

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011  
6:30 P.M.  
SELECTMEN'S ROOM, TOWN OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes – October 25, 2011

Selectman Dixon moved the Board approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting, second by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF PLANNING BOARD'S RECOMMENDED LAND-USE PERMIT FEES**

Selectman Watson moved the Board to open the public hearing at 6:38 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved

Mike Walton, Planning Board Chairman, presented the Board with a proposed land-use permit fee schedule. Selectman Dixon and Selectman Irving are in favor of higher flat rates for building permits, they are not in favor of a flat rate and 10 cents per square foot for a building permit. Selectman Watson suggested doubling the penalty for not obtaining a building permit from \$100.00 to \$200.00. The Board agreed the fees need to be adjusted.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Review Planning Board's recommended Wind Energy Facility Ordinance

Mike Walton, Planning Board Chairman, presented the Board with a Wind Energy Ordinance for their review.

## **November 8, 2011 Selectman's Meeting**

**SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS:** None

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT:** (Written report provided by Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky)

### **Library Project**

The Library Project is moving ahead on schedule on budget. They have completed the bracing in the attic. They have built the new fire wall in the furnace room. They will begin making improvements to the roof this week. The electrician will begin shortly. The plaster repair expert will begin his work on November 21, 2011. The plasterer will be repairing the walls in the stack room, the ceilings in the children's room and library entrance.

### **Parks and Recreation Board**

The Parks and Recreation Board continue to excite the minds of Clinton residents. Last weekend, they had to postpone, their Octoberfest program to this Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, they will be holding Octoberfest from 10 A.M to 7:00 P.M at the Old Mill Park with activities for all ages – hayride, pumpkins, bonfire, music, prizes, games, raffles, food, face painting and much more. This winter you will be able to ice skate at Old Mill Park.

### **Ice Rink at Old Mill Park**

The Park and Recreation has purchased a new portable ice rink to be placed on the patio at Old Mill Park during the winter. The Parks and Recreation Board will be responsible for the maintenance of the rink. The Water District has volunteered to assist in the flooding of the rink and with the donation of water.

### **Transfer Station Director**

I am pleased to report that Transfer Station Director had his surgery and is back home resting. He should be back to work within a week.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

The Town of Clinton participated in Northern Kennebec HHW Collection day October 15, 2011. This year, Clinton had only one participant.

### **Rabies Clinic**

The Town Clerk and Animal Control Officer will be holding a Rabies Clinic at the Clinton/ Benton Transfer Station, Saturday November 19, 2011 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will cost \$10.00 per shot.

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### **Budget**

I have begun preparing both the Capital and Operating Budgets for this year. I anticipate another difficult year. The Budget Committee will be meeting November 14, 2011 to hear the Manager's Draft Capital Improvement Program and to reorganize.

### **Meeting with Superintendent of Schools**

I am working with Fairfield Town Manager to arrange a meeting with Superintendent of Schools to discuss budgets. I would like to know if you would like to participate as a board or just send me or send a few of you down as a representative.

### **Winter Highway Maintenance Contract**

I have scheduled a meeting with Town staff and the Town's Winter Highway Maintenance contractor to discuss winter highway maintenance protocols and procedures. They have begun hauling sand and the already received delivery of their salt they purchase per contract.

### **Rock Salt**

The Town participated in KVCOG's Joint Purchasing Program this year to purchase rock salt for winter road maintenance. This year KVCOG awarded a contract to International Salt, for a price of \$61.31 per ton. This is a large cost savings to us, we budgeted \$70 per ton. We are locked in for 400 tons.

### **Tree Removal on Hill Road**

I directed the removal of several large trees on Hill Road. Several weeks ago during a large windburst one tree fell on a car near the Evergreen Cemetery, luckily no one was injured. I had several dead trees removed in that section of the road. The highway department will cut the rest of the trees in that area this fall. Also, up near David Record's house on Hill Road just past the Golf Course, there is large tree, that has an enormous branch hanging over the road which isn't healthy, that will be removed next Sunday.

### **Town Office Schedule for Week of November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Monday November 7	8:00 AM to 3:45 PM
Tuesday November 8	Election Day Counter Open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Polls Open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday November 9	Counter Open from 12 Noon to 3:45 PM
Thursday November 10	8:00 AM to 3:45 PM
Friday November 11	Veterans' Day Town Office/ Transfer Station Closed

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### Police Officer Vacancy

The Town decided to not offer to the candidate the Police Chief recommended to the Town Manager. Town's official response is the giving the size of our police department and the nature of our community, the Town has decided to re-advertise for this position. If the Town has to further elaborate on the reasoning of this decision, the Town Manager's office will respond.

Before, the Town re-advertises for this position, the Board should plan on discussing Police Officer compensation, in order to help retain and attract better qualified candidates. Currently, our starting pay is \$13.00 and the average hourly rate of police officer in Maine Town's with a population of 2,000 to 3,499 is \$15.85. Then, the average rate of pay for all Maine Police Officers is \$18.84.

### Robert Sharkey Vs. Town of Clinton

The Town Attorney representing us through MMA has received word from Robert Sharkey's Attorney in which he has filed a complaint in Hancock County Superior Court. Upon the Town Attorney's request he will be removing the case to Federal Court. He thinks this case is defensible.

### Legal Fees

The Town has over spent legal fees as a result of the two citizen complaints regarding our police department and the resulting personnel action.

	Budget	Actual
Legal Fees (as of 11/1):	\$8,000	\$3,866
Bernstein Shur (Sept)		\$6,661
Dunn Investigation		\$5,000
Total		\$15,527

As result of the full-time Police Officer position vacancy I am anticipating a significant savings in around \$18,000, so far this year.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Walton, Planning Board Chairman, said the Map & Lot file folders were in need of work. Town Manager, Aaron Chrostowsky said there was extra money in the Assessor's Budget for help if he wants it. Selectman Watson suggested contacting the local colleges to see if any students are interested.

### WARRANT:

Selectman Dixon moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #29, in the amount of \$226,319.25, second by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

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**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Public Hearing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Land-use Permit Fees  
Capitol Improvement Presentation  
Transfer Station Fees  
Police Officer Compensation

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

No questions or comments from the Public.

**ADJOURN:** Selectman Dixon moved the Board to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody R. Fitzpatrick  
Deputy Town Clerk

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