



Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 6:39 pm Chairman Towne called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Towne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
3. **Selectmen Present/Quorum:** Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman Stephen Hatch, Brian Bickford, Ronnie Irving, and Michael Hachey.

4. **Action Items:**

Approve Minutes from December 28, 2023

So moved by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Bickford

Carried 4-0

Next item- 2022-2023 Audit

The audit is finished, RHR Smith will be submitting it to Daniel.

There is no update on the undesignated fund.

Next Item- Appointments for the new town manager, Daniel Swain

Town Manager

Tax Collector

Treasurer

Road Commissioner

HR Director

Chairman Towne thanks John Bellino for his work.

Motion to accept John Bellino's resignation by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Hatch

Carried 5-0

Motion to appoint Daniel Swain as all titles above by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

The Board needs to accept the Treasurer's Warrant before Daniel is sworn in because the warrant was submitted to the Board in John's name.

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Warrant #19 \$287,319.01 by Selectman Bickford
Seconded by Selectman Irving
Carried 5-0**

Town Clerk Jessica Harriman swore Daniel in as all titles above.

Next Item- Pittsfield Public Works came to speak about their part of Johnson Flat Road. He said the previous Town Manager talked about discontinuing the road. He said across the country towns and cities are making their paved roads back into dirt because of the cost of upkeep.

He said they jumped the gun a little and repaired the road, they have not gotten complaints since. The only downfall has been the speed of cars through there now. They do not see the road being paved on their part.

John Bellino said he took Daniel out there to see the road the other day and missed the "bad" part of the road because it looked a lot better.

Terry Knowles said he has been out there a few times, and it is much better.

Selectman Irving asked what happens to the money we have to pave the road?

Chairman Towne said we will have to revisit this.

TM Daniel Swain said if it was designated just for paving, then we will have to re-vote on it on our town ballot.

Next Item- Police Department Renovation
This was requested to be tabled until January 23rd.

Next Item- Library emergency spending
Becky Turlo speaks, she said in the past they had to come to the board to spend any money out of the trust fund. They would like to be able to spend the trust money for emergencies if the situation dangers public safety.

The BOS will approve transfers from the library trust fund for emergency expenditures at the library pursuant to the Purchasing Policy section 10.

Next Item- Library Engineering Agreement
Received \$45,000.00 from the Stephen King foundation for the design of renovations of the library basement and a handicap accessible entrance. The money is for the plan only (Dirigo Engineering), not the work.

Motion to accept by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 5-0

Motion to allow Chairman Towne to sign for the Board by Selectman Hachey
Seconded by Selectman Irving
Carried 5-0

5. Discussion Items:

6. Unfinished Business:

7. Town Manager's Report:

Wrapping up the bureau of labor requirements.

The budget has been put together, they've had two meetings so far with the committee.

Trying to sort out storm damage through MMA.

He and Daniel have been working on the transition of John leaving, and Daniel coming in.

Selectman Irving asked about the repair to the town office roof.

John Bellino said Garrett had been dealing with that, he is working on getting it repaired.

8. Supplements and Abatements: None

9. Treasurer's Warrant:

Approved earlier in the meeting before Daniel was appointed as Treasurer.

10. Questions & Comments:

Margaret Williams asked John about the tree removal at the library. He said we have to reach out to the company to have it removed.

11. Adjourn:

Motion to enter executive session by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

Entered executive session at 7:35pm regarding negotiations about the Fire Department Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The BOS exited ES on motion/unanimous vote at 8:25 P.M. BOS action followed the ES: Motion by Select Hatch to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Clinton Firefighters Local 5412 International Association of Firefighters A.F.L.-C.I.O., as drafted, effective 1.09.2024 through 6.30.2026, with the motion seconded by Select Hachey. After discussion, this Motion carried 3-2 (Selects Irving and Bickford voting against the motion). The BOS adjourned at 9:00 P.M. on motion/unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Harriman

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Town Clerk