

**Agenda**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 01, 2023 at 8:00 AM**  
**Town Hall Green Room**

1. Pledge
2. Visitors
3. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2023
4. Appointments/Reappointments  
Brett Martin (D) Conservation Commission for a term until 6/30/24  
Marc Gelven (D) Police Commission effective 2/14/23 for a term until Nov 2025  
Gail Henrick (U) Board of Ethics for a term until 6/30/2025  
Terry Clark (D) Historic District Commission Alternate Seat until 6/30/23  
Coastal Resiliency Committee
5. Appropriation Request for Park & Recreation Study
6. Local Prevention Council Grant Application
7. Public Works Line Item Transfer Request
8. Chairman's Report
9. Town Manager's Report
10. Council Discussion
11. Town Council Committee Liaison Reports
12. Adjourn

## ***Coastal Resiliency Task Force***

### ***Purpose:***

The Coastal Resiliency Task Force will work with town staff to prepare a Coastal Resiliency Plan in conjunction with the neighboring communities of Westbrook, Old Saybrook, and Fenwick. The Plan will assess the impacts of climate change, including storm surge, flooding, extreme weather events, and sea level rise, and will identify community needs across connected systems within the built and natural environment. Focus areas include social and cultural systems, historic assets, the local economy, infrastructure, facilities and the needs of the natural environment. The Plan will identify and prioritize projects which address risks and hazards to Town infrastructure and coastal properties (public and private) that will increase community resilience.

### ***Charges and Responsibilities:***

- Participate in the selection of a professional consultant for the Coastal Resiliency Plan.
- Select a member of the Coast Resiliency Task Force to represent Clinton in joint work meetings with partner communities and the consultant. The representative will act as a liaison between the Task Force and the regional working group to communicate priorities and recommendations throughout the development of the Plan.
- Review and summarize the key actions, studies and reports that the Town has taken or prepared in recent years to improve the Town's coastal resilience, in order to identify common findings, goals, opportunities for coordination, and recommendations.
- Recommend priorities for coastal resiliency projects, including review of costs, funding sources/grant opportunities, professional service requirements, next steps, action steps, additional resource needs – including the development of a team of advisors and partnership opportunities.
- Review the degree to which existing policies and regulations address or enable climate change mitigation/adaptation strategies and coastal resiliency accommodations; identify any "disconnects" between regulations and practice and recommend ways to achieve alignment; review proposed regulations for climate change mitigation/adaptation and coastal resiliency purposes.
- Assist with obtaining community feedback from all areas of the community, including seasonal residents and groups who may not regularly engage in conversation with the Town. Conduct public education and outreach to residents, homeowners, businesses, and other stakeholders about the Town's vulnerabilities to climate change and sea level rise.
- Review information on sea level rise projections with regard to impacts on the community.

- Review the activities of other coastal communities as related to coastal resiliency planning and projects.
- Provide regular updates to the Town Council and other Town Boards and Commissions.
- Maintain communication with similar committees in our neighboring municipalities, and with state, regional and federal agencies to coordinate planning and projects where practical, including the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) and the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), to assist in evaluating the projected impacts of climate change and sea level rise.
- Develop a Resiliency Plan for consideration and adoption.
- Upon adoption of the initial Resiliency Plan, propose and prioritize capital projects for inclusion in the Town's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Provide input into the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), National Hazards Mitigation Plan, and other planning documents as appropriate.
- Support public education and outreach to residents, homeowners, businesses, and other stakeholders about the Town's vulnerabilities to climate change and sea level rise.

***Membership and Term:***

The Task Force membership shall be appointed by the Town Council and be comprised of 5(7) regular members and 2 alternates.

One representative shall come from the following boards, commissions or committees: Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission, Harbor Management Commission, and Sustainability Committee. Additional appointees may include a marina owner or others with ties to the coastal economy and a beach association.

Non-voting, ex-officio staff shall include: Town Planner, Public Works Director, Emergency Management Director, Building Official, and others as needed.

The Town Council has the authority to appoint additional members and/or alternate members as appropriate to facilitate the work of the Task Force.

**Suggested Motion:**

Pursuant to 10-4B of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby appropriates \$10,000 for American Recovery Plan Act funds for the purpose of funding a study to evaluating Park & Recreation properties to identify areas that could locate additional amenities.

**Suggested Motion:**

The Town Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission of a Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$4,152.79.

**TOWN OF CLINTON  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS REQUEST FORM**

|                                |   |
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| <b>DATE OF REQUEST:</b>        | <b>1/13/2023</b>  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF REQUEST:</b>  | <b>DPW</b>  |
| <b>FISCAL YEAR OF REQUEST:</b> | <b>FY23</b>   |
| <b>REASON FOR REQUEST:</b>     | <b>Due to price increases a sander was not purchases. Looking to close-out finished capital projects to fund.</b> |

| INCREASE ACCOUNT(S) | DESCRIPTION        | AMOUNT    |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 604301-59407        | DMP TRK/PLW SANDER | 5913.72 ✓ |
|                     |                    |           |

| DECREASE ACCOUNT(S) | DESCRIPTION      | AMOUNT   |
|---------------------|------------------|----------|
| 604301-59171        | LAND USE AC UNIT | 1200 ✓   |
| 604301-59359        | FY21 Field reno  | 3316 ✓   |
| 604301-59408        | Grounds mower    | 592 ✓    |
| 604301-59409        | HVY DUTY TRUCK   | 412.22 ✓ |
| 604301-59410        | PAINT MACHINE    | 393.50   |

1) Department Head Signature\*:

*Todd Hard*

Date: 1/13/2023

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*when completed forward to Director of Finance for review*

2) Director of Finance:

*See Cyman*

Funds are available: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: 1/17/23 Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Town Manager:

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Town Council:

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Finance Dept:

Date Transfer made: \_\_\_\_\_

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: February 1, 2023

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

### 1. Council Business:

- FY2023-24 Budget – The budget remains front and center. Meetings have taken place with all departments or boards requesting funding in the budget. I am making budget adjustments and am coordinating with the Superintendent of Schools on capital budget items. We are still tracking budget assumptions for outside vendors like insurance, pension, etc... which can have a major impact on expenditures.

As noted previously, on the revenue side of the budget, the Governor will deliver his budget in early February which is an important starting point for us to understand how local grants-in-aid are assumed in his budget.

- EDC Goal Setting – The EDC is essentially done with their goal setting process. Their work will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled EDC meeting for adoption. This should give them a focus and stay focused on activities which impact economic development locally. As noted previously, I would anticipate that they will want to come to a future Town Council meeting to discuss their plans.

### 2. River COG:

The Council of Governments met again on January 25, 2023. Some of the meeting highlights included:

- Presentation of I-95 study - The DOT is looking at I-95 from Branford to the Rhode Island border to evaluate ways to increase capacity on the highway to address congestion. Design concepts could address high volumes of traffic, short off ramps and tight curves which slows speeds. This DOT study will carry on through 2023. A virtual public meeting was held in the fall of 2022. Concepts and design alternatives are being screened for possible identification in the spring of 2023. Additional outreach is supposed to follow after that which should include impacted communities. The DOT is planning another virtual public meeting this summer. The final study is supposed to be completed by the fall.
- CEDS Public Comment – the COG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is out for public comment at this time. It is expected that the COG will vote on the plan in March. A CEDS is tool to help leverage additional federal funding and our region is the only one in the State without a CEDS.

### 3. Miscellaneous:

- Union Contract Negotiation – Union contract negotiations are starting up this month with preliminary meetings and information exchange requests. Negotiations need to be completed for entire successor agreements to the Police and Dispatchers Unions. Public Works, Clerical and Supervisors all have wage re-openers where only wages are subject to negotiations. Additionally, the Police Union wants to continue pension negotiations which were put on hold in 2018.
- Landfill Capping Project – Our permit to cap the landfill is in the review queue with DEEP. Plainville and West Hartford are ahead of us in the process taking the same approach proposed here. Plainville was recently approved by DEEP after 1 year in their permitting process. West Hartford is in front of us and is looking to get out of DEEP permitting sooner than 1 year. Feedback on their review process can help us move forward faster too. The designs are basically the same. DEEP was looking for West Hartford to complete another permit form to speed things along. We are looking at that same form for our project. I will likely need the Council to provide some additional engineer fee funding to complete this additional form. While not required (and Plainville was approved without it), it was represented that it could help compress the review time from the 1 year experienced by Plainville.
- Eversource Tree Trimming Notice – Attached to this report is an additional notice of planned tree trimming in Clinton for areas for “low reliability”.
- Coastal Resiliency – As I have reported previously, the Council may want to think about creating a Coastal Resiliency committee to assist in the regional grant project. Such a Committee could include representation from the Council and different boards and commission which could be impacted by such efforts to help participate in the process and guide the recommendations as it relates to the needs of Clinton. I will prepare a draft for future consideration.





To our community partners:

At Eversource, we are dedicated to delivering reliable energy and providing excellent customer service. Our comprehensive vegetation management program includes year-round tree work to protect the electric system. Trees are the number one cause of outages during storms in Connecticut.

Statewide, our data shows a continued need for regular tree maintenance in the face of drought, tree disease and stronger storms. Each year, we complete tree work along 4,000 miles of overhead electric distribution lines around the state. The enclosed Tree Reliability Scorecard provides a visual representation of vegetation management **in your community**.

It includes:

- An overview of our 2023 tree work plan
- The number of blocked roads caused by trees during storms
- The number of customers who refused our proposed tree work
- The impact of tree reliability on customers

Additionally, we have identified 45 segments of the electric system where power outages had major impacts to customers, and in many cases to critical facilities, in the past. **A poor performing device segment has been identified in your town.** As a result, we plan to conduct an assessment in the poor performing device area to complete additional tree work. This work may involve removing *hazardous* trees outside our normal clearance zone. We will not complete any work without proper permissions.

While we always provide a map of scheduled tree work to our communities ahead of time, we believe these enhanced communications make it easier than ever to understand how thoughtful tree work strengthens the grid. Our expert Arborists plan to work closely with community leaders and residents to discuss plans and seek permission before tree work begins sometime around July. Dale McLeod, an Eversource Arborist, will be the point of contact for all aspects of the work in your community. Dale McLeod can be reached at 860-310-9371.

If you have any questions regarding Eversource's vegetation management program, please contact me at 860-665-6103.

Sincerely,

Sean Redding,

Eversource Manager of Vegetation Management

Enc: Town Scorecard, Poor Performing Device Segment Map



# EVERSOURCE

CLINTON



## DISTRIBUTION TREE RELIABILITY



TOTAL MILES SCHEDULED

**0.0**

TOWN TOTAL

**80.2**



BACKBONE MILES SCHEDULED

**0.0**

TOWN TOTAL

**21.5**



BLOCKED ROADS (2018-2022)

**85**



CUSTOMER REFUSALS & LIGHT TRIMS  
(2018-2022)

**135**

## TREE RELIABILITY 2022

CUSTOMERS SERVED

**7,221**

PERCENT TREE-RELATED OUTAGES

**41%**

OUTAGES

**158**

CUSTOMERS IMPACTED

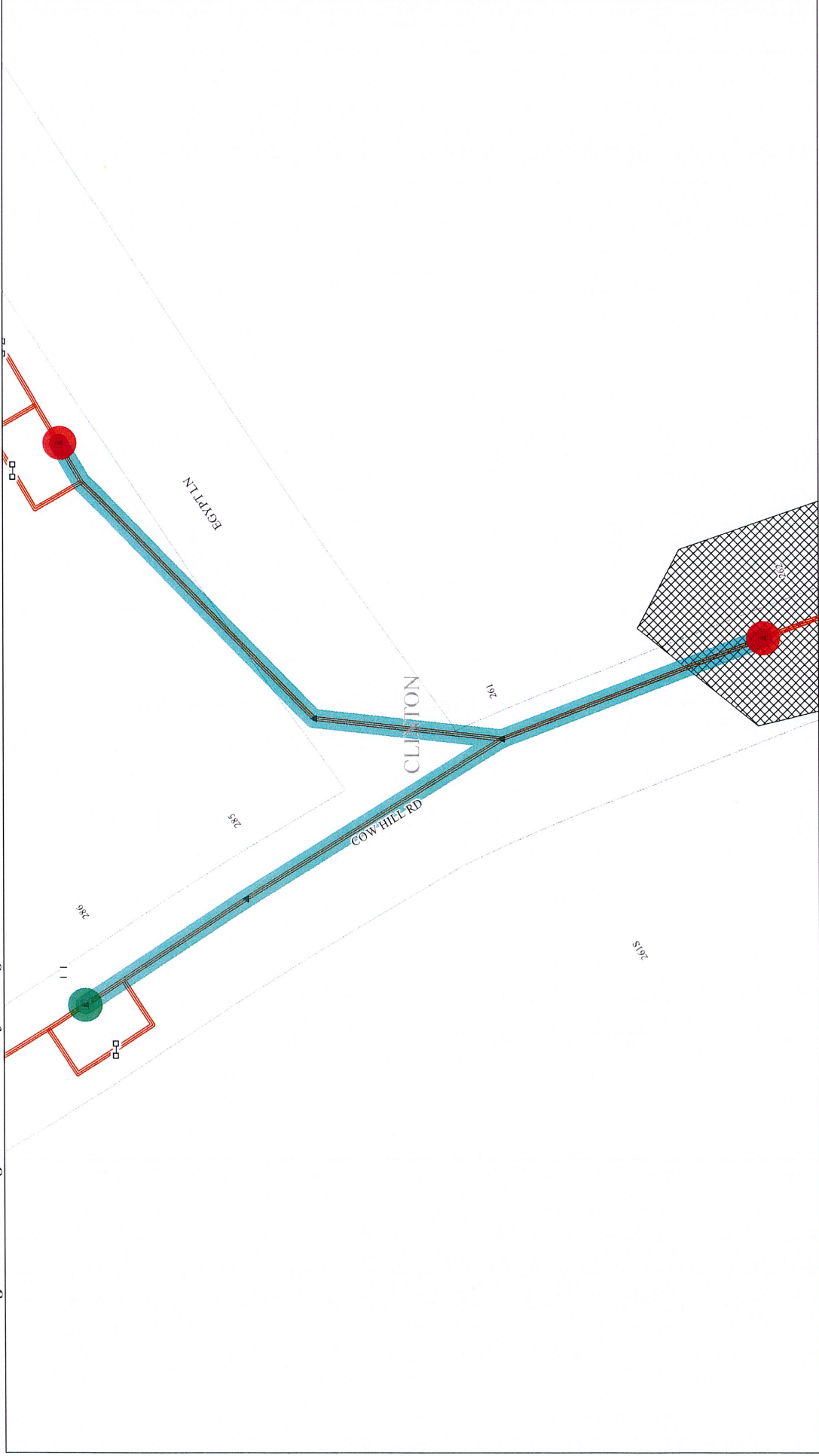
**4,862**

MINUTES CUSTOMERS IMPACTED

**277,381**







### EVERSOURCE

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: The material contained on the Overhead Distribution Circuit Map shall be considered proprietary to Eversource Energy, and Users (which shall be defined as any person or entity who has received the map through sale, purchase, exchange, gift, or otherwise) shall keep it in confidence and shall not furnish or disclose it to any third party without the prior written permission of Eversource Energy.

1 inch = 51 feet



- PPD Start Device
- PPD Stop Device
- PPD Segment
- OH Primary
- OH Backbone
- OH Lateral
- UG Primary
- UG Backbone
- UG Lateral
- Cutout
- Pole
- Reelbox
- Switch Bank
- Open Point
- Seaplane Bank
- Tripout
- Primary Meter
- Hydrology
- Streets
- Railroad
- Substation
- Town Boundaries

### Poor Performing Device

Circuit: 30R7  
Substation: GREEN HILL  
Town: Clinton  
AWC: MS

Plotted  
1/10/2023

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Start Device: SCADA     | VS 286-30R7-4000 |
| Start Pole: 286         |                  |
| Stop Pole(s): 258 / 262 |                  |
| Scheduled Miles: 0.14   |                  |
| 2023 Circuit: N         |                  |

