

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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, Ed Blanchard, Ronnie Irving. Also present was Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky and Deputy Town Clerk Melody Fitzpatrick. Geraldine Dixon was absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes – December 13, 2011.

Selectman Watson moved the Board approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting, second by selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

Consider authorizing Town Manager to advertise the sale of Downtown Parcel on Route 100/Main Street (Map 17, Lot 83).

Selectman Irving moved the Board to authorize Town Manager to advertise the sale of Downtown Parcel on Route 100/Main Street (Map 17, Lot 23) with changes, second by Selectman Watson. Vote 4-0 Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Review Proposed Land-Use Permit Fee Schedule

Mike Walton, Planning Board Chairman explained his understanding of the Planning Board's participation in constructing Land-Use Permit Fees, he understood the Board of Selectman could make recommendations not changes to the permit fees. Chairman Towne said the Planning Board's responsibility was to make recommendations not dictate them. Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky explained since changes have been made by the Select Board, the fee schedule should go back to the Planning Board and have another Public Hearing. The Board agreed to submit the changes to the Planning Board.

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Discuss FY 12-13 Operating and Capital Budgets

Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky confirmed the Board agreed to a 1 mil rate increase for infrastructure only. Town Manager Chrostowsky said he needed to cut operating cost by \$50,000.00 for FY 12-13. Town Manager Chrostowsky explained the staff shortage in the Police Department and he is thinking of eliminating positions within the Police Department. He will have a presentation for the Budget Committee on January 9, 2012 and for the Board of Selectman January 10, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS:

Selectman Watson moved Board accept Abatement 2011, Account 87, Map 02-Lot 30, in the amount of \$54.67. Reason – added 20% age depreciation after interior inspection, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

Selectman Watson moved Board accept Abatement 2011, Account 1544, Map 10-Lot 45, in the amount of \$614.04. Reason – after interior inspection, changed square footage of living space to attached shed and removed the value of 2 sheds, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

Selectman Watson moved Board accept Abatement 2011, Account 1704, Map 14-Lot 05-N, in the amount of \$159.94. Reason – functional code adjusted for layout of structure, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky provided the Board with notice of Public Hearing; on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., in the Selectmen's Room, to discuss the potential for applying for Community Development Block Grant program funds for a Community Enterprise Grant for streetscape and park improvements at the Old Mill Park.

The Town Manager informed the Board of an up-coming meeting at the Town Office on January 5, 2012, with four towns, to discuss critical bridges in Clinton, Burnham, Troy and Unity during high water events.

Town Manager Chrostowsky provided the Board with a letter from Ed Pimental regarding explosions on November 20, 2011 near his home. The explosions were from another Police Department and were a training exercise.

The Town Manager explained the Town has \$4,000.00 set a side for a Veterans Memorial at the Old Mill Site. Town Manager Chrostowsky has volunteers working on a design, and would like ideas on a location and fund raising. Town Manager Chrostowsky will ask for involvement from Pat Shea of the American Legion, the Historical Society, Willie Mooney, Parks and Recreation, and Ed Blanchard, Selectman.

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WARRANT:

Selectman Watson moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #39, in the amount of \$81,241.84, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

Land-Use permit fee schedule
Operating Budget Presentation
Old Mill Park Public Hearing for Grant

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

No questions or comments 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 8:15 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

Selectman Watson moved the Board to exit Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) ~ Poverty Abatement at 8:28 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

Any Motions as a result of Executive Session

Selectman Watson moved the Board to deny 2009 property tax abatement request due to income exceeds Federal Poverty Standards and shows excess capacity to pay 2009 property taxes, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

ADJOURN: Selectman Watson moved the Board to adjourn at 8:32 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 4-0 Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody R. Fitzpatrick
Deputy Town Clerk

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