

Town of Clinton
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 02, 2025
Town Hall Green Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Chris Passante, Brian Roccapiore, Hank Teskey (left the meeting at 9:20 AM), Chris Aniskovich, Mike Shove and Dennis Donovan
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 visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2025

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to approve the minutes from March 19, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

The council agreed to have C. Passante and M. Shove serve on the Town Manager Evaluation Subcommittee.

C. Aniskovich volunteered to serve as the Town Council representative to the HCH Library Building Committee.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

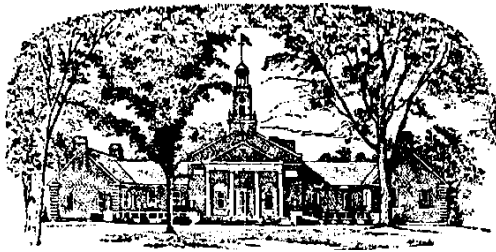
Richard Pleines, Building Official, reported on the Building Department.
Chief DeMaio and Captain Cain reported on the Police Department.

ENERGY PURCHASING PROGRAM

Brendan Kearney, Titan Energy, reviewed the CCM Energy Purchasing Program and the potential savings to Clinton. Titan Energy is the fascinator of the CCM Energy Purchasing Program. The town's current agreement expires in May 2025. B. Kearney recommends locking in a longer-term agreement. The town's current price is \$0.10890. H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by D. Donovan, to approve Nextera Energy as the town's electricity supplier for a 30-month period at a rate of \$0.10269. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION AND BOND Authorization of \$1,600,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

C. Aniskovich made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapiore to approve the appropriation and bond authorization in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.



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**TOWN OF CLINTON
TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION**

RE: Appropriation and Bond Authorization of \$1,600,000 for the Purchase of Fire Apparatus and Equipment.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton (the "Town") approves and recommends to the electors and all others entitled to vote at town meetings of the Town that the sum of \$1,600,000 be appropriated for the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. including, but not limited to, a quint engine pumper truck with small aerial device, hoses, ground ladders and miscellaneous tools, and temporary and permanent financing costs and to meet said appropriation and in lieu of a tax therefor, bonds of the Town be issued pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in the amount of \$1,600,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available therefor, which bonds shall be general obligations of the Town to which its full faith and credit is pledged; and

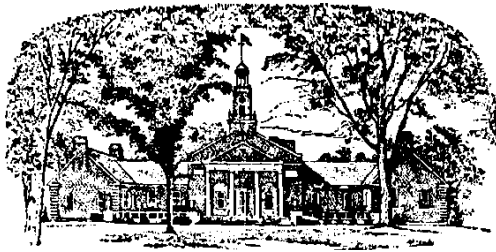
(ii) that the Town reasonably expects to incur expenditures (the "Expenditures") in connection with the capital project for which a general functional description is provided above. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the cost of the Expenditures with the proceeds of bonds of the Town described above. The maximum principal amount of such debt is not expected to exceed \$1,600,000. This declaration of official intent is a declaration of official intent made pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the appropriation and bond authorization be approved by the voters at Town Meeting,

(i) the Town Manager and the Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell such bonds, and temporary notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 in anticipation of such bonds, and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such bonds and notes, pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling; and

(ii) the Town Manager and the Treasurer shall sign the bonds and notes by either manual or facsimile signatures and that the law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds; and

(iii) the Town Manager and the Treasurer, or either of them, is authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent of the bonds; to sell the bonds and notes at public or private sale or negotiation; to deliver the bonds and notes; and to perform and comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to perform all other acts and execute such documents which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds and notes including, but not limited to, the execution and delivery of a bond purchase agreement, tax compliance agreement and bond insurance agreement; and



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(iv) it is hereby determined that the appropriation for the purchase of the fire apparatus and equipment for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., is deemed to be in the public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Special Town Meeting (the "Meeting") is hereby called to be held on **May 01, 2025**, at Andrew's Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut 06413 at **5:30 p.m.** to consider but not vote upon the resolution for the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment (the "Project") as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and the Charter of the Town hereby removes the item, described above on the call of the Meeting to be held on **May 1, 2025**, for submission to the voters of the Town who are qualified to vote at town meetings, for vote by paper ballot on May 14, 2025, during the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. such referendum to be held at the Clinton Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413 under the following heading:

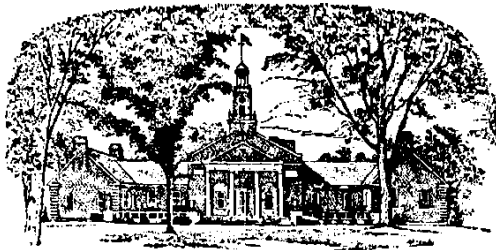
Shall the Town of Clinton appropriate \$1,600,000 for the purchase of fire apparatus and equipment for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. including, but not limited to, a quint engine pumper truck with small aerial device, hoses, ground ladders and miscellaneous tools, and temporary and permanent financing costs, and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations in the amount of \$1,600,000 to finance such appropriation?

The moderator of the Meeting shall adjourn such Meeting after reasonable discussion of such item and conclusion of such other business as may properly come before the Meeting and order such vote by paper ballot in accordance with this resolution, Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Clerk, subject to the approval of a municipal attorney, to prepare and print a concise explanatory text concerning the question to be submitted to the voters at referendum on May 14, 2025, specifying the intent and purpose of the Project in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING UPDATE

The Town submitted an application in April 2024 for the Downtown Center Wastewater System design under the Congressionally Directed Spending for Fiscal Year 2025. Senator Blumenthal's office recently informed the town that, unfortunately, all CDS projects were excluded from the Continuing Resolution passed by Congress. Senator Blumenthal's office encouraged the town to reapply for Fiscal Year 2026, assuring us that the project would be prioritized. B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey, to resubmit the same application for the Downtown Center Wastewater System Design. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 2 in favor (Roccapriore and Teskey) and 4 against (Passante, Aniskovich, Shove and Donovan).



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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

M. Benivegna reported on the following topics:

- Audit Firms Bids: The town had two firms submit proposals for auditing services and the town's previous auditors PKF O'Connor Davies were awarded the bid. Their proposal was \$10,000 less than the other firm. The bids were reviewed by the Town Manager, Finance Director, Superintendent and Board of Education Business Manager.
- Connecticut Main Street: The representative will be giving a brief presentation on Wednesday, May 7th about the program and a summary of the assessment they completed on Clinton.
- MIRA Update
- Waterside Lane Bridge Informational meeting is scheduled for April 10th.
- Pierson School: Request for Proposal has been advertised for a general contractor.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No chairman's report was provided at this time.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The council had nothing to discuss at this time.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

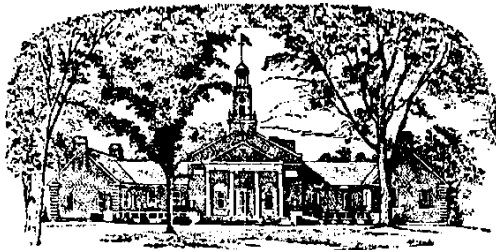
No Town Council liaison reports were provided at this time.

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

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by D. Donovan, to enter into executive session at 9:20 AM and invite Michelle Benivegna, Mary Schettino, Attorney Kennedy, Attorney Ryan, Bob Tait, Chief DeMaio and Attorney Donofrio. The motion was unanimously approved. The council came out of executive session at 9:50 AM.

C. Aniskovich made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapiore, to amend the agenda to add an action item on executive discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by C. Aniskovich, to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application to CMERS for the Town of Clinton Union Police Officers in accordance with the actuarial papers dated January 1, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.



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ADJOURN

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager