



## Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes March 24, 2026

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 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, Ronnie Irving, Brian Bickford and Michael Hachey.
- 4. Action Items:**
  - Approve minutes from March 10, 2026
  - Motion to approve by Selectman Hachey
  - Seconded by Selectman Bickford
  - Carried 5-0

### **Next Item-** Budget Committee Presentation

Judith Irving presented the Board with the budget committee report.

There were 8 members this year, Judith Irving, Margie Williams, Terrance Knowles, Terry Gerow, Arthur Glickman, Sara Bulkley, Karen King, and Joy Jandreau.

Judith Irving- Chair

Arthur Glickman- Vice Chair

Terry Gerow- Secretary

Judith's intension was to give employees a 2.8% raise to align with the Federal Government's COLA.

TM Swain was adamant on giving his employees their normal 3% raise for the new fiscal year.

After a vote of 4-4 at a budget meeting, TM Swain was the tie breaker vote, and the 3% raise passed.

Administrative- \$459,706.00

Town Hall- \$23,900.00

Technology- \$60,100.00

Fire/EMS- Their budget did not pass. They had to go with last year's budget.

Winter Road Maintenance- \$598,100.00

Police- \$610,438.00

Highway- \$228,300.00

Code Enforcement- \$70,051.00

Library- \$91,221.00

Transfer Station- \$430,731.00

Non-Profits- \$19,225.00

Debt Services- Remained the same

Parks & Rec- \$30,066.00

General Assistance- \$24,402.00 reimbursed by the State at 70%

Emergency Management- \$86,789.00

Insurance- Remained the same

Cemetery- Remained the same

Elections- Remained the same

Town Services- New contractor for lawn care reduced this budget \$4,600

Total \$101,550.00

Municipal Revenues- \$1,601,736.00. That will be increased by \$65,000 from the money we will receive from Burnham for rescue services.

State Revenues- \$1,116,560.00

Total Revenues- \$2,718,316.00

Reserves- \$50,000 from Parks & Rec had been moved to the town facility maintenance reserve to maintain Clinton Elementary when it is turned over to the town.

Terry Knowles suggested there be two warrant articles for the school. One to accept the school, and two to set aside an amount of money to maintain the building. They took \$50,000 away from the \$90,000, so that reserve is now \$40,000.

Reserves- \$485,000.00

Intergovernmental budget- with a First Park increase, it is \$3,387,517.00

Fire/EMS- They went back to that budget, they gave 3% raises, but reduced OT, \$829,511.00

The Budget Committee reduced TM Swain's budget.

Town Manager- \$4,646,339.00

Budget Committee- \$4,557,879.00

The amount to be raised by taxation under the budget proposal is \$1,839,563.00. 5% increase over last year's budget.

Chairman Towne thanked the Budget Committee for their work this year.

TM Swain said a few things have changed, he added a line for what the School Repurposing Advisory Committee is requesting if we keep the building.

This will all be reviewed at the public hearing April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Item-** School Repurposing Advisory Committee Presentation

Anthony Barton spoke about the work they've done over the past year, and the ideas they have come up with.

Clinton Elementary has served our town as a school for 8 decades.

The school district will be giving the town the school building in June of 2026.

Anthony thanked all the members of the committee for their work this year. They had meetings monthly, met with interested parties, and came up with a plan to present to the Selectboard.

They have had many parties interested in renting out space at the school. They have been hosting Parks & Rec events there now, and sports teams have been using the gym quite a bit.

If we don't keep the building, we will need to at least keep some land, and the right of way out to the ball fields.

The committee came up with an estimated budget to maintain the building. \$155,300.00  
Estimated Revenue if space is rented out. \$66,150.00

Natasha Barton spoke from the audience, she said not only does it benefit parks & rec, it benefits businesses in town as people drive through.

She has been the scheduler for the gym, she said she has been turning people away for booking space.

This will be discussed as a possible warrant article for the Town Meeting Election in June.

**Next Item- 2026 Road Paving Bids**

They received nine bids. The deadline to submit a bid was March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

B&B Paving

Hopkins Paving

Wellman Paving

Vaughn D. Thibodeau II

Mainely Paving

Carrolls Paving

Roundy Paving

Pike Industries

Northeast Paving

#1- B&B Paving \$313,423.34

#2- Hopkins Paving \$327,310.00

#3- Wellman Paving \$336,198.00

#4- Vaughn D. Thibodeau II \$340,493.00

Selectman Irving asked if we had \$300,000 for paving.

TM Swain said we have \$326,924.03 because of some leftover from last year.

In B&B Paving's contract it states that they have the right to adjust the contract to reflect the rising price of asphalt.

Motion by Selectman Irving to award the bid to B&B Paving with the exception that we may have to cut back on Johnson Flat Road if they adjust the price, and we need to know the price before they start.

Seconded by Selectman Bickford

Carried 5-0

Motion by Selectman Irving to allow Chairman Towne to sign the contract for the Board

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

**Next Item-** Town of Clinton 2026 1.9 million General Obligation Bond through Maine Municipal Bond Bank- Fire/Rescue building project costs.

“(1) That a project consisting of the construction of a new Fire/Rescue building, including engineering and design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto, is hereby approved.

(2) That the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board be authorized to issue a general obligation bond or bonds to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000, for the purpose of funding the project.

(3) That the Treasurer and Chair be further authorized to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate, place of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including the execution, sale, and delivery of said securities against payment, therefore.

(4) That the Treasurer and Chair be further authorized to execute a Loan Agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in such form as the Bank may require; that the Clerk is directed to affix the corporate seal thereto and attest the signatures of the Treasurer and Chair, and to file a copy of said Loan Agreement, when signed, although the attesting and affixing of the corporate seal thereto shall not be deemed essential to the validity of the Loan Agreement; and that the bonds are hereby sold to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank at par.

(5) That the Select Board hereby confirms its determination that the term of the Bond does not exceed 120% of the economic life of the Project.

(6) That the bonds are designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" of the Town under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(7) That the Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents and certificates, and to take any and all actions, including affixing the seal of the Town, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the full purpose and intent of the foregoing vote.”

Chairman Towne and TM Swain (Treasurer) will be signing the documents. Town Clerk Jessica Harriman will be attesting the documents with the town seal.

Motion to approve by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Hatch

Carried 5-0

**Next Item-** Waste Hauling RFP

TM Swain said the current contract says it will automatically be renewed as long as the Board approves the price. If not, they must notify the current contractor within 30 days before expiration.

TM Swain will get a price from Bolster’s for next meeting.

**Next Item-** Highway Contract

The contractor, T.H. Gerow Trucking signed his part of the contract, now the Board needs to sign.

This was approved at the last meeting.

**5. Discussion Items:**

There is going to be a Special Meeting to go over the warrant on March 31, 2026.  
2026 Town Meeting Warrant  
Land Use Ordinance  
School Repurposing Plan  
Budget Articles

Fire Station Update- TM Swain does not have an update.

Chief Barton said he went in the building, sheetrock and paint have been done. It looks nice.

Justin Cote from the audience said there are some things on the RFP that have not been done. He said he mentioned to a few people that the ambulance bay should be closed off so that they don't lose so much heat every time that door opens.

TM Swain said the builders told him that the cost of that wall will outweigh the cost of the lost heat.

Justin said he doesn't agree with that.

**6. Unfinished Business:**

Transfer Station swap shop roof- The contractor was up there today getting ready to start.

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

Selectman Irving asked about road signs being put back up after the frost goes away.

TM Swain said they will be working on that.

Selectman Irving said culvert work needs to be done asap. There is one culvert on Battle Ridge that is bad.

TM said the contractor said they were all replaced before they paved. He went out and checked them all.

The auditors were here a couple weeks ago, it went well. We will be seeing a hit on fund balances because of the uncollected ambulance revenue.

We will now be receiving \$65,000 from Burnham. He thinks we should ask for that in 4 separate payments throughout the year. This is a flat fee for our services to Burnham.

Selectman Bickford asked if we will still be billing the patients and insurances for transport.

TM said yes, they will still be billed.

Motion by Selectman Irving to approve a special meeting on March 31, 2026, for the Town Meeting Warrant review.

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

**8. Supplements and Abatements: None**

**9. Next Meeting:** April 14, 2026  
Public Hearing on Town Meeting Warrant

**10. Treasurer's Warrant:**  
Treasurer's Warrant #26 \$156,906.86  
Motion to approve by Selectman Bickford  
Seconded by Selectman Irving  
Carried 5-0

**11. Questions & Comments:**  
Terry Knowles said there is a school board meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>, they would like to have as many town board members as possible there.  
The school district budget meeting is on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Adjourn:**  
Motion to enter executive session by Selectman Hachey  
Seconded by Selectman Hatch  
Carried 5-0

Entered at 8:24pm

Exited executive session at 8:47pm

They discussed the contract, they agreed to a \$1.00 adjustment, plus 3% each year for 3 years.

Selectman Hatch made a motion to accept the contract  
Seconded by Selectman Hachey  
Carried 3-2, Selectman Irving and Selectman Bickford voted no.

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jessica Harriman*  
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Town Clerk