

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, August 17, 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

No one wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 10, 2011

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2011. Apel seconded the motion for discussion. Walter wanted the minutes to show she had asked Fritz if she can to the meeting on August 19, 2011 with Fritz and Vicino to see the governor and Fritz said no. Fritz explained that if she attended the meeting it would constitute a quorum of the BOS. Walter said when discussing the purchase of a new rescue vehicle she would like the minutes to reflect she had asked if they have applied for any grants to offset the cost of a new vehicle. Mezzetti withdrew her first motion and made a motion to accept the minutes of August 10, 2011 as amended. Apel seconded the motion which was approved with Mezzetti abstaining.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fritz received a letter resignation from Jessica Warren, non-voting student member of the Inland Wetlands Commission. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel accepting the resignation from Jessica Warren, non-voting student member of the Inland Wetlands Commission. A letter of thanks will be sent to Warren. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Democratic Town Committee recommended reappointing Lois Ruggiero to the Youth & Family Services Bureau Board of Directors. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to reappoint Lois Ruggiero (D) to the Youth & Family Services Bureau for a term until June 30, 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to reappoint Brian Pellegrini (U) to the Youth & Family Services Bureau Board of Directors for a term until June 30, 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti to reappoint Cheryl Church (R) to the Youth & Family Services Bureau Board of Directors for a term until June 30, 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

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TOWN OF CLINTON 350TH ANNIVERSARY

Sal Chiamonte would like to get a committee together in preparation of the town's 350th Anniversary. Chiamonte was involved in the 300th Anniversary celebration. Chiamonte said this was a year long celebration with various activities planned throughout the year. Chiamonte said he would set up the initial meeting and invite all local organizations. Walter said she would love to be involved. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to approve hosting a Semi-Centennial 350th Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Clinton. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Apel reported on this month's Harbor Management commission meeting. There will be no increase in fees for 2012. The beach building is coming along. The building has running water and soon the sheet rock will go up.

Vicino reported on the turf field project. The drains are complete. Eighty-five percent of the site work is complete. Next week they will take final measurements. The carpet should arrive on August 22nd. They expect to complete the project by September 15th. The Pleasant Valley Road Bridge should be completed in two weeks.

Walter asked about the status of the blight complaint that Jane Scully Welch had given the board on the Munger property. Munger received a letter from the town attorney. She has 30 days to comply. After the 30 days the case would get taken to court and we would ask for the property to be condemned. The owner has been non-responsive. Fritz reported that the Town Attorney has become involved in this issue.

Walter said she had asked several weeks ago for the Board of Education financials, agenda and minutes to be emailed to the entire board on a regular basis and still has not received anything. The financials are usually included in with the agenda package. The agenda package is very large and does not get sent out electronically. The agenda package is sent by mail and usually arrives on the day of the meeting. Walter said the agenda and minutes should be sent to the board as a courtesy. Fritz said he will give them a call.

Mezzetti spoke about the Fire Truck Committee. Mezzetti said the committee is working very hard and doing everything they can to get the best price. Walter said she would like them investigate grants. Fritz said they do investigate and apply for grants but the problem is the grants are usually awarded to larger cities. Walter said she is not against them getting a rescue truck but she just wants to make sure they do everything they can to offset any costs.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to enter into executive session at 8:21 AM and invite the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief Todd Lawrie. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to exit out of executive session at 8:36 AM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to hire Wendy McDermott's as the Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief and accept her contract. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Vicino made a motion, seconded by Walter to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant