



Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes March 12, 2024

- 1. Call to Order:** 6:35 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, Brian Bickford, Ronnie Irving, and Michael Hachey. Vice Chairman Steve Hatch was absent.
- 4. Public Safety Building Advisory Committee:** Jeff Pierce speaks about the plan for the new fire station building. Previous TM Earla Haggerty applied for a grant that got the town 2 million dollars towards the new building. The town voters approved the purchase of the property next door to the town office, 37 Baker Street. Dirigo Engineering made up plans for the new building to be built there.
The Public Safety Building Committee voted 5-3 to build the fire station on the property that the town purchased, vs. renovating the elementary school into the fire station. They are no longer going to use Dirigo Engineering, they quoted 1 million in just engineering for this building.
Ken Paul spoke about how he would like to keep the school for P&R and other community things.
Jeff Pierce asked the board what their opinion would be, build at the property next door, or renovate the elementary school.

Chairman Towne said he would like to see them use the property next door.
Selectman Irving made a motion to move forward with the Baker Street property next door.
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 3-1, Selectman Bickford voted against it.
- 5. Action Items:**
 - Fire Station Roof
 - Proposal last meeting
 - Haven't received new specs yet, so they have not gone out to bid.
 - They might be removing the heating units, they're still deciding.

Next Item- Copier Contract

The office employees would like a new copier, the previous TM signed a contract with Kyocera, and the machine is not doing what we need it to.

Kyocera is telling us that we cannot get out of the contract without buying it out.

TM Swain is working with Toshiba to see what they can offer us with getting out of our current contract. Toshiba is who we were with before the previous TM signed with Kyocera. The office staff was happy with Toshiba.

Next Item- Approve Minutes from February 27, 2024

So moved by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 4-0

6. Discussion Items:

Draft of warrant for June 11th election.

There were a couple of changes to make before the meeting next Tuesday.

TM Swain said the revenue budget includes all revenues, he has never done that before.

They shouldn't vote on them, by law they can only be used to reduce taxes.

TM Swain speaks about towns not following the tax levy.

Article 35- he put the maximum, last year we did 4%.

Article 41- Combine reserve accounts.

4 Ordinances-

Street Opening, changes to section 4, emergency excavation.

Next Meeting

Solar Ordinance- Looks like what was presented in August.

A couple changes before the special meeting.

Land use- Section 3-D, Housing opportunities, required by the State of Maine by July 1st.

Moratorium Ordinance- High impact electric transmission lines. They have the Town of Albion's ordinance to go by.

Selectman Irving said he would like to know when they're coming through, rather than be surprised like last time.

7. Unfinished Business:

8. Town Manager's Report:

Department Head meetings will now serve as safety committee meetings as well.

Tree contractor for the library will be there in 4-6 weeks.

Mushero will be at the library to redo the steps in May or June.

9. Supplements and Abatements: None

10. Next Meeting- March 19, 2024, Special Meeting
Budget Warrant
Ordinances

11. Treasurer's Warrant:

Treasurer's Warrant #25 \$264,672.25

Motion to accept by Selectman Bickford
Seconded by Selectman Irving
Carried 4-0

12. Questions & Comments: None

13. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 4-0
Adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Harriman

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Town Clerk