

Town of Clinton
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

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

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Hank Teskey, Dennis Donovan, Chris Passante, Mike Shove and Brian Roccapriore
Absent: Chris Aniskovich
Absent: 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

Paul Gebauer spoke in favor of appointing Tom Danehy to the Board of Education. Gebauer also spoke in favor of the library renovation project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2025

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by M. Shove to approve the minutes from June 18, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore, to appoint Thomas Vicino (D) to the Board of Ethics for a term until June 30, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

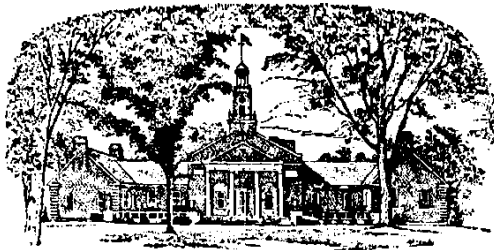
H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by C. Passante, to appoint Tom Danehy (D) to the Board of Education for a term until November 2027. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by M. Shove, to approve the following list of reappointments. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trish Vatis (U) Historic District Commission for a term until 6/30/30
Jason Feeney (D) Water Pollution Control Commission for a term until 6/30/28
Chuck Hill (U) Public Works Commission for a term until 6/30/29
Enrique Sotomayor (U) Tree Committee for a term until 6/30/27

DAVID KORRIS WITH CT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

David Korris, CT Municipal Development Authority presented the council the with benefits of joining the CT Municipal Redevelopment Authority. The next step would be for the council to schedule a public hearing before approving the authorizing resolution to join the CT Municipal Redevelopment Authority. H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to schedule a public hearing for August 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.



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LIBRARY PROJECT CONCEPTIONAL APPROVAL

The town is not committing any money at this point but just approving the project to allow the library to begin fundraising. D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapiore to approve the proposed library project and designate it as an official town project, allowing the library to begin planning and fundraising. The motion was unanimously approved.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapiore to approve the Homeland Security Grant Authorizing Resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

Authorizing Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Clinton

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sharon Uricchio, Town Clerk of the Town of Clinton, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Clinton Town Council at its duly called and held meeting on July 2, 2025, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager of the Town of Clinton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Clinton and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

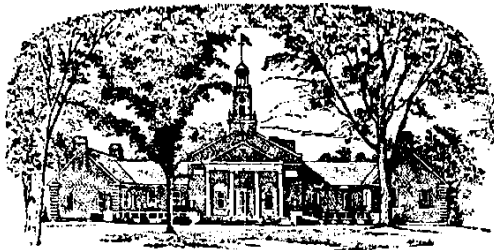
The undersigned further certifies that Michelle Benivegna now holds the office of Town Manager and that she has held that office since June 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate on this 2nd day of July 2025.

Sharon Uricchio

REVIEW DRAFT CHANGES TO THE CODE OF ETHICS AND SEND TO PUBLIC HEARING

The council reviewed the draft changes to the Code of Ethics. B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to approve the draft ordinance as presented and send it to public hearing on August 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.



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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Review of all personnel changes - Retirement of Inland Wetlands Clerk and new building clerk
- Cy pres has been completed, restrictions have been lifted and filed with the Town Clerk's office.
- Ben Merrill Bridge Replacement letter from DOT
- The town has begun the conversion to .GOV
- MIRA update
- Beach Park Road Closure and bridge update - road will be closed as of July 7th

Economic Development Update:

- Alan Felgate was hired as the new Economic Development Consultant
- The library lease agreement has been reviewed by the town attorney and should be executed this week. Opening date is scheduled for July 15th.
- T-Mobile Grant was submitted.
- Trolley ridership increased
- Town Beach Update

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

C. Allen addressed the following items.

- Acknowledged the social media posts and positive feedback on tax letter.
- C. Allen asked Chief DeMaio to schedule a presentation with the council on the implementation of traffic enforcement cameras. The presentation will be scheduled for the next council meeting.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

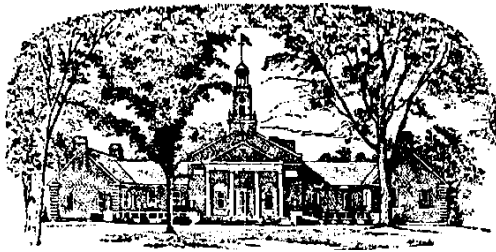
D. Donovan discussed the final audit of the Morgan School Project. There was also some discussion on the sidewalk project.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Council members did not present any reports at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO CGS 1-200 (6) (A) & REAL ESTATE, CGS 1-200 (6) (D)

H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by C. Passante, to go into executive session at 9:00 AM to discuss personnel and real estate and invite M. Benivegna, Chief DeMaio, Captain Cain and Mary Schettino. The motion was unanimously approved. Chief DeMaio and Captain Cain left executive session at 9:05 am. The council came out of executive session at 9:36 AM.



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RATIFICATION OF POLICE CONTRACT

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante, to approve the tentative Police contract as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by M. Shove, and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager