

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, August 3, 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 8:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

VISITORS

The following letter was submitted to Fritz from Kirk Carr, Treasurer of the Clinton Taxpayers Association. Fritz read the letter.

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This request is on behalf of the Clinton Taxpayers Association (CTA), a nonpartisan municipal political committee registered with the Clinton Town Clerk. Under provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Freedom of information Act, the CTA officially requests copies of the following documents:

- 1. All change orders approved by any appointed or elected official related to the project know as "Clinton Landing."*
- 2. Balance sheet, income and expense reports provided by the Board of Trustees of the Henry Carter Hull Library to the Board of Finance in application for funding for the last 4 years.*
- 3. Documentation of capital funding, bond issuance and costs associated with capital projects listed in the June 15 Board of Selectmen minutes Exhibits A and B (attached).*
- 4. Documentation on any town land exchanges with John Watts including correspondence, emails, copies of legal notices for town meetings or referendums and results of those meetings or referendums from 2005 to the present.*

Your cooperation will help the CT A to fulfill its mission, which is to accurately and to thoroughly inform Clinton's taxpayers. For that, we are very grateful.

Respectfully,

Kirk Carr

Fritz told Carr we will comply with their request and let him know when the information is available.

Carr asked the board to amend the Board of Selectmen minutes from the July 20, 2011. Carr asked for the following statement to be added to the record "Fritz said one of the reasons why businesses don't relocate to Clinton is because it's too hard to deal with Planning & Zoning and their regulations."

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Carr also asked Fritz to review the current change orders for the Artificial Turf Field project. The total contingency for the project is \$85,000. A change order for \$25,000 has been approved. Fritz said there should be another change order for approximately \$35,000 because of the rock they encountered.

Mezzetti left the meeting at 8:03 AM and returned at 8:05 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 20, 2011

Apel made a motion, seconded by Vicino to approve the minutes from July 13, 2011. Walter requested the minutes be amended under Visitors. Walter asked for Fritz’s comment about Planning and Zoning to be added to the minutes. *“Fritz said one of the reasons why businesses don’t relocate to Clinton is because it’s hard to deal with Planning & Zoning and their regulations.”* Apel and Vicino withdrew their motion. Apel made a motion to accept the minutes of July 20, 2011 as amended. Vicino seconded the motion. Mezzetti did not vote because she was out of the room. The amended minutes were approved.

CIRMA

CIRMA presented the Town of Clinton and Board of Education with a Members’ Equity Distribution check in the amount of \$22,136.00. Walter made a motion to dedicate this money to the Economic Development Commission. Walter said if not the entire amount then at least \$14,999. There was no second to this motion. Walter said our town needs economic development and they can’t do that without money. Fritz said the money must first go into the general fund. Then the money can be appropriated out of the general fund. Fritz said he prefers to have the Economic Development Commission come to the Board of Selectmen for an appropriation instead of just giving them the money. Fritz said the Board of Finance will not approve an appropriation unless they know what the money will be used for. Vicino said the Economic Development Commission was scheduled to meet this week but the meeting was canceled. Vicino said the commission will be working with Planning & Zoning to make their regulations more business friendly.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Lawrie and Major Lucas were present for the meeting. Lucas said they are requesting \$8,592.00 be transferred into their building repair and maintenance account to replace the broken air conditioning unit in the UPS backup room for the computer system and to replace their floor cleaning machine. The floor cleaning machine is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced. The board discussed the account detail report. Mezzetti made a motion to approve the line item transfers and send to the Board of Finance for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

INCREASE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
110-216-253	Building Repair and Maintenance	\$8592
DECREASE ACCOUNT(S)	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
110-216-215	Communication Devices	\$1193
110-216-252	Office machine repair	\$1134
110-216-256	Service Contracts to	\$1900

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110-216-312	Subscriptions/Publications	\$1585
110-216-3 19	Janitorial Supplies	\$1607
110-216-454	Collect	\$1173

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Apel attended the benefit dinner that was held this past weekend for Zach Bernier. 512 dinners were served. The town docks are looking great and he thanked the dock master for doing an excellent job. Apel said he has seen a lot of tag sale signs that go up and nobody takes them down. Sometimes they stay up for 1-2 weeks. Someone should be going around town taking down any signs that have been left up too long.

Vicino attended the Lacrosse fundraiser held this past weekend for Zach Bernier. Approximately 60-70 kids were in attendance. The Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours ribbon cutting ceremony at the Town Docks. The site work for the Artificial Turf Field is 99 percent completed. The drains are in and the electrical work is complete. The turf field should be delivered in 2 ½ weeks. Vicino spoke with the Motor Vehicle Department regarding all the Connecticut offices being closed. They currently employ 1200 people and anticipate laying off approximately 900 employees. They are discussing the possibility of local tax offices taking in license plates, car dealerships processing vehicle registration and AAA offices renewing licenses. The \$100,000 Animal Shelter Grant for Clinton & Westbrook was approved. Vicino said the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge is still in the process of being repaired. Walter said there are no signs when you turn into Pleasant Valley Road stating the road is closed. People are turning down the road then finding it difficult to turn around.

Walter discussed the Artificial Turf Field project. The Town of Cheshire built their field with grant money and donations. Walter said going to the taxpayers for everything is over. The town should start to seek donations for town projects. Fritz said the town is asking local organizations to contribute to certain projects. Walter is very interested in receiving more information on the Board of Education. Walter said the Board of Education agendas and minutes are not posted on the web site in a timely fashion. She also enquired about receiving expenditure reports and said they are not communication friendly. Walter said the Library and Board of Education are a domain until themselves. Walter said there should be more transparency.

Mezzetti thanked the Bluefish Festival Committee for doing an excellent job. Mezzetti attended the pasta dinner and Lacrosse fundraiser for Zach Bernier. This Saturday the Zackaroo Festival will be held at Ethel Peter's Park starting at 12:00 noon.

Fritz reported on the status of Morgan Park road. The Water Company is taking a little longer than they anticipated. He thanked Public Works for doing an outstanding job. Fritz and members of the Economic Development Commission will meet with the governor on August 19th to discuss the Stanley Bostitch Building and Unilever. The Unilever employees are unsure what will happen next. Corporate will not make a decision until January 2011. New orders are coming in all the time. Fritz will be meeting with the kids today to finalize plans for Saturday's Zackaroo Festival. The town of Madison has donated their stage for the event. Peter Lemley, an electrician from Madison has also donated his services. Food vendors will be set up near the concession stand.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to enter into executive session at 8:41 AM and invite the Board of Selectmen, Police Chief Lawrie, Major Lucas and the Board of Police Commissioners. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel, to exit out of executive session at 9:05 AM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to approve giving a 2 percent raise to Major Lucas, Major Santry and Kathy Nicely. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to approve giving a 3 percent raise to Police Chief Todd Lawrie. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Vicino made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant