

# Town of Clinton 54 East Main Street Clinton, Connecticut 06413

## Town Council Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 30, 2024 Town Hall Rose Room

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Brian Roccapriore, Chris Passante, Michael Shove, Hank

Teskey and Chris Aniskovich

Absent: Dennis Donovan

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

C. Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. M. Shove made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to go into executive session at 6:00 PM and Mary Schettino. The motion was unanimously approved. The council came out of executive session at 6:12 PM.

#### **TOWN MANAGER POSITION**

C. Aniskovich made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to appoint Michelle Benivegna as the Town Manager of the Town of Clinton as stated in the Town Charter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Below is a statement that was read by C. Aniskovich and C. Allen.

#### Clinton Town Council Selects Second Town Manager

The Clinton Town Council has unanimously chosen Michelle Benivegna as its second Town Manager. Michelle's impressive career trajectory in municipal government, including her concurrent roles as Director of Administration and Management, Director of Human Resources, and Economic Development Director, instills confidence in her ability to lead our town.

According to Michelle, "Taking on the role of town manager in the Town of Clinton is an exciting opportunity. The goal is to work collaboratively with the town council, residents, town departments, and local businesses to fulfill the council's vision. Together, efforts will continue to advance economic development while also striving for the town's overall progress. Being selected for this role is a privilege, and it is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. I am ready to get to work, and will always remain committed to encouraging and supporting new, creative ideas for the advancement of this very special community. "

We want to thank Randi of Randi Frank Consulting for her immediate and tireless work on Clinton's behalf. Randi has worked closely with the Council throughout this process, bringing over 20 candidates to our attention and helping us hone our search to two finalists in early May.

The Town Council Also wants to express our appreciation to our Interim Town Manager, Richard Brown. His leadership and guidance have ensured that this challenging transition has been as seamless as possible. He has not only assisted the Council in passing the budget but also in hiring a much-needed financial director, providing reassurance during this period of change.



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Last but not least, Mary Schettino—there are no words to adequately credit her for all the time, work, effort, and thought she put into each and every challenge she faced and overcame. Clinton is truly a better place because of Mary's dedication and heart, making a meaningful difference in our community every day.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino Executive Assistant Town Manager