

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Minutes**

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

Absent: Selectwomen Dolly Mezzetti

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

VISITORS

Rod Kirouac, 7 Bonny Lane, asked about the property on Bonny Lane. Fritz said these questions would need to be addressed by the Planning & Zoning attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2011

Apel made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to approve the minutes from March 16, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Walter made a motion, seconded by Apel, and unanimously approved, to accept the resignation of Albert Mantilia (R) from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Apel, and unanimously approved, to accept the resignation of Leonard M. Cahill (R) from the Capital Expenditure Committee.

RESOLUTION TO SET DATES FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM

Vicino made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approve, to adopt the following resolution:

**TOWN OF CLINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RESOLUTIONS**

RE: Set Dates for a Special Town Meeting and a Referendum for Various Infrastructure Improvement Projects.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2011, the Board of Selectmen adopted a resolution recommending an appropriation and authorizing bonds in the amount of \$9,380,000 for Various Infrastructure Improvement Projects; and

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WHEREAS, on March 21, 2011, the Board of Finance approved such recommendation and requested that the Board of Selectmen set a date for a Special Town Meeting and a Referendum to vote on such resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby calls a Special Town Meeting to be held on March 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Andrews Memorial Town Hall, Clinton, Connecticut, to consider but not vote upon the resolution to appropriate funds and authorize the issuance of bonds for Various Infrastructure Improvement Projects (the "Resolution").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and the Town Charter hereby removes the Resolution on the call of such Town Meeting for submission to the voters for vote by voting machine by the voters entitled to vote at such town meeting on April 6, 2011, during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Andrews Memorial Town Hall, Clinton, Connecticut under the following heading:

Shall the Town of Clinton appropriate \$9,380,000 for the costs of various infrastructure improvement projects in the Town, including but not limited to, the repair of roads, sidewalks, bulkheads and drainage, the installation of artificial turf at Indian River Recreation Complex and the repair and reconstruction of numerous town and school buildings including the Town Hall, Joel and Eliot Schools, the former police department building and various other public improvement projects of the Town and all alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith, as well as engineering, architectural and temporary and permanent financing costs and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$9,380,000 to finance such appropriation?

The moderator of such town meeting shall adjourn such meeting after reasonable discussion of the Resolution and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the town meeting and order such vote by voting machine in accordance with this resolution, the Town Charter and Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Vicino made a motion, seconded by Walter, to approve the request to decrease Communication Repairs & Maintenance by \$10500.00 and increase Police Office Supplies by \$2500.00, Communication part time by \$4000.000, Communication over time by \$4000.00 and send to the Board of Finance for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

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FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Walter made a motion, seconded by Vicino and unanimously approves, to adopt the following Fair Housing Resolution.

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
TOWN OF CLINTON**

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Clinton is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED,

That the Town of Clinton hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the chief executive officer of the Town of Clinton or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Clinton and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the **Town of Clinton** on March 23, 2011

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Mr. William W. Fritz, First Selectman

Walter made a motion, seconded by Apel, and unanimously approved to authorize First Selectman Fritz to sign the following resolution:

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
(AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER)**

Certified Resolution of the Governing Body

I, William W. Fritz, Jr., First Selectman, certify that below is a true and correct copy of a
(Name of Official) (Title of Official)

resolution duly adopted by Town of Clinton
(Name of the Municipality)

at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen
(Governing Body)

duly convened on 3/23/11 and which has not been rescinded or
modified in

(Meeting Date)
any way whatsoever and is at present in full force and effect.

(Date)

(Signature and Title of Official)

SEAL

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C § 5301, et. seq., as amended, also known as Public Law 93-383, and administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development as the Connecticut Small Cities Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized disburse such federal monies to local municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Clinton make an application to the State for up to (Municipality) \$700,000 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
Board of Selectmen

(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by

Part VI of Chapter 130 of the CGS

(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by
Town of Clinton

(Municipality)

in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 is hereby approved and that

First Selectman, William W. Fritz

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, to carryout approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of Town of Clinton.

BLUEFISH FESTIVAL ADVERTISING PROGRAM BOOK

Fritz explained every year the Board of Selectmen take out a full page ad in the Bluefish Festival Advertising Program Book. Apel made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to purchase a full page ad in the Program Book at the cost of \$150.00 and pay for it out of the Selectmen's fund. The motion was unanimously approved.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Apel reported on Monday night's Board of Police Commissioners meeting. Apel said Edward O'Connor was elected chairman. Apel commended Chief Lawrie for handling everything so well.

Vicino said the Business Expo is being held this weekend at the Town hall.

Walter discussed Monday night's Board of Finance meeting and asked what the maximum occupancy is for the conference room. Walter felt the meeting should have been moved to the Rose room.

Walter asked if the Morgan Building Committee is going to do anything about repairing the current roof. Fritz said that is the responsibility of the building/maintenance department and not the committee. When the weather gets warmer repairs will be made to the roof. The roof is not eligible for replacement until 2012.

Walter met with Peter Neff, Director of Public Works, regarding the Dog Park. Walter hopes to finalize things with Planning & Zoning at their April meeting. There was a discussion regarding the dog ordinance.

Little League opening day is April 30, 2011. The parade begins at the Eliot Little Field at 11:30 AM.

The Board of Finance budget public hearing has been scheduled for April 13th at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen regular meeting will be canceled so the board can attend the public hearing.

The town meeting has been scheduled for March 30, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Green Room of the Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen regular meeting scheduled for that evening will be canceled. There are 4 items on the agenda for the town meeting. The bonding package will not be voted on and will automatically be adjourned to referendum. The \$47,000 Public Works appropriation, \$40,000 reallocation for the Pleasant Valley Bridge Project and the \$19,000 appropriation for architectural services to prepare the conceptual drawings for the Morgan School Building will all be voted on at the town meeting.

Fritz said the new finance director Kevin Kane is doing a great job.

Fritz said he put a zero percent increase in next year's budget for the health insurance. They anticipate a possible 4-5 percent decrease for next year. There was a discussion on other ways to save money on health insurance.

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ADJOURN

Walter made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant