

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Minutes

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen, Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino, John Giannotti 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

Kirk Carr inquired about the status of the petition that was submitted on December 20, 2011. Carr also asked to see the bid documents from Tropical Storm Irene Phase 3.

Bob Campanaro from Coastline Construction spoke about the Indian River Artificial Turf Project. Coastline Construction has not received final payment. The sub-committee will be meeting this week with the contractor and WBA Group to negotiate final billing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2012

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to approve the minutes from January 11, 2012. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to accept the resignation of Gerald Vece from the Board of Education. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appoint Jane Vece (D) to the Fair Rent Commission for the remainder of the term to June 2012. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appoint Valerie Nye (D) to the Board of Finance alternate seat for the remainder of the term to November 2013. Nye spoke regarding her qualifications citing she is a CPA and has worked for Wesleyan University for seven years as manager of financial reporting. She has also worked on capital planning for Wesleyan. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion seconded by Vicino to appoint Kimberly Buckley (D) to the Board of Education. Buckley was unable to attend this morning's meeting due a conflict with work. Walter asked for the appointment to be tabled until next week so the board can meet with Buckley. Mezzetti withdrew her motion. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to table this appointment until next week. The motion was unanimously approved.

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The Republican Town Committee submitted a letter with names to be considered for the Charter Revision Committee. A complete list will be sent to the board and will be acted on at next week's meeting. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to table this until next week. The motion was unanimously approved.

HCH LIBRARY APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Maribeth Breen and Lynn Hidek requested an appropriation of \$30,000 to be able to fund the operation of the library at its current reduced hours to the end of this fiscal year. The library has already used \$42,000 of its reserves to fund the operation of the building since July 2011. \$10,579 of this fiscal year's expenses was paid to GR Wade for HVAC repairs. Fritz said the only expense he can justify is the \$10,579 for the HVAC repairs since the town does own the building. Breen said the board of trustees will either decide to further cut services or will have to dip further into their reserves. Fritz recommended having them meet with their board of director and come back next week with an impact statement. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to table this until next week. Walter abstained from voting. Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION DRUG FREE COMUNITIES GRANT

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously approved the following resolution:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

I, Karen Lee Marsden, Town Clerk of the Municipality of Clinton, Connecticut, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen duly held and convened on January 18, 2012 at which a constituted quorum of the Board of Selectmen was present and acting throughout, and further certify that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked, and is, at present, in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, That William W. Fritz, Jr., First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Central Connecticut State University.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his signature and the town seal this 18th day of January 2012.

Karen Lee Marsden
Clinton Town Clerk

BUDGET REVIEWS

- Economic Development Commission – Doug Traynor presented this budget. Traynor requested to reduce salaries by \$1000 and transfer that money into advertising.

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- Public Works – Peter Neff presented this budget. Several line items decreased from last year. Neff said most of the savings was in tipping fees. Landfill management costs, DPW Facilities Repair/Maintenance, Road Equipment maintenance, sand/salt and office costs all went down from last year. Neff said Landfill management costs should go down again the following year because of the new contract signed with CRRRA. Overall budget reflects an increase of 1.23 percent.
- Park and Recreation – Robert Potter and Harry Swan presented this budget. Most of the increase in salaries is contractual. Potter increased part time salaries by 2 percent. Part time employees have not received a raise in over three years. The part time salaries line item shows an overall decrease from last year even with the 2 percent raise. Repairs and maintenance increased. Lifeguards hours increased to 30 hours per week. Overall budget reflects an increase of 4.94 percent.
- Social Services – Lois Ruggiero presented this budget. Full time and Part time salaries increased. Full time salary increase is contractual. Except for salaries the remainder of the budget remained flat.
- Youth & Family Services – Lois Ruggiero presented this budget. Peter Schultheis has been hired as the Director of Human Services. Except for salaries the remainder of the budget remained relatively flat.
- All the budgets to date that have been reviewed by the Board of Selectmen reflect an overall increase of 3.72 percent.

Fritz left the meeting at 8:50 AM.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Vicino

- Middlesex County Revitalization
- Economic Development Commission meeting tonight at 7:00 PM

Reported by Walter

- Capital Expenditure Committee has a meeting Thursday night at 6:30 PM in the Rose Room.

Reported by Giannotti

- Morgan Building Committee held a meeting on Tuesday night with David Thompson Architects and Gilbane Building Company. Conceptual estimate for a 127,000 net square footage building is \$68,574,017. The price was a little higher than the committee had anticipated. The committee has scheduled another meeting for January 24, 2012.

Reported by Mezzetti

- Fire Truck Committee is meeting this week to review the bids on the new rescue truck.

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ADJOURN

Vicino made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant