



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

1. **Call to Order:** 6:32pm 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:**

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2024

So moved by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Bickford

Motion carried 4-0

Selectman Hachey did not vote because he was absent from that meeting.

**Next item-** 2024 Certified Ratio

The State had us at 81%, the Assessor recommends that we certify at 89%. The house market in Clinton is making our valuations very different than what houses are selling for.

Motion to accept 89% ratio by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Hachey

Carried 5-0

The board signed the certified ratio.

**Next item-** Fire Station Proposal

TM Swain said we have a contract with Dirigo Engineering to do the designing, bidding and oversee the project.

He said the contract was signed by John Bellino in January of 2023.

He would like the Board's permission to take over the project with Chief Leary, instead of the Public Safety Building Committee. It has been a long process, and we are getting close to the deadline to spend the grant money.

Selectman Irving asked what kind of building this is going to be. Metal, wood?

Chairman Towne asked the board if they are ok with having Chief Leary and TM Swain in charge of the project.

They all agreed.

**Next item-** Town Meeting Election Results

Chairman Towne congratulated Selectman Hachey and Selectman Bickford for being re-elected.

Article 10, Code Enforcement did not pass. They might have to put it on the ballot for November as a special town meeting.

Article 34, tax levy did not pass, but the legislature did away with that anyway.

The Street Opening Ordinance did not pass, and neither did the Solar Ordinance.

Chairman Towne asked the Board if they would like to extend the Solar Moratorium.

TM Swain said that the moratorium can only be extended once for 6 months.

Chairman Towne said we have already extended it twice.

The Board signed the two ordinances that did pass.

Selectman Hachey asked about the Library Trustee position.

TM Swain said Becky Turlo got the majority of the write-ins, 8 votes.

The Board decides to re-present the ordinances to the voters in November with an explanation.

**5. Discussion items:**

Horseback Road Culvert

TM said the structure of the culvert is not weakening, it's the gravel on top. Tim Gerow will be repairing the road.

**Next Item-** Special Reserve Accounts

Chairman Towne asked if there was an update from the auditor.

TM said the auditors are coming next week to finish.

**Next Item-** Tax Collector

The Board signed to take John Bellino's name off from Tax Collector and put Daniel Swain on.

**Next Item- Water Tower Project**

The tower is back up and functioning as of this past weekend.

Chairman Towne asked if we paid a bill yet.

TM Swain said no, not for that.

**6. Unfinished Business:** None

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

There's some theft going on at the ballfields

People are doing drugs at Old Mill Park. The Police Department will be keeping an eye out. They are using the gazebo area and the porta potties.

30-day notices have been sent out for 2023 taxes, there were around 190 of them.

**8. Supplements and Abatements:** None

**9. Next Meeting:** June 25, 2024

TM up for review

Appointments for the next fiscal year

Resolutions

Fire Station project

Re-elected Selectmen will be sworn in

**10. Treasurer's Warrant:** #34 \$281,985.00

Motion to accept by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

**11. Questions & Comments:**

Geraldine Dixon asked if we were having another revaluation.

The Board said no.

**12. Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Hatch

Carried 5-0

Adjourned 7:59pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk