



Town of Clinton Selectmen's Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
- 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 November 25, 2025
Motion to approve by Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 5-0

Next Item- Appointment for Fire Chief

Richard Barton was appointed Interim Fire Chief back in July, now TM Swain is appointing him as Fire Chief.

Motion to approve Town Manager's Appointment of Fire Chief to Richard Barton by
Selectman Irving
Seconded by Selectman Hachey
Carried 5-0

Next Item- Quit Claim Deeds

Map/Lot 017-047 41 Church Street
CJBCO Maine Properties LLC

Map/Lot 021-013 92 Morrison Ave
CJBCO Maine Properties LLC

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

Next Item- Spring Paving RFP

Battle Ridge Road 1.5 miles, Goodrich Road to Canaan town line

Johnson Flat Road 1.75 miles, gravel section on Burnham end to before the cross culvert by the Canaan bog.

The amounts may change depending on the quotes that we get back.

Selectman Irving said the shim should be 12.5, it's a more rugged mix.

3 ¼ - 3 ½ miles of pavement total.

The Johnson Flat Road may have to be shortened.

Motion to approve the RFP with the changes above by Selectman Irving

Seconded by Selectman Bickford

Carried 5-0

Next Item- Police Department Update

TM Swain said Chief Bell said he could go over the update during this meeting.

Aggravated Assault, March 21, 2025, investigation status, one suspect is identified indirectly by another crime they committed.

They were waiting on the Maine State Crime Lab, they sent in evidence on March 25th, got results November 5th.

The suspect knew Mr. Bickford's schedule/routine, and how to approach him.

Steve Hebert asked if they arrested this person.

TM Swain said they did arrest this person for a different crime, they're still waiting on DNA results from the Maine Crime Lab.

Steve said he thinks this case should be moved to the State Police because this is out of Clinton PD's capability.

Next Item- Town Office Drain Issues

TM said there is something going on with the building. He had Manter look at the issue. There's a slope going toward the building, the foundation to the old school is right there. To make more of a slope away from the building is going to take a lot of work. There is an ice dam in the corner from all the rain and snow build up.

Selectman Irving said we should put salt on the roof, so it doesn't build up.

5. Discussion Items- Nuisance Properties

Tim Dow has taken action on a few properties that have become issues.

They have all the paperwork ready to serve the Simonson's. They are starting over with the notices.

Fire Station update- They were expecting the building to be closed in by December 17th, but they are taking a vacation, so it will be closed in the first week of January.

Selectman Irving wants to know how much it would cost for the town to buy our own propane/oil tanks.

Steve Hebert said he purchased his own tanks, and his price dropped \$1.00/gallon.

Chairman Towne asked what the bond balance looks like after this warrant.

TM Swain said we have spent about 1.9 million so far. We need the Federal money for the next payment.

James Scott spoke about the Mason's cornerstone ceremony. He said there will be capsules for the town to put stuff in, as well as the elementary school.

He asked the Board if they wanted this ceremony to be separated from the ribbon cutting ceremony.

TM Swain said he talked with the contractor, they recommended we put it right in the steel.

The Board doesn't care either way.

James said he doesn't need an answer tonight, they have time to decide. He will gather a couple dates to choose from within the next couple meetings.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Town Manager's Report:

FY 24 Audit is complete, working on FY 25 now.

There is a 1-acre property on McNally Road, the deed is from 1940. We're unable to contact any owner, TM Swain would like to abate the taxes and write it off.

Selectman Irving suggested reaching out to abutting landowners to see if they have any information.

Tabled until next meeting.

TM Swain will be on a short vacation next week. Probably one or two days.

Tim Dow has been attending a few different trainings recently, so that has been helpful.

8. Supplements and Abatements: None

9. Next Meeting: December 23, 2025

Treasurer's Warrant

10. Treasurer's Warrant:

Treasurer's Warrant #16 \$863,653.12

\$516,000 is for the Fire Station and \$227,000 is for MSAD 49.

Jessica Harriman said there is an invoice on this warrant that was entered twice, (for Christopher Goldsmith) totaling \$7,400, that check was voided. A new check for \$3,700 was put on the next warrant, but it will be sent out tomorrow.

The KVCOG Invoice should be taken out of the Economic Growth and Development account, not the Streetscape account.

Motion to approve by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

Chairman Towne said we should be voting to accept any donations we receive for the boat launch project, or any project in general. TM Swain is going to print out the amount we have received for that project so the Board can accept it.

****Action Item-**

Total donations received for the Boat Launch Project- \$8,882.00

Motion to accept donations for the Boat Launch Project by Selectman Bickford

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

11. Questions & Comments:

Steve Hebert thanked the Board and TM Swain for the report they got from the Police Department.

Chief Barton asked the Board if they would be ok if we purchased a used fire truck from the Town of Skowhegan. It's a 2005 International pumper tank, 1,500 gallon water pump, 2,000 gallon tank, 34,600 miles on it. They're thinking around \$125,000, not set in stone.

It will be stored at the island station in Skowhegan until our new station is ready.

There is \$175,000 in the Fire Department vehicle/equipment fund.

The Board gave him the go ahead to create a truck committee, and work on purchasing it.

12. Adjourn:

Motion to enter executive session for collective bargaining agreement by Selectman Hachey

Seconded by Selectman Irving

Carried 5-0

Entered Executive Session at 8:05pm

Exited Executive Session and adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Harriman

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Town Clerk