) that the First Selectman is authorized to determine the priority of and exact amounts to be spent on each infrastructure improvement project from the list attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent of the bonds or notes; sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; deliver the bonds or notes; and perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman, or a majority of the Board of Selectmen, and the Treasurer are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen hereby recommends to the Board of Finance that it approve the appropriation of \$9,380,000 for the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the capital projects for which general functional descriptions are provided above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the costs of the Expenditures with the proceeds of general obligation bonds and notes of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt (both bonds and notes) is not expected to exceed \$9,380,000. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

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**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Apel had nothing to report.

Vicino is meeting with two companies who are thinking of moving their business to Clinton. There will be a meeting next week to discuss the tax abatement policy and what the town wants to offer to potential business.

Walter updated the board on last Saturday's Capital Expenditure Committee meeting. Walter discussed having the new finance director make improvements in reporting.

Walter said all the septic pumpers are recording all their pumpouts in the Carmody System but there is no way for homeowners to access that data. Once the budget passes there will be a clerk monitoring all the data.

Fritz said the 2010 Grand list has been completed. There was a 9.8 percent reduction. 27 appeals have been filed with the Board of Assessment appeals. Fritz said with zero expenditure, the mill rate would increase by 1.8. Property values dropped so this doesn't mean taxes will go up.

The Board of Finance increased the Fire Marshall, Communications and Harbor Commission budgets. The Board of Finance has proposed increases in both the town and Board of Education capital budgets. These increases would bring the budget from 1.88 to 2.03 above last year.

Dates of hearings, referendums and meetings were noted as follows:

- April 13 – Public Hearing on the budget
- May 4 – Annual Budget meeting
- May 11 –Budget Referendum

Apel made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Administrative Assistant

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