

Town of Clinton
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 05, 2023
Town Hall Green Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Chris Aniskovich, Carol Walter, Dennis Donovan, Tom Hollinger, Carrie Allen, Chris Passante and Hank Teskey
Also participated: Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

C. Aniskovich called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The council stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting can be viewed in its entirety online at <http://reflect-vsctv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/gallery/3?channel=1>

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2023

C. Walter made a motion seconded by T. Hollinger to approve the minutes from June 21, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

K. Lombard submitted an email to the council withdrawing her reappointment to the Inland Wetlands Commission. No action was taken by the council.

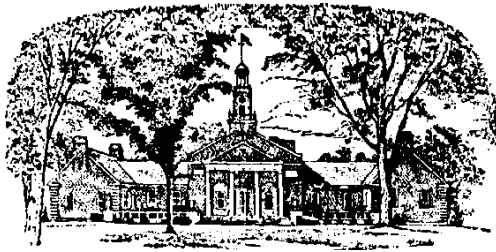
C. Walter made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to reappoint Jerome Warner (R) to the Shellfish Commission for a term until June 30, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Central Regional Tourism District is looking for a tourism representative for Clinton. H. Teskey reported that Bob Murdock is interested in serving. T. Hollinger made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to appoint Bob Murdock as a representative to the Central Regional Tourism District. The motion was unanimously approved.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by C. Allen to approve the Shellfish line item transfer request to increase other items by \$2,100 and decrease misc. expenditures by \$1,700, other supplies by \$350 and general supplies by \$50. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to approve the Park & Recreation line item transfer request to increase repairs & maintenance by \$2767.97 and decrease general maintenance by \$2767.97. The motion was unanimously approved.



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C. Walter made a motion, seconded by C. Allen to approve the Police Department line item transfer request to increase recruitment costs by \$3,264.71 and decrease training by \$3,264.71. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to approve the Town Manager's line item transfer request to increase the donation to the Chamber of Commerce for Summerfest by increasing miscellaneous expense by \$10,000 and decreasing contingency by \$10,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The council has an ARPA workshop scheduled for Thursday, July 6th at 6pm.

The council had a discussion about the three land use boards that are still meeting virtually. The council strongly suggested that all boards and commission meet in person to better serve the needs of the community.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

K. Kilduff reviewed his written report dated July 05, 2023.

- Pierson RFP – interviews have been scheduled with the 3 developers. The Town Manager and Town Planner will be conducting the interviews. Once the interviews are complete the council will need to schedule an executive session to discuss the results.
- Early Voting was approved to start next year for the presidential primary. Every town was given a \$10,500 grant to go towards expenses. This does not cover the cost for public education on early voting. This funding will not be provided in the future and towns will need to add the cost to their budget.
- The town is in the process of trying to find a new director for Human Services.
- At the next council meeting there will be a discussion on the downtown area.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

C. Walter discussed the letter the council received regarding a property on Commerce Street.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

D. Donovan reported that the last Police Commission meeting was canceled.

ADJOURN

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by C. Allen and unanimously adjourned the meeting 8:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: July 5, 2023

Please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council and community.

1. Council Business:

- Pierson RFP Responses – Interviews have been scheduled with the 3 developers that responded to our Request for Development Proposals for the former Pierson School. The Town Planner and myself will interview each firm to get more detail on their proposals which will allow us to better compare the merits of the three proposals. The interviews have been scheduled for later this month. Once complete, we will be looking for an Executive Session with the Council to discuss the results of the review and our approach to any real estate transaction.

2. COG Meeting:

The Council of Governments met on June 28, 2023. Highlights of the meeting that are of interest to Clinton included:

- Early Voting – A report was given by the Regional Election monitor regarding the roll out of early voting for the Presidential Preference primary in April 2024 in terms of the number of days, operating hours and required staffing. Every town is being given a grant of \$10,500 to go toward expenses associated with offering early voting. It remains to be seen if this will be sufficient funding. Right now, this funding will not be provided into the future so the cost for early voting will have to be added to every town's budget. Further, funding that was supposed to help with public education on early voting and how it works was not in the State budget. As a result, it is not clear who will help the public understand the process and who will pay for it. I have asked our Registrars to determine if their professional association is developing standardized materials so a consistent message can be given since none seem to be in the offering from the State.
- Cyber Security – A presentation was given from the Department of Homeland Security for the resources they have available to help local governments to evaluate cyber security risks.
- COG Budget – The COG's budget was amended and re-adopted to reflect additional State grants funds being provided for regional projects. The COG will survey towns to determine potential projects that could have a beneficial impact across the member towns.
- Regional Solid Waste Grant Application – As of the meeting, the COG had yet to hear from the DEEP on the status of the grant application to fund technical assistance to aid in evaluating a regional solid waste authority. The program received far more grant applications than funds

available. The additional regional funds described above could be used to address this concern if the COG is not awarded the grant.

3. Miscellaneous:

- Discussion on Downtown Clinton – As a follow-up to the last meeting and the brief discussion regarding a presentation on the downtown, at as staff level we are planning to start that discussion at the Council meeting of July 19. Given some time constraints, we wanted to introduce some concepts at the Council meeting with a deeper dive and further discussion during a subsequent workshop meeting.
- Union Contract Negotiations – Negotiations are on-going with the Police Union as the last union contract to be settled.
- Hiring – Hiring is still in process to find a new department director for Human Services following a re-advertisement of the position with the pending retirement of David Melillo.