



## Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes August 13, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 6:31 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 July 23, 2024  
Motion to approve by Selectman Bickford  
Seconded by Selectman Irving  
Carried 3-0, Steve Hatch and Mike Hachey were absent from that meeting.

### **Next Item-** 2024 Tax Commitment

Three mil rate options:

18.35

18.25

18.15

These do not include any money from surplus. The error from the 2022 tax commitment took a lot from surplus. The State Revenues were counted twice.

The Assessors added about 20 million in value, a lot of it came from the solar farm and Peaks Renewable.

TM Swain said we lost about \$200,000 in state revenues and the school budget went up about \$150,000, so that did not help our commitment.

Chairman Towne said our county tax went up \$70,000, the school budget went up \$171,000, and we lost at least \$147,000 in revenues.

Overlay amounts for each mil rate-

18.35 mil rate \$129,620

18.25 mil rate \$100,419

18.15 mil rate \$71,218

The mil rate last year was 16.8.

TM Swain suggests the 18.25 mil rate.

Selectman Bickford moves to accept the 18.25 mil rate  
Seconded by Selectman Irving  
Carried 5-0

**Next Item-** Overdraft resolution 2024-9

The transfer station had a balance at the end of 2023-2024 of \$49,017, that covered the total amount of over drafts from other departments, \$46,773.88.

Motion to approve by Selectman Hachey  
Seconded by Selectman Hatch  
Carried 5-0

**Next Item-** Transfer Station Roof quotes, swap shop

Two quotes:

#1 Ouelette Family Farm & Builders \$16,535.00

#2 Thomas Steuber- quote for labor only.

They are thinking the materials will cost around \$1,600, and to rent a lift it'll be about \$2,000.

There were four contractors contacted, but only two submitted a quote.

This is tabled, they are going to put it out for more quotes.

## **5. Discussion items:**

Design Build RFP for Fire Station-

The bids are due August 15<sup>th</sup>, the committee meets that night to go over them.

Payroll service- TM Swain had someone help him get the general ledger accounts corrected, we will stay with Bangor Payroll right now.

Trio clean-up- TM would like to hire someone as a temporary employee to help him clean up our accounting system in Trio.

He was thinking around \$5,000 to have someone he knows come in for 50 hours or so.

Selectman Hatch moves to approve up to \$5,000

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

Special Revenues/Capital Project Reserve Accounts

The audit is not quite done yet.

**6. Unfinished Business:**

Wellman Paving bid amount overage- TM said on the form the Board signed, it said that any extra work done will be an extra cost.

Selectman Irving said it was their responsibility to go look at the roads beforehand. We didn't ask for quotes, we asked for bids.

Chairman Towne agreed, he said it was a competitive bidding process. He said we never issued any change orders, there were no alterations that we were aware of during the job.

**7. Town Manager's Report:**

Chairman Towne asked about the bush hog that was purchased by the Transfer Station and Parks & Rec.

They each went half on it.

Jimmy Gerow said they purchased it to use around the buildings at the transfer station.

TM said it will be helpful at the ball fields.

Rescue vehicle- TM said we can wait until the next Town Meeting in June to ask for the money for the new ambulance. It would be ready by December 2025.

**8. Supplements and Abatements:** None

**9. Next Meeting-** August 27, 2024

Tax Commitment paperwork

Transfer Station roof quotes

Audit draft

Warrant for the Special Town Meeting in November

Article 10, Code Enforcement Budget

Liquor Laws

Two Ordinances

Possibly zoning changes by the Planning Board

**10. Treasurer's Warrant:**

Treasurer's Warrant #4 \$325,925.27.

Motion to approve by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

TM Swain asked if we could get the tax bills sent out before they sign the paperwork.

Chairman Towne said no, we cannot do that until the Board signs.

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for the board to sign the Tax Commitment paperwork so that we can get the tax bills sent out as soon as possible.

**11. Questions & Comments:** None

**12. Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

Adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Jessica Harriman*

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Town Clerk