



**TOWN OF CLINTON**  
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**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 06, 2026**  
**Town Hall Green Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Hank Teskey, Carrie Allen, Dennis Donovan, Brian Roccapiore, Chris Passante and Jeremiah Dunn

Absent: Christopher Aniskovich

Also participated: Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager

H. Teskey called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Jerry Dunn led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

**VISITORS**

Seth Wolfe, of 144 East Main, informed the Council that he believes several recent incidents at the property constituted health code violations.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –APRIL 15, 2026 & APRIL 20, 2026**

J. Dunn made a motion, seconded by C. Allen, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by J. Dunn, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

There were no new appointments or reappointments at this time.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Budget Vote Reminder**

The Annual Budget Referendum will be held on May 13th. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Please confirm voting details with official town sources.

**Eagle Scout Project**

An Eagle Scout candidate will be completing a service project for the Town of Clinton. The project involves fundraising for and installing a bike repair station at Bailey's Dog Park. Once completed, photos will be shared and the Eagle Scout will be formally recognized for their contribution to the community.



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### **Route 81 Paving Update**

The State DOT has begun milling the I-95 overpass on Route 81, between Glenwood Road and North High Street. Traffic will be reduced to one lane from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM during this work. In addition, the entire length of Route 81 in Clinton is scheduled for repaving later this year.

### **Trolley Service & Advertising Sponsors**

The trolley route has been finalized, and we are pleased to announce two advertising sponsors which include Indian River Shops and Clinton Crossing. They will help offset operational costs.

The trolley will begin FREE service Memorial Day weekend (May 25th) and will run through Labor Day (September 7th) on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

### **Parks & Recreation Update**

On June 3rd, members of the Parks and Recreation Commission will provide the Town Council with an update on several items of concern, including field conditions and the speaker system. The Council will also meet Dustin Huguenin, the new Parks & Recreation Director, who begins on May 18th.

### **Veterans Affairs Breakfast**

The most recent Veterans Affairs Breakfast was held on April 30th. The next breakfast is scheduled for May 28th.

### **Madison Chamber of Commerce Welcome Events**

- May 11 at 10:00 AM – Café Nola
- May 19 at 10:00 AM – Hallock's (formerly Shore Appliance)

### **Resiliency Workshop – EDC & Town of Clinton**

The EDC and the Town will host the next session in the small business workshop series on Tuesday, June 9th from 8:00–10:00 AM. This workshop will focus on business resiliency, including how to:

- Stay open—or reopen quickly—after storms, flooding, or other disruptions
- Navigate insurance claims efficiently
- Protect against cyber threats
- Access free technical assistance to strengthen operations proactively

A panel of statewide and local experts will be available to advise business owners.

### **Summer Concert Series**

Planning for the Summer Concert Series is underway. Work is ongoing to finalize the band lineup and confirm the event location. Additional details will be shared once arrangements are complete.



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C. Passante raised several items for clarification and follow-up. He requested an update on the sinkhole at the football field and asked for additional information regarding the Parks & Recreation Recreational Fund, including who has authority over the account and what types of expenditure the fund may support. Passante also noted the ongoing issues with the speaker systems at both the turf field and the football field and asked for clarity on the plan to address those equipment needs.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Teskey, along with Council members C. Passante and J. Dunn, met on Monday with the Town's HR consulting firm to begin the performance review process for the Town Manager. The meeting focused on establishing the evaluation framework, outlining expectations, and confirming the review timeline.

As outlined in the Town Manager's contract, members of the subcommittee must have served on the Town Council for a minimum of one year. J. Dunn has served for six months and therefore does not meet this requirement. The Town Manager will have the option to either waive this requirement or request that J. Dunn be replaced on the subcommittee.

The subcommittee will meet once more prior to the May 20th Council meeting to finalize materials and prepare the next steps in the review process.

### **TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS**

J. Dunn requested clarification on the status of upcoming Public Works projects following discussion at the most recent Public Works Commission meeting. During that meeting, questions were raised about the funding for certain capital accounts that were intended to be bonded.

D. Donovan asked for clarification on the process should either the Town or Board of Education budget fail at the upcoming referendum. He emphasized the importance of ensuring the Council has a clear plan in place to move forward in the event that one or both budgets do not pass.

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

Chairman Teskey provided an update on the Economic Development Commission, including ongoing initiatives, current areas of focus, and upcoming activities.

Passante reiterated the importance of maintaining an up-to-date inventory of commercial and retail spaces throughout town.



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**ADJOURN**

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by J. Dunn and unanimously adjourned the meeting  
at 8:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Executive Assistant