

Town of Clinton  
54 East Main Street  
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
Town Hall Green Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Michael Shove, Brian Roccapiore, Dennis Donovan, Chris Passante and Hank Teskey  
Absent: Chris Aniskovich  
Also participated: Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager

C. Allen called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Dennis Donovan led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

**VISITORS**

No one wished to speak at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2024**

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to approve the minutes from December 18, 2024. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention from C. Allen.

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to appoint Mark Richards (R) to the Economic Development Commission for a term until 6/30/26. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to appoint Brian Smith (R) to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term until 6/30/25. The motion was unanimously approved.

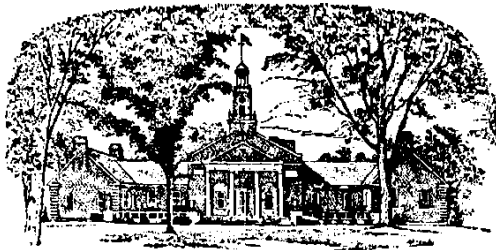
**TAX COLLECTOR UPDATE**

Lisa Bibbiani, Tax Collector, provided an update on the activities and developments within the Tax Department.

**PUBLIC WORKS LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST**

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapiore to approve the Public Works line item transfer request to decrease payloader replacement by \$7,343 and increase 3 CY Sander by \$7,343. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to approve the Public Works line item transfer request to decrease WSAM Slate Roof by \$9,140, PD-Heat/Hot Water by \$5,691.51, Eliot House-Exterior by \$20,168.49 and increase Cutter/Copy room repairs by \$35,000. The motion was unanimously approved.



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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

C. Allen presented the council's 2024 year in review, highlighting key events and accomplishments:

- The Town Manager resigned early in the year, prompting the council to engage Randi Frank Consulting for assistance in hiring a new Town Manager.
- The budget referendum successfully passed.
- From January to May, the council held 36 meetings.
- Every council vote during the year was bipartisan.
- The sale of Pierson School was finalized.
- An Economic Development Consultant (EDC) was hired to support improvements to the downtown area.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

M. Benivegna provided updates on the following topics.

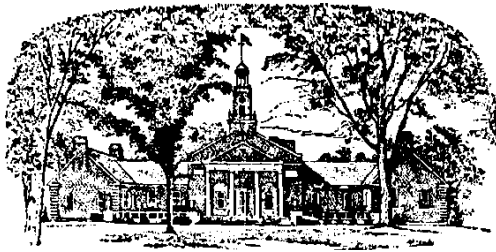
- Budget Process: Department requests have been submitted, and the budget will be presented to the council in February.
- Registrar of Voters: Tuesday marked the final day of service for June Hansen and Wendy McDermott as Registrars of Voters.
- S&P Global Ratings summary:
  - S&P Global Ratings assigned its AA+ rating to the Town of Clinton, Conn.'s \$2.1 million general obligation bonds based on the application of its "Methodology For Rating U.S. Governments," published Sept. 9, 2024.
  - At the same time, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its "AA+ rating on the town's existing GO debt.
  - Credit overview – The affirmation reflects our view of Clinton's stable performance and diversifying local economy. Debt levels remain affordable, in our view, and in line with existing policies. With a new management team, the town is examining existing policies and is looking to implement more robust long-term financial and capital planning. Currently, slightly weaker economic metrics, coupled with basic policies, limit the town's upward trajectory. We expect Clinton will continue to manage balanced-to-positive operations while addressing capital needs and implementing more robust policies and practices.
  - WPCCL Clerk: Donna Borrelli has been hired as the part-time WPCCL clerk.
  - Outreach Coordinator Position: Previously funded through a grant, this position is currently in the hiring process, with the second round of interviews scheduled for this week.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Nothing else was discussed at this time.

### **TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

C. Allen provided an update on Coastal Resiliency.



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**ADJOURN**

M. Shove made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore and unanimously adjourned the meeting 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino