

Town of Clinton  
54 East Main Street  
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

**Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
Town Hall Green Room**

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

C. Aniskovich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The council stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**VISITORS**

Tonight was Carol Walter's last meeting after 14 years of service on the Board of Selectmen and Town Council. C. Aniskovich thanked her for her years of service to the town and presented her with a citation from Governor Ned Lamont. Several people also thanked her for her dedication and service to the town.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 01, 2023**

C. Walter made a motion, seconded by T. Hollinger to approve the minutes from November 01, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

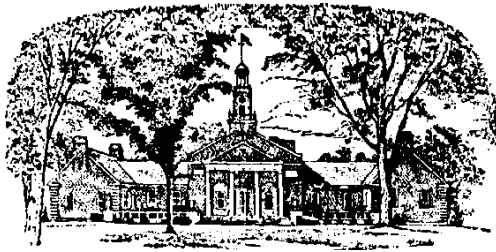
**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

There were no new appointments at this time.

**UPDATE ON PICKLEBALL**

Joe Schettino and Bo Potter provided the council with and update on Pickleball Courts.

- Schettino reported that problems have come up for the current site which will now increase the project cost. The increase in cost includes moving the pavilion, protecting water and electricity pipes that exists underneath near the court area, plus the cost for a higher fence. This site does not include lights. The budget for the project was \$202,000 but the estimate has increased to approximately \$222,000.
- The second option is to move the courts into the wetlands which would alleviate the problem with the underground pipes but the town would need to put in a retaining wall in the wetland buffer and get Inland Wetlands Commission approval. The cost for this option is approximately \$215,000 and would require more funding.
- The third option is to reduce the number of courts from 3 courts to 2 courts. Due to the smaller project footprint, this option avoids issues with the abutting wetlands and underground utility pipes and the cost for this option would be approximately \$124,000.
- The fourth option is to convert the basketball court at IRRC. This site already has lights. The Park & Rec Commission has not changed its original recommendation to put Pickleball on the basketball court area. The cost for this site is approximately \$157,000.



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There was a discussion on each of the options. The council came to a consensus that they would move forward with converting the basketball court at IRRC to Pickleball Courts.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

T. Hollinger made a motion, seconded by C. Allen to approve the Authorizing Resolution in support of the Emergency Management Performance Grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **CLINTON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Karl Kilduff, Town Manager of the Town of Clinton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Clinton and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

#### **APPROVAL OF GRANT TO SUPPORT LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL**

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by C. Allen to approve the Local Prevention Council Grant in the amount of \$4,152.79. The grant is used by Human Services to promote positive decision making with teenagers. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **SCHEDULE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR FIRE BOAT APPROPRIATION**

The council scheduled a special town meeting for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Congratulations to everyone who was elected to another term. The council has worked well together for the last 4 years coming together to make the best decisions on behalf of Clinton.

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

K. Kilduff reviewed his written report dated November 15, 2023

- Possible Peddling Ordinance Change – Draft language change on the ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Landfill Capping Update – DEEP is still processing the permit application. Anticipating permitting in the second quarter of 2024.
- STEAP Grant documents have started to come in. Some items need to be put together and returned to the State in order to complete the grant contract. At a future meeting the council will need to approve a resolution.



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**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The council had nothing to discuss at this time.

**TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

The council had nothing to report on at this time.

**ADJOURN**

C. Allen made a motion, seconded by C. Passante and unanimously adjourned the meeting 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Executive Assistant  
Town Manager

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

FROM: Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager

DATE: November 15, 2023

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

### 1. Council Business:

- Possible Peddling Ordinance Change – I have prepared a draft ordinance amendment which has been reviewed by the Police Chief and Town Attorney. With the change in the Town Council, the first read of the ordinance would be on the December 6 agenda. The Council would need to schedule a public hearing on the ordinance.
- Landfill Capping Update – The DEEP is still processing our permit application to cap the former landfill with imported soils. The two towns in the queue ahead of us averaged 14+ months for an approval. We are anticipating DEEP permitting in the second quarter of 2024. In terms of our agreement with the engineer that was selected to assist with the project, we would be awarding the second phase of the project which would gear up for capping. It would also entail Council approval of a contract to accept soils and to receive a “host town” fee for accepting the soil. The time to complete capping is estimated at 9-12 months (depending upon weather).
- STEAP Grant – I received the grant contracting materials for our recently awarded \$500,000 STEAP grant. A number of items need to be put together for the State to complete grant contracting. Ultimately, I will need a resolution from the Council. That item should appear on a December agenda.

### 2. River COG

The River COG does not have a regularly scheduled meeting in November. They will meet again in December.

One item of note from the COG, is the renewed preparation of the regional natural hazard mitigation plan. The current plan will expire in 2026. Work to prepare the next plan and pursuing a grant will take place sooner. The COG is asking that the FY24=25 budget include a possible local contribution to the project totaling \$4,750.

### 3. CCM Legislative Committee

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative Committee will meet again toward the end of November.

#### 4. Miscellaneous:

- Indian River Fishway Project – At present, the parties are working through the potential property ownership of the fishway. The dam in question is currently in the hands of Greylock Properties. It used to be the Town's prior to the sale of the Morgan School site. As a part of the sale, a portion of the property was approved by the Town Meeting to be conveyed back to the Town. This parcel includes the playground area – and the dam. It makes more sense for the Water Company to be in ownership of the dam rather than the Town. We are trying to determine the appropriate property line that would keep public access to the playground and dam area (for migratory fish viewing) and still move responsibility for the dam to the Water Company. We hope to have the property lines determined in December. As a reminder, this phase of the grant-funded project was for design of the project only. A future grant would need to be applied for to help pay for construction.