

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
6:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S ROOM, TOWN OFFICE**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Towne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTMEN PRESENT / QUORUM: Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman David Watson II, Geraldine Dixon, Edward Blanchard, and Ronnie Irving. Also present was Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky and Deputy Town Clerk Melody Fitzpatrick.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2011.

Selectman Dixon moved the Board to approve minutes of September 13, 2011 meeting, seconded by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign and submit a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant.

Selectman Irving moved the Board to authorize the Town Manager to sign and submit a Maine Municipal Association Safety Enhancement Grant, seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign and submit an Inland Hospital Community Benefit Grant.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to authorize the Town Manager to sign and submit an Inland Hospital Community Benefit Grant, seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider nominating Phil McCarthy to the Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors.

Selectman Dixon moved the Board to nominate Phil McCarthy to the Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors, seconded by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

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Consider designating the Town Manager to act as Clinton's official Voting Delegate at the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to designate the Town Manager to act as Clinton's official voting delegate at the Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting, seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider authorizing the Town Manager to use \$4,000.00 from the Gravel Account to complete the Goodrich Road Project.

Selectman Dixon moved the Board to authorize the Town Manager to use \$4,000.00 from the Gravel Account to complete the Goodrich Road Project. Pike Industries will be fixing the shoulders of the road to meet State Specs, seconded by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Library Board of Trustees Policy for Appropriate Library Use

Town Manager, Aaron Chrostowsky spoke to Susanne F. Pilgrim, Staff Attorney at Maine Municipal Association, regarding the possession of a fire arm in a public building. Based on State Statute, 20-A MRSA § 6552, municipalities can not regulate the possession of firearms.

Review Expense and Revenue Summary Reports

Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky answered questions regarding the expense and revenue summary report for the Board of Selectman.

SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS:

Selectman Watson moved the Board to approve Abatements #1-21 (2011), seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved. See attached list. Selectman Blanchard abstained from voting on Abatement #14-2011, as he is a relative.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to approve Abatements #11 (2010), seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved. See attached list.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to approve Supplemental #8-14 (2011), seconded by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved. See attached list.

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TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Railroad Street Project

This week you will begin to see a flurry of activity at the railroad crossing while the railroad is assembling the new rail and track in there right-of-way. The Town has contracted R.C. and Sons to do some additional ditching in the railroads right-of-way, I renegotiated with them and the railroad to save the town \$1,350. Also, Asplunch Tree Experts will be removing some brush in the railroad right-of-way will cost the Town at the most \$400. The culvert will be replaced on October 6. And, the rest of work will be created on the October 10-12. I have begun the public information campaign. See handout for more information. *The Board recommended the Highway Department remove the brush in the railroad right-of-way to save the Town \$400.00.

Church Street

Church Street was paved this week to our satisfaction. I would like to thank the Water District for their cooperation in this matter.

Park and Recreation Board

The Parks and Recreation Board are purchasing a 60' x 30' portable ice rink for Old Mill Park. The Water District has agreed to supply the Town with the water to fill the rink and to maintain the rink at no cost to the Town. The Parks and Recreation Board will be responsible for maintaining the rink. This rink will be purchased from donations to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

In conjunction with KVCOG the Town will be participating in Household Hazardous Waste Day. This year it will be located at the Winslow Public Works on Saturday October 15, 2011 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. If you have any hazardous waste you must pre-register with Gerald Howard at the Transfer Station.

Library Project

Last week, I met with the Architect and the Contractor to discuss the library project. The Contractor will be work in earnest this week. The whole project should be completed before the holidays. I have asked the architect to develop an estimate for the Department of Labor corrections necessary for the Library.

Library Investments

After speaking with the Bank and Norm Hart, the Town's Financial Advisor, I would like to have another discussion of these investments. Norm and I will be better prepared to answer your questions regarding the investments in this volatile market.

Police Investigation

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I continue to work with the Town's Attorney and a third party investigator to resolve an ongoing complaint with a couple of our officers. In the mean time, two police officers are administrative leave. It is important that any conversation of this issue, kept internally. Also, I am working with Town Attorney and MMA's Attorney to respond to the complainant's notice of claim.

Fireworks Ordinance

According to MMA and the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Town can require permits for the use of fireworks; limit the use of fireworks within a specified distance between residences.

Worker's Compensation Dividend

The Town received from Maine Municipal Association a dividend check in the amount of \$2,838 as a result of good loss experience and loss prevention programs.

Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards Public Sector Enforcement

As a result of our surprise visit, we received a number violations and fines. I sent a certified letter requesting an informal discussion to reduce fines. We continue to make progress towards resolving all our citations.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None

WARRANT: Selectman Watson moved the Board to approve Warrant #20, in the amount of \$431,488.19, seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

GA Ordinance
Land Use Permit Fee Proposal
Library Investments
Presentation – Spirit if America Award
Fireworks Ordinance

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No comments or questions from the public.

Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) ~ Poverty Abatement

Selectman Watson moved the Board to enter Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) ~ Poverty Abatement at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Selectmen Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Dixon moved the Board to exit Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) ~ Poverty Abatement at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

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Any Motions as a result of Executive Session.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to approve the Poverty Abatement, in the amount of \$594.69, seconded by Selectman Irving. Vote 3-2 Approved.

Executive Session – 1 MRSA §405(6)A~ Personnel Matters, re: Town Managers Performance Evaluation

Selectman Watson moved the Board to enter Executive Session – 1 MRSA §405(6)A ~ Personnel Matters at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Dixon moved the Board to exit Executive Session – 1 MRSA §405(6)A ~ Personnel Matters at 9:29 p.m., seconded by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Any Motions as a result of Executive Session

Selectman Dixon moved the Board to offer a new one year contract to the current Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky, conduct a performance review of the Town Manager in September 2012, and automatically renew contract for one year to the Town Manager with a positive review, seconded by Selectman Watson. Vote 4-1 Approved. Selectman Irving voted against renewing the contract.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Melody R. Fitzpatrick
Deputy Town Clerk

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