

**Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, May 18, 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

No one wished to speak at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 13, 2011

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2011. Walter requested the minutes be amended under Budget Discussion. The sentence should say “Dennis Donovan suggested reducing capital by \$400,000, take \$400,000 from the surplus and put it towards capital *expenditures*”. Mezzetti withdrew her motion and made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13, 2011 as amended. Vicino seconded the motion. Apel abstained from voting. The motion passed 4-1.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fritz received a letter from the Democratic Town Committee requesting to appoint Andrea E. Woliver to the Clinton Inland Wetlands Commission. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appoint Andrea E. Woliver to the Clinton Inlands Wetlands Commission for a term until June 30, 2014. Walter and Apel opposed the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

Fritz received a letter from Harriet W. Juel requesting to be appointed to the WSAM Committee. Juel is a life long Clinton resident. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to appoint Harriet W. Juel to the WSAM Committee. Walter opposed the motion. The motion passed 4-1.

GARY ST. AMAND, CT STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY

The State Department of Public Health and the American Heart Association recognizes Clinton as a HEARTSafe Community. A HEARTSafe Community promotes and supports: CPR training in the community; public access to defibrillation and early advanced care. Clinton provides CPR training and has placed defibrillators in all of our town building. Gary St. Amand from the State Department of Public Health presented Fritz with an official proclamation. Amand said the designation is only good for three years and must be renewed after the third year.

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AWARD HURD HOUSE BID – ABCON ENVIRONMENTAL

Peter Neff, Director of Public Works said based on a review of our environmental consultants it is recommended that the award for the mitigation of hazardous materials in the Hurd House be awarded to ABCON Environmental in the amount of \$10,250. ABCON Environmental was the low bidder for the required work. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded Walter, to award the Hurd House Asbestos and Lead Abatement bid to ABCON Environmental in the amount of \$10,250. The motion was unanimously approved.

Neff spoke about the Chittenden Hill Road project and requested the board accept the project as complete. Neff said the project will close with an estimated \$8,000 dollar surplus. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to accept the Chittenden Hill Road project as complete, close the project and return the \$8,000 back into the general fund. The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

Police Chief Todd Lawrie and Major Tom Lucas spoke about the 2011 Cops Hiring Grant. This grant covers salary and benefits for 36 months. Upon acceptance of the grant the town will be required to retain the officer position for a minimum of one year. If the application is accepted and approved the town will receive \$267, 300, (\$89,100 per year) over the 36 months of the grant period. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter, authorizing the Clinton Police Department to apply for the 2011 Cops Hiring Grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Apel said the Board of Police Commissioners held a ceremony this week honoring the men and women of law enforcement who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Vicino updated everyone on the Economic Development Commission.

Walter said the town beach building is moving along on schedule. They hope to have the beach building open by July 4, 2011.

Walter discussed the minutes from the last Turf Committee meeting. The minutes said the maintenance costs associated with the artificial turf will be \$40,000 - \$50,000 every two years. Fritz said he talked with Aniskovich and the maintenance costs listed in the minutes were inaccurate.

Mezzetti updated the board on the Fire Department Rescue Truck Committee. The committee has developed an RFP for the rescue truck.

The Board of Finance held a meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011 and discussed reducing the Town's and Board of Education's Capital Expenditure budgets by \$400,000 total and use the surplus (undesignated fund balance) funds to possibly purchase the items removed. The Board of Education will reduce their budget by \$250,000 and the town will reduce their budget by \$150,000. Fritz said no surplus money will be used. All surplus money must go into the undesignated fund balance. Surplus money would have to

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be re-appropriated through the normal budget process. Fritz proposed cutting \$136,000 from capital and \$15,000 from the maintenance contract for the Comm. Center.

The public hearing is tonight at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of the Town Hall. Immediately after the public hearing the Board of Finance will hold a special meeting to finalize the budget. The referendum is Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Fritz said there is a Soccer Tournament scheduled for this weekend. The tournament will pay for all the field paint and Public Works and Police Department overtime.

ADJOURN

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino