



Town of Clinton
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Town Hall Green Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Chris Passante, Michael Shove, Brian Roccapiore (virtual) and Hank Teskey
Absent: Chris Aniskovich and Dennis Donovan
Also participated: Richard Brown, Interim Town Manager

C. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mike Shove led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

VISITORS

Diana Avino, representing the Boulder Lake Tax District, inquired about correspondences that were sent to the Town Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 01, 2024

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to approve the minutes from May 01, 2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to appoint Elizabeth Pinette to the Beautification Committee for a term until June 30, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to appoint Jane Scully Welch to the America250 Advisory Committee for a term until January 01, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

M. Shove made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to appoint Nancy Meinke to the America250 Advisory Committee for a term until January 01, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREE WARDEN UPDATE

Gary Bousquet, Tree Warden, informed the council that 1-2 additional trees will need to be removed from Liberty Green. The trees are at the end of their lifespan. Bousquet reviewed the tree replace program with the council. Bousquet maintains the bricks at the Commerce Street Green. Bousquet suggested rename the green "Veterans Park".

SHELLFISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION REQUEST

The town went out to bid for the purchase of a new boat and trailer. The boat will be primarily used to patrol shellfishing areas, collect water samples and restock shellfish. The commission approved awarding the bid to the low bidder. H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by C. Passante authorizing a resolution amending an appropriation in the CIP 2022-23 account 604167-59419 for a Shellfish Commission sampling and utility boat replacement. The original amount approved is for \$22,700. An additional appropriation of \$20,267 is requested to be funded from the Shellfish fund 41. This will bring the total appropriation amount to \$42,967 for the replacement of the Shellfish Commission sampling and utility boat.



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SET MILL RATE FOR FY2024-2025

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by M. Shove that the Town Council hereby sets the rate of taxation on the taxable property of the Town for the July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 fiscal year at 30.26 mills. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT

Robert Tait, Finance Director, reviewed his monthly financial report with the council.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The council has scheduled a Meet and Greet for Thursday, May 16th at 6pm.
- Hank Teskey will represent the council at the Memorial Day Parade.
- Downtown subcommittee has a meeting on May 30th at 6:00 pm in the Rose Room.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Senator Needleman's office announced \$250,000 in ARPA funds were awarded to Clinton for the Town Beach project.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- H. Teskey reported on EDC.
- C. Passante reported on Park & Recreation Commission
- B. Roccapriore reported on Planning & Zoning Commission

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO CGS 1-200 (6) (A)

H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to go into executive session at 7:45 PM and invite Richard Brown, M. Schettino and Karl Kilduff. The motion was unanimously approved. The council came out of executive session at 8:57 PM.

ADJOURN

M. Shove made a motion, seconded by C. Passante and unanimously adjourned the meeting 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager