

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 14, 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**

Hal Dolan asked why the minutes from last week's Economic Development Commission have not been posted on the web site. Vicino said he will look into it. Dolan also inquired about the status of the Web Site Committee. Fritz, John Crovo and Chuck Venter met with Rich Holton from Enterprise Computers. Fritz suggested Holton meet with Web Site committee to review his proposal. Mezzetti will talk with Crovo then arrange for Holton to meet with Web Site Committee.

Ona NejdI asked if anything can be done to clean up the Watts Property before this week's Fireman's Parade. Fritz said he talked to Watts and it should be mowed by the end of the week. NejdI presented the board with a copy of a signed petition that will be sent to the CT Water Company and the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. The petition is from the residents of Sols Point Road requesting to have the water lines replaced. The water lines are very old and in dire need of replacing. The Public Works Department will be replacing the catch basins sometime next month and they feel this would be the best opportunity for them to upgrade the water line.

Carr inquired about the Board of Selectmen meeting two weeks ago when the board approved to send to the Board of Finance a request from the library to restore the \$100,000 that was cut from the budget. Carr believes the board should have never sent this request to the Board of Finance. A discussion followed.

Bob Voss, Fire Chief, thanked the Board of Selectmen, Public Works and the Police Department for all their assistance during and after the storm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from September 7, 2011. Apel seconded the motion for discussion. Walter asked for the minutes to be amended. Under approval of minutes from August 31, 2011 regarding the Dog Park it should say "Walter said I hope this is not political." Walter said regarding the Emergency Management meeting she would like the minutes to reflect the charter states she can attend any meeting. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to approve the minutes of August 31, 2011 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

None

**ELDERLY HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Arthur Isaacson, member of the Elderly Housing Committee presented the board with an agreement between the Town of Clinton and Brad Schide, LLC. This agreement would provide development services in the first phase for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of the former Camp Hadar property, 26 Carter Hill Road for an affordable elderly housing project. Isaacson said this is the sixth property the committee has examined. All other properties were found not acceptable. The committee is asking for the board to grant approval for the First Selectman to sign the contract and approve the first part of the contract, Schedule A for an amount not to exceed \$11,000. It is likely they will not need to spend the entire amount. Isaacson said the outside counsel fee is \$4500. If the town chooses to use their own counsel the fee can be eliminated. Isaacson suggested using the outside counsel because of their extensive background knowledge. The facility would have a minimum of 30 units. The advantage of having the town do this project is to get most of the project paid through grants. There was a discussion regarding emergency vehicles accessing the proposed site. Walter said she would like to see this tabled for now. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to send a request to the Board of Finance and approve the Development Service Agreement with Brad Schide, Phase 1 Schedule A for \$11,000. Mezzetti, Vicino, Fritz and Apel voted in favor of the motion. Walter opposed the motion. The motion passed 4-1.

**ASSESSOR – PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDIT**

Donna Sempey, Assessor, reviewed the Personal Property Audits. Twenty properties were randomly selected. The cost to audit the 20 properties was \$10,000. The total additional tax dollars to be collected if everyone pays is \$79,383.88. \$38,171 has already been collected. Sempey is requesting an additional \$10,000 to audit 20 more properties. If the letters go out before October they can audit back 4 years instead of 3 years. Ona NejdI asked what impact the recent storm will have on the Grand list. Some of the homes on Shore Road were severely damaged from the storm. If a house is deemed to be inhabitable then adjustments will be made. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to send a request to the Board of Finance to appropriate \$10,000 for Personal Property Audits. The motion was unanimously approved.

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION – TROPICAL STORM IRENE**

Fritz reviewed some of the costs associated with Tropical Storm Irene. The Police overtime and Public Works overtime money need to be put back. Fritz reviewed some preliminary costs associated with the storm. Fritz recommending appropriating \$335,000 into a separate account for storm related expenses.

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\$12,350 of that would go to restore Police overtime and \$19,000 would go to restore Public Works overtime. The leftover balance in the account would be \$303,650. This will also help with FEMA so we can easily track all our expenses. The town should be reimbursed seventy five percent or possibly more from FEMA. Fritz said this will not affect taxes. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to send to the Board of Finance a request to appropriate \$335,000 for Tropical Storm Irene. The motion was unanimously approved.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Apel reported on Kathy Nicely's retirement luncheon held at the Westbrook Elks. The Harbor Commission reported no major damage at the town marina from the storm. The only damage reported was the dock ramp at Cedar Island.

Vicino reported on last week's Economic Development Commission meeting. The commission discussed the three large buildings in town. Vicino said the commission is planning on approaching the Board of Selectmen soon to request funding.

Vicino reported on the Turf Committee. The turf has arrived at the site. The drainage work was done perfectly. They are still negotiating the final bill from Coastline Construction. WBA is totally satisfied with the work done by Coastline.

Walter asked what the status was on the Hurd House. Bob Voss, Fire Chief said they don't anticipate needing the house for much longer.

Walter inquired about the job posting on the web site for the Director of Human Services. Barbara Small has submitted her resignation and her job has been posted. This is not a new position.

Walter asked about the Clinton Events Magazine. This is a free publication and is published by Essex Printing.

Mezzetti and Fritz attended the 911 ceremony organized by Pastor Horvath at the First Congregational Church.

The Clinton Fire Department is hosting this year's 2011 Fireman's Convention. This will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department. The block party will be Saturday night from 5:00 PM -10:00 PM at the fire house. The parade will be held on Sunday. 78 towns will be participating in the parade with 130 – 140 trucks on display. Route 1 will be closed intermittingly from 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Trucks will not be parked on Shore road. All business in town have been notified and signs have been posted.

Fritz thanked Pete Neff and Public works for doing a great job cleaning up from the storm.

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**ADJOURN**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Administrative Assistant