

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall Conference Room  
Wednesday, July 13, 2011  
Minutes

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

**VISITORS**

Barbara Webb said if we build a new high school she suggested using the old high school for government offices or renting out the building for office space. Fritz said he will forward her recommendations to the building committee.

Hal Dolan asked Vicino why there was no bottle collection container at the Town Docks. Vicino said he would call SARAH and have information at next week's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 6, 2011**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the minutes from July 6, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

None

**BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ALLIANCE COMMITTEE – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

The Bike and Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton was formed to promote healthy transportation options, such as bicycling and walking, around town. Debbie Lundgren, Safe Routes to School coordinator was present for the meeting. Lundgren said the committee has been working closely with the Jack Cross Superintendent of Schools, William Fritz First Selectman, the Clinton PTA and the Police Department to advance a Safe Routes to School plan. The committee's desire is to tackle the issue of childhood obesity and encourage bicycling and walking to and from school in a safe environment. The committee has drafted a Safe Routes to School Master Plan for Lewin G. Joel School, Abraham Pierson School and Jared Eliot Middle School. Some of the concerns for parents are the speed of traffic, condition of the side walks, safety of the intersections and the amount of traffic on the roads. The action plan would address some of these issues. BPAC is committed to promoting safe active transportation options through the five E's,

- Engineering – provide a comprehensive network of safe routes for active (i.e., non-motorized) travel.

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- Education – teach motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, etc., to respect each other’s rights and observe the traffic rules necessary to safely share the roads.
- Encouragement – promote the shift of short trips and commutes from motorized to active travel to improve health, reduce congestion, and foster sustainability.
- Enforcement - ensure that existing traffic safety rules, such as posted speed limits, stop signs, and crosswalks, are consistently observed in all modes of travel.
- Evaluation – actively solicit public feedback and effectively address public concerns in order to expand participation in and benefits of active transportation.

Lundgren is requesting the Board of Selectmen endorse the master plan and provide a letter of support to apply for the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant. Applications for each of the three schools will be sent in. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to endorse the Safe Routes to School Master Plan and provide a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen. The motion was unanimously approved. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to authorize the Bike and Pedestrian Alliance Committee to apply for the Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant for Lewin G. Joel School, Abraham Pierson School and Jared Eliot Middle School. The motion was unanimously approved. Fritz said no town match will be required with this grant.

**SELECTMEN’S REPORTS**

Apel reported on the town docks. Everything looks great.

Vicino reported on the turf field. They have broken ground and a committee meeting has been scheduled for next week. The Municipal Building Committee has a meeting scheduled for next week.

Walter asked Dolan for a report from the Water Pollution Control Commission. Dolan said they have drilled on three properties. Two of the three sites tested well. The third site tested poorly so the site was aborted. Several owners have not given permission to access their property. CDM estimates needing 250,000 gal per day. A meeting will be scheduled for the end of the month with Dennis Greci from DEP, Mary Jane Engle from CRAHD and members of the Water Pollution Control Commission.

Mezzetti said the town docks look great and thanked the dock master for doing a great job. The Fire Truck Committee is meeting tonight with one of the venders. The Elderly Housing Committee met last night and has another meeting scheduled for next Tuesday. The Web/Technology Committee has met with all the recording clerks to review the new policy.

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Fritz attended a meeting Tuesday morning with local selectmen and superintendents of school to discuss health insurance. 9 towns are coming together to set up their own health insurance fund. Their goal is to have it in place by January 1, 2012 so they can apply the savings to the next fiscal budget. The savings would be approximately 16 percent for an Anthem plan and 15 percent for a CIGNA plan. Fritz said we buy into their network and this would cut down on all the administrative costs. Fritz said they plan on having a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education to review the plans. The savings would be substantial for the town.

A benefit concert has been planned for August 6, 2011 from 1pm – 10:00 PM to help support the Bernier family. The concert is called “Zackaroo” and it is taking place on Peters Field. This will be an all day event featuring over 16 bands. There will also be other festivities such as arts and crafts, and numerous concessions.

Family day is this Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the town beach. This is a free event.

The Bluefish Festival is next Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Clinton Town Hall.

DPW is working with Tilcon and is currently paving and curbing Morgan Park. Next on the list is Harbor Parkway.

**ADJOURN**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino