



Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes August 27, 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 August 13, 2024

Motion to approve by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Bickford
Carried 5-0

Next Item- Special Town Meeting Warrant 11/05/2024

Article 3- to approve the capital project consisting of the new construction of the fire station.

Article 4- Code Enforcement Budget that did not pass in June. \$62,906

Article 5- Shall the sale and on-premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor by a State of Maine licensed establishment be permitted in the Town of Clinton, Maine Monday through Saturday?

Article 6- Shall the sale and on-premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor by a State of Maine licensed establishment be permitted in the Town of Clinton, Maine on Sundays?

Article 7- Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Clinton Street Opening Ordinance, be enacted?

Article 8- Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Clinton Solar Ordinance, be enacted?

TM Swain said the Road Committee met last week, they would like to make changes to the street opening ordinance. They recommend removing it from this warrant and adding it to the June 2025 warrant.

They went over the bid recommendation from the Public Safety Building Committee for the new fire station. They are looking at 3.9 million instead of 5-6 million like the original plan.

The Committee recommended Blaine Casey to the Board of Selectmen for multiple reasons. They listed every little detail that would go into the building, and they listed every phase of the project which they really liked.

Chairman Towne asked the rest of the Board if they would like to review all the other bids, or if they wanted to take the Committee's word and go with Blaine Casey.

Selectman Hachey said he thinks they should trust the Committee after they have put so much of their time into this.

Motion to accept all 6 bids submitted by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Hatch

Blaine Casey came back at 3.9 million

The agreement will be proposed by November 12th.

Motion to award future contract to Blaine Casey (Resolution 2024-10) by Selectman Hachey
Seconded by Selectman Hatch
Carried 5-0

Selectman Bickford adds that he agrees with the price and the proposal, but he does not agree with the location.

TM Swain said that he and Chief Leary are going to do their best to bring the cost down even more, the 3.9 million was the worst-case scenario.

Gerladine Dixon from the audience asked if the Police Department would be in that building also.

Jeff Pierce said they will be moving into the old fire station.

Chairman Towne asked when the contract would be final.

TM said once the town approves the project, the contract negotiation would be between the contractor and himself and then the Board would approve it. They are looking at a final contract in February.

Next Item- Transfer Station Roof Quotes

Al's Roofing- \$16,200

Thomas Stubert- \$4,000, labor only
Ouelette Family Farm & Builders- \$16,535.36, more description of the work that'll be done.

Motion to accept Ouelette Family Farm & Builders by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Bickford
Carried 5-0

5. Discussion items:

FY 2023 audit, not finished yet
They are trying to figure out the ambulance billing account.
TM asked the board for another \$5,000 for the person that has been helping him fix the accounting.
He already used the \$5,000 that he asked for two weeks ago.

Motion to accept another \$5,000 from overlay by Selectman Hatch
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 5-0

6. Unfinished Business:

Rescue Vehicles-
Chief Leary said both ambulances broke down a little while ago at the same time. They have high mileage, and they are older.
TM wanted Chief Leary to let the Board know why we are looking to update the vehicles.

No word from Wellman Paving

7. Town Manager's Report: Included in their packets
Nothing to add.

8. Supplements and Abatements:

Map 14 Lot 12
Tree Growth penalty- \$500.00
The owner was notified three times.

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

9. Next Meeting- September 10, 2024
Public Hearing on Special Town Meeting Warrant
Bangor Road Clean-up
KVCOG

10. Treasurer's Warrant:

Treasurer's Warrant #6 \$41,192.42
Motion to approve by Selectman Bickford
Seconded by Selectman Irving
Carried 5-0

11. Questions & Comments:

Terry Knowles said the Board of Appeals meets tomorrow, August 28th at 5:00pm

Steve Hebert speaks about a gentleman that is trying to purchase a piece of property in Commercial Zoning to put storage units on.

He asked the TM if the current Code Enforcement Officer is completely certified.

TM said not yet, he has up to a year to become certified.

Steve asked TM Swain if he assisted him while he wrote the letter to this gentleman.

TM said no.

He asked the Board why storage units must be in Commercial Industrial Zoning, and when that went into effect.

TM said the original denial came from himself.

Steve said there is a conflict of interest with the code officer and storage units. He said he owns his own in Canaan, so he wants to keep any competition away.

Terry Knowles said that is how they are listed in the Land Use Ordinance. As far as the Appeals Board, they cannot change an ordinance, they can only enforce them.

A couple of other residents in the audience said that this went into effect decades ago.

Steve wants the Board to recommend this to go up for a vote to help this man purchase the property. He said none of the neighbors are complaining, there is a garage up the road that is turning into a junk yard. He said he has had a lot of trouble getting answers from the town, he started in April. He asked the Board if this man comes to the meeting next meeting, will it be too late to get this on the ballot in November.

The Board said yes, it'll be too late for this vote.

12. Adjourn:

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

Adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Harriman

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Town Clerk