

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Rose Room
Wednesday, February 2, 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 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag

VISITORS

Linda Stuhlman, Coordinator of Best Beginnings in Clinton spoke on behalf of the library. Best Beginnings works with children from birth through 5 years old. In the past a workshop was held at the library every Thursday morning. With the reduced hours the library is now closed on Thursday mornings. Stuhlman said the library is a valuable resource for parents with younger children.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2012

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2012. Walter seconded the motion for discussion. Under budget reviews for the library the total increase in the budget from last year is 28.81 percent. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to appoint Thomas Hollinger (R) to the Charter Revision Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. Hollinger is the ninth and final member to be appointed to the committee. Hollinger was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

THE MORGAN SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE

Every year The Morgan School puts on a musical and this year's production is "Fiddler on the Roof. The Selectmen usually purchase a full page ad in the program book. Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to purchase a full page ad for \$175.00 in The Morgan School Musical program book. The motion was unanimously approved.

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

The American Heart Association has designated this Friday as National Wear Red Day to help raise women's awareness for heart disease and stroke. Everyone can support the fight against heart disease in women by wearing red this Friday. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Connecticut women. The American Heart Association is asking for donations of \$5.00 or more. Donations can be made in the First Selectman's office. Everyone who donates money will receive a Go

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Red for Women pin. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Giannotti declaring Friday, February 3rd as National Wear Red Day for the Town of Clinton. The motion was unanimously approved.

HISTORIC RESTORATION FUND GRANT – CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved the following resolution;

**HISTORIC RESTORATION FUND GRANT
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 February 1, 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 State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, and to affix the corporate seal, if any.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his signature and the town seal this 1st day of February 2012.

Karen Lee Marsden
Clinton Town Clerk

REJECT FIRE TRUCK BID

The Truck Committee received three bids for the new heavy duty rescue truck. The way the language was worded in the bid specifications none of the vendors met the requirements. The committees is asking the board to reject the three bids, return their bid bond and go back out to bid. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter to reject the three bids. The motion was unanimously approved. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to go back out to bid and return the bid bonds. The motion was unanimously approved.

BUDGET REVIEWS

- Before any additional reductions the total town budget was 9.99 % above last year
- After further review by Fritz and Kane the budget was reduced to 5.54 %
- Fritz and Kane met again this morning and reduced the budget to 4.63 % or \$660,927 above last year.
- Capital Improvement Plan was reduced from \$1,188,443 to \$552,000
- Fritz and Kane reduced the town's operating budget by \$130,197

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- Mezzetti recommended increasing the First Selectman's salary by 2 percent which would be an increase of \$1,652. Fritz deferred his raise this year to Social Services. Fritz asked to leave his salary flat. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to raise the First Selectman's salary by 2 percent or \$1,652. Walter opposed the motion. The motion passed 3-1.
- CRAHD budget will remain flat
- There was some discussion on the library budget. Breen said their restricted account can be used for building improvements but not operational expenses. Giannotti proposed to eliminate their capital budget and have them use their restricted account for the bathroom upgrades. Giannotti also proposed to leave their operational budget the same as last year plus an additional \$50,000. The library currently has five full time employees. As a result of last year's budget referendum the library was forced to reduce their hours. Giannotti asked why full time employees are working when the library is closed. Full time employees did receive a pay cut but their hours were not reduced. Fritz recommended leaving the \$40,000 in capital and reducing the budget to \$693,550. Their original request was \$764,175. Breen said they have the money to do the bathroom upgrades and asked to have the \$40,000 transferred into her operational budget. The budget remained at \$693,550.

Mezzetti made a motion to send the town budget to the Board of Finance including the adjustment made tonight for a total of \$14,951,364 or 4.64 percent above last year. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Fritz did eliminate the All Season Dump Truck and the Utility Vehicle with Plow from the Public Works capital budget. Kane recommended funding these two vehicles through a special appropriation and taking it out of the capital budget.
- Fritz estimates the total budget for both the town and Board of Education should be under 2 percent. The Board of Education will present their budget on February 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Green Room of Town Hall.

Reported by Walter

- The fence is up at the Dog Park. Members of the committee had asked to name the park "Bailey's Park" in memory of a dog that had recently passed away. The board had no objections.
- John Main, Chairman of Planning & Zoning is meeting with other members of various boards and commissions to update the town's plan of conservation. Main had sent a letter to Fritz requesting his input.

ADJOURN

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant