

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
MARCH 06, 2019
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil, Selectmen Jack Scherban, Tim Guerra, Carol Walter and Phillip Sengle

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

VISITORS

Carrie Allen has nominated the Greenway to receive state recognition on behalf of the Bike Pedestrian Alliance Committee. Allen is asking for a letter of support from the board.

K. Carr spoke about the budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the minutes from February 27, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations or appointments at this time.

HUMAN SERVICES LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to decrease in service line item by \$495 and other supplies line item by \$300 and increase dues & fees line item by \$795. The motion was unanimously approved.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to table this until later in the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

CDR MAGUIRE TASK ORDER 2

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to table this until next week's meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL THIRD AMANDMENT TO AGREEMENT

The board reviewed the third amendment to the Middlesex Hospital agreement. The board approved the agreement but will follow up with Fire Chief Manware regarding questions on service and cost. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the Middlesex Hospital Third Amendment and authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement on behalf of the town. The motion was unanimously approved.

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ARTS DISTRICT

Sadie Colcord with CERC and Carrie Allen both spoke in support of forming an Arts District. The Arts District will not impact current zoning or design review. Walter made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously approved the following resolution to designate an arts district for the Town of Clinton.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO
DESIGNATE AN ARTS DISTRICT FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON, CT**

WHEREAS a Clinton Arts District has been designated to: enhance a culture of arts; to create universal access for Clinton artists and cultural arts organizations; and to contribute to the vibrancy of the area in a collaborative and supportive arts community;

WHEREAS the Clinton Arts Council formed on March 6, 2019 to begin collaborative efforts to improve and enhance a culture of arts, with an emphasis on creating a downtown cultural Arts District for Clinton;

WHEREAS establishing the Arts District will encourage continued collaboration among Clinton's many creative organizations, events and historic and cultural assets (venues, facilities, locations, etc.), and contribute to sustainable creativity and innovation within Clinton;

WHEREAS the impact of an Arts District is measurable. Currently, Clinton offers many cultural arts events through collaborative efforts of diverse organizations each year as a local and regional attraction and resource. The cultural arts draw residents and tourists who also support adjacent businesses such as restaurants, lodging, marine and retail. The presence of cultural arts also enhance property values, the profitability of surrounding businesses and the area's tax base;

WHEREAS the Clinton Arts Council will create and publish a Clinton Cultural Arts Blueprint as a detailed plan with forethought and design to provide four overarching support areas for guiding the cultural arts initiative in Clinton:

Create a Clinton Cultural Arts Strategic Blueprint:

1. Increase community awareness and appreciation of the arts by identifying and promoting opportunities to naturally engage with artists and art related experiences;
2. Foster a supportive environment for artists and art organizations to connect through advocacy, professional development, marketing, and the identification of funding sources; and
3. Complement Clinton's Plan of Conservation and Development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Clinton Board of Selectmen establishes the Clinton Cultural Arts District to:

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Be focused on the geographic area extending from the properties of the Liberty Green Historic District and East Main Street westerly to North High Street and West Main Street, as well as northerly along Hull Street from the Intersection of West Main Street to include John Street and the Unilever Factory;

1. Encourage the exploration of and participation in the Clinton Arts District through a wide variety of art and cultural experiences unique to Clinton and, activate the area to support Clinton's position as a truly unique and authentic cultural arts destination;
2. Endorse the goals of economic vitality and enhance Clinton's quality of life and quality of place through participation in the development of and support of the Clinton Arts District;
3. Encourage the Town of Clinton to promote the Clinton Arts District through the strategic attraction and retention of arts and culture-related businesses, preservation of cultural and historical assets, downtown revitalization initiatives and capitalize on new and existing investment in the downtown central business district to positively impact the cultural arts district;
4. Identify a Town Board liaison for the Clinton Arts Council in support of the Clinton Arts District;
5. Direct through the Town of Clinton active support and cooperation with the Clinton Arts Council to further develop, maintain and encourage the economic vitality and sustainability of the Clinton Arts District; and
6. Agree that the Clinton Arts Council will provide support, programming and work directly for the long term sustainability of the Clinton Arts District.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED

by the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Clinton this 6 day of March 2019.

Board of Selectmen of Clinton, Connecticut.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Sengle to appoint the First Selectman as the liaison to the Arts District Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to add agenda item 9A – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT

Kelley Edwards, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, requested permission to apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services grant through the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. If approved the grant would allow the department to sustain all of the services they currently have as well as the ability to add services. The grant request would be for up to \$300,000 for up to 5 years with no matching funds required. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve applying for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services grant for up to \$300,000 with no matching funds required. The motion was unanimously approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Department of Transportation sent 2 letters to the town providing notice that it's proceeding with plans to acquire property for the I-95 N.B. Off-Ramp at North High St and North High St. at Route 81. The projects design requires the Department of Transportation to acquire from the town property rights located at High Street. The state is offering the town \$700.00 based upon an estimate of compensation. If the town doesn't approve the agreement, then DOT will move to acquire the property rights by eminent domain. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to settle claims of litigation by the Department of Transportation for a property acquisition for \$700.00 located at High Street and to include a letter from FHI on the RT 81 Corridor Study. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN MANAGER

- 8 firms have registered for the bid
- 1 firm has submitted questions
- RFP is listed on several websites
- Committee meets again next week

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Sengle

- Discussion on Board of Finance budget workshop

Reported by Walter

- Attended Carter Hill Public Informational meeting

Reported by Guerra

- Thanked Public Works for a great job during this week's storm

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil was able to ride along with Public Works during this week's storm
- Bonding Committee will meet Thursday night and make recommendations for the bonding package.
- Board of Selectmen will hold a special meeting on Monday morning to finalize the Board of Education budget and send to the Board of Finance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & POSSIBLE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to enter into executive session at 8:53 am and invite Mary Schettino. The motion was unanimously approved. The board came out of executive session at 9:21 am. No action was taken by the board.

ADJOURN

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:22 am.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino