

Town of Clinton
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 04, 2023
Town Hall Green Room**

In Attendance: Chairman Chris Aniskovich, Carol Walter, Dennis Donovan, Tom Hollinger, Carrie Allen, Hank Teskey and Chris Passante
Also participated: Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

C. Aniskovich called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The council stood for the pledge of allegiance.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to approve the minutes from September 20, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

The state will be commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. Towns are encouraged to establish a committee to begin conversations about themes. The council agreed to establish a committee with membership of 7 at a minimum. The council will approve the charge at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY

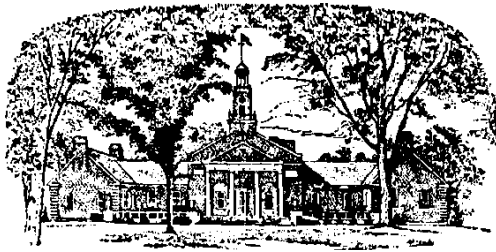
The council held a workshop with the library to discuss future building improvements to the library. The council agreed to issue a request for proposal for architectural services then they can determine what the cost share will be between the town and library. The architect will look at the site and submit a proposal to maximize space.

MORGAN PROJECT GRADUATION 2024 EXEMPTION REQUEST TO ORDINANCE 194-4A AND 194-5A FOR THEIR JANUARY 13, 2024 FUNDRAISER AT TOWN HALL

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to approve the Morgan Project Graduation Exemption Request to ordinance 194-4A and 194-5A for their January 2024 fundraiser at town hall. The motion was unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

C. Aniskovich had a discussion with the council on the rules for executive session.



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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

K. Kilduff reviewed his written report dated October 4, 2023

- The STEAP Grant application for the Fire Department replacement radios have been awarded. Once the town received the grant award contract then the project can move forward.
- The town received notice that the Southern Connecticut Gas Company has filed for a rate increase with PURA.
- At the last meeting the council agreed to amend the peddling and soliciting ordinance to limit soliciting on legal holidays. The town manager is working with the town attorney regarding any possible changes. Currently there weren't comparable towns that restrict soliciting by specific holidays.
- Towns are still waiting on DEEP regarding grant funding to help evaluate regional options in regards to the end of the MIRA project.
- The state approved the Grand Apizza Façade project. The tenant can now proceed with the project.
- The River COG has secured a vender that will recycle textiles. The town is looking into getting an additional dumpster at the transfer station for the disposal of textiles such as clothing, bedding and stuff animals.
- Cancer Foundation – the council was in support of Team Clinton to help fundraise with donations that will help support kids with cancer. A local resident has been selected as a beneficiary.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The council had nothing to discuss at this time.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

The council had nothing to report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO CGS 1-200(6) (A)

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to go into executive session at 8:27 AM and invite K. Kilduff and M. Schettino. The motion was unanimously approved. The council came out of executive session at 8:34 AM.

RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CLERK

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to ratify the appointment of the Water Pollution Control Clerk. The motion was unanimously approved.



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ADJOURN

C. Allen made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey and unanimously adjourned the meeting 8:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: October 4, 2023

Please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council and community.

1. Council Business:

- STEAP Grant Award – As I noted earlier, we were informed that the Town's \$500,000 STEAP grant application to support replacement radios for the Fire Department was awarded. The next step in the grant process will be executing a grant agreement with the State. After the grant is signed, the Town will have the ability to move forward.
- Possible Peddling Ordinance Change – I am work with the Town Attorney regarding any possible change to our current ordinance. The topic requires more legal evaluation. Based on a survey I asked CCM to perform, there weren't comparable towns that restrict soliciting by specific days (holidays). There were only restrictions by time of day.

2. River COG

The River COG met on September 27, 2023. Some highlights of that meeting that were of relevance to Clinton included:

- Recycling Presentation – the Capitol Region COG presented their piggy-back bid for a vendor that will recycle textiles. The vendor will pay \$100-120 per ton for textiles that are collected.
- HUD Housing Grant – The COG intends to apply for a HUD grant that will help fund planning around removal obstacles to the production and preservation of affordable housing.
- Economic Development District – With the completion of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the COG is taking the next steps with a goal of being acknowledged by the federal government which will open the door to potential future funding for economic development activities in the region. The COG will now file with the Governor a request to be a State Economic Development District. Following that approval an application will be made to the Federal Economic Development Agency. The By-Laws of the COG will be amended to create an Economic Development District Committee too.
- Regional Solid Waste – There is still no answer from DEEP on the award of a grant to help evaluate regional options with the end of the MIRA project.

3. CCM Legislative Committee

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative Committee will meet again later in October. Policy ideas from the membership are being discussed for possible inclusion at this time.

4. Miscellaneous:

- Gas Company Rate Increase – The Town was put on notice that the Southern Connecticut Gas Company will be filing for a rate increase before PURA on November 1, 2023.
- Façade Program Update – Final approval to start work on the Grand Apizza façade project was finally secured from SHPO. The tenant of the building has been given permission to proceed with the project.
- Union Contract Negotiations – Negotiations remain on-going with the Police Union as the last union contract to be settled as well as negotiating the terms of their pension agreement which was left unresolved for several years.
- Hiring – interviews will be scheduled for potential candidates to serve as the director for Human Services. I have a WPCC clerk candidate for consideration at the meeting on October 3. Still in the pipeline are filling an IT position and the part-time Economic Development Coordinator to support the EDC's focus in a support role of conducting business outreach interviews. A Public Works Truck Driver has been advertised for the general public to apply.