

**Select Board Meeting
Minutes
May 17, 2023**

Select Board Chair Mr. Kobus, Select Board member Ms. Dickhaut, Select Board member Mr. Devault were present, Select Board member Mr. Kerrigan and Select Board member Ms. Perusse were absent. Attendees were Town Administrator Ward and Assistant Town Administrator Snell and Town Solicitor Gibbons.

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM.

Public Comment

There was none.

Town Treasurer – John Kittredge General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

Chair Mr. Kobus stated Administrator Ward would review this so the board will return to this discussion.

Terry Ingano - Crusin' Clinton Night Street Closure Request

Chair Mr. Kobus invited Terry Ingano from the Historical Society forward for discussion and review of the request before the board. Mr. Terry Ingano was before with a request for a Street closing of Church Street to host a Cultural Council grant funded program on July 20, 2023. He was pleased to explain the Historical Society was successful in receiving a Cultural Council grant to host the event. The plan is to host a Crusin Clinton night, similar to those that were hosted in the community years ago. There will be a DJ on the stairs of the town hall with Classic Cars on display on Church Street. We hope to offer entertainment along with food and beverages. We are requesting the street closure for Church Street from Walnut to Chestnut. Closed from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. The date is planned for Thursday July 20 with a rain date of July 27. He explained he has been working with the office on planning and was advised by Joyce to work with the Board of Health regarding permitting for food vendors. He hopes to offer a few food truck vendors, ice cream and maybe a beer truck. Mr. Devault asked if anyone has contacted the churches on the street to avoid any conflicts. He asked that a representative please notify the church, they are a good neighbor. Mr. Ingano explained he will notify them of the event. Chair Mr. Kobus asked if he has spoken will Lee Abdella at the Community & Economic Development office. He explained he has spoken with Joyce at the Select Board office and got some great ideas he is also working with John at the Board of Health. Mr. Devault made a motion to approve the street closing as requested by the Clinton Historical Society to host Crusin' Clinton Night on July 20 with a rain date of July 27th from 5:00PM to 10:00PM to allow for set up and clean up, contingent on approval from the

Police & Fire Departments. Ms. Dickhaut seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Rotary Clean Up Day

Mr. Ingano announced a cleanup day scheduled for this coming Saturday May 20, at 9AM meeting in front of the Police station. Please join in cleaning up the Memorial Day Parade Route.

Town Treasurer – John Kittredge General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

Chair Mr. Kobus explained Administrator Ward will review request. Administrator Ward explained the Town Treasurer is recommending the board approve a roll over of the current borrowing. The BAN is in the amount of \$2,950,000 with a 4% interest rate for one year. Mr. Devault made a motion to approve he recommendation made by the Town Treasurer and roll over the BAN of \$2.950.000 with a 4% interest rate for one year. Ms. Dickhaut seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Phil Duffy – Director of Community & Economic Development

Chair Mr. Kobus stated Mr. Duffy is before the board to discuss authorization to apply for grants under the One Stop for Growth Program.

Underutilized Property Program for 329 High Street, & 172 Sterling Street

Downtown Initiatives Program for Downtown Market Assessment

Mr. Duffy stated there are three small grant opportunities he wanted to present to the board for authorization. The first is for funding for underutilized properties, he has identified 329 High Street as a property to apply for. He explained the grant would allow for rehabilitation of the property providing an assessment of the building along with a design for rehab. The preliminary estimate for work would be between \$60,000 and \$70,000 that can be applied for through this grant opportunity. He reviewed funding could also be used to support 172 Sterling Street and completing the results of the recent assessment and allow a downtown marketing assessment to be completed.

Select Board Member Mr. Kerrigan arrived at 7:13PM.

Chair Mr. Kobus stated this would be a great revitalization project. Mr. Duffy agreed explaining the board can contribute to project through the Community & Development fund, which will be part of the application. Mr. Devault made a motion to authorize the application to the One Stop for Growth Program for Funding to revitalize the property at 329 High Street, 172 Sterling Street and Downtown Iniatives and programs including a market assessment. Ms. Dickhaut seconded the motion. The vote was 3/1 abstention Mr. Kerrigan.

2023 Annual Town Meeting Draft Warrant & FY24 Budget Review

Chair Mr. Kobus stated he plans to hold off on review until Ms. Perusse arrives.

Administrative Business

Water/Sewer/Trash Abatements

Chair Mr. Kobus reviewed Superintendent McGown submitted a list of abatements in the amount of \$1418.42 from the last billing cycle for the boards review and approval. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer/Trash abatements in the amount of \$1418.42 as presented. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Legal Costs Reserve Fund Transfer

Administrator Ward explained a request for a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$35,450.00 to cover the costs for legal services for the remainder of the year. Solicitor Gibbons explained there have been additional legal cost this past fiscal year that were unforeseen litigations and 5 collective bargaining contract negotiations. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to approve the transfer as requested for the legal costs in the amount of \$35,450.00. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

WHEAT Request for ARPA Funding

Chair Mr. Kobus explained Jodi Briedel was in attendance he asked her to come before the board for discussion. Ms. Briedel explained she was following up on behalf of WHEAT regarding the request for ARPA funding to support the proposed building project. She reviewed headway has been made with plans, they have been working with an architect She would like to request the funds from the town now, she has had recent discussion with DHCD regarding committed funds, the town funding is considered part of this section. Mr. Kerrigan explained this is not on the agenda so the board cannot take a vote tonight, it can be scheduled for the next meeting. Chair Mr. Kobus agreed explaining it can be scheduled for the next meeting; typically the board meets on the first and third Wednesday. The board agreed to meet next week for a special meeting to take action as requested.

Select Board Member Ms. Perusse arrived at 7:30PM.

Ms. Dickhaut made a motion to meet next week for an ARPA funding review meeting to review the WHEAT request and an invitation to the Police Chief for the Police Department request. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The board agreed to schedule the meeting on May 31, 2023 to allow extra time to prepare for approval.

ALS Paramedic Discussion

Mr. Devault explained he is aware there was discussion and review with the Finance Committee regarding the addition of ALS services. Through joint meetings with the Fire Department and the Finance Committee, questions and concerns were reviewed. He would like to request another joint meeting for further discussion. Mr. Kerrigan explained at some point we are gonna have to push this over the goal line, we are close now. He

agrees on joint meeting to get all in the room to hammer this out. People have asked for study and he is in favor of it, he can speak at town meeting, he supports the Finance Committee and is on board with working together. Instead of just ramming it through, the town is supportive of it, let's make everybody going into it whole heartedly. Mr. Devault asked for the Chair to reach out to the Finance Committee to schedule meeting. Chair Mr. Kobus agreed to reach out to schedule for May 31st meeting.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee

Administrator Ward explained the town will be updating the 2016 Open Space & Recreation Plan. The Assistant Town Administrator will work with the committee, the proposed membership of the committee will be Select Board member, Park & Recreation Commission Designee, Conservation Commission Designee, Planning Board Designee, Clinton Greenway Conservation Trustee, Rauscher Farm Committee Designee and two Select Board appointed citizens. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to support the proposed membership as presented to establish the Open Space & Recreation committee with the letters of interest from citizens due by June 2. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2023 Annual Town Meeting Draft Warrant & FY24 Budget Review

Administrator Ward explained most of the warrant is unchanged; there are two new items for review and approval. Article 11 is new, approval of the Community TV operating budget from \$175,000 to \$225,000, if unspent it will roll back into the fund. Article 12 is \$300,000 for Capital Improvements outlay for the CCTV department, including equipment of the Chamber Room, the Auditorium and the creation of a studio along with update, any funding unspent will roll back to the general fund. Article 15 is the creation of an Opioid Fund, this is recommended as part of the class action settlement, there will be the ability to track the used funds for opioid related purposes. Article 37 has been removed regarding the transfer of duties of the tree warden to the from the DPW Superintended to the Director of Facilities. Solicitor Gibbons state this falls under the boards control; the duties of the Superintendent are created by the boards approval. No Home Rule petition is needed. Article 38 approval of recommended changes by the Human Resource manager, the Town Counsel has recommended these changes be held off and further reviewed. There are the two additions of articles 11 & 12 regarding the CCTV funding and removal of articles 37 & 38. He also reviewed there are placeholders for the union contracts, which the board will finalize in the Executive Session scheduled later. Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to approve the warrant as presented with the addition and removal of articles as reviewed, including the placeholders for the union contracts numbers. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Administrator Ward stated the budget draft has been prepared; a work in progress the Finance Committee met today at 5:00PM.

Old & New Business continued

Tree Warden Duties

Chair Mr. Kobus explained moving the duties to the Facility Director will improve efficiencies, he proposes to move the funding in conjunction with moving the duties. There were no objections from the department heads, both reviewed.

Community Announcements

Chair Mr. Kobus announced upcoming events in the community including,
Rotary Club Cleanup Day, this Saturday, May 20, 2023
Candidates Nights Monday May 22, 2023, CCTV live broadcast
CHS/CMS Band Chorus Spring Concert, held tonight
Clinton Take Over Polar Park May 16, 2023 sell out, great event
Tribute Road Race, Great Time Congratulations Honorees

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for May 31, at 7:00PM.

Roll Call Vote at 8:11PM to enter into Executive Sessions under Article 3 Union Negotiations Updates. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Devault "aye", Mr. Kerrigan "aye", Ms. Perusse "aye", Ms. Dickhaut "aye" Chairman Mr. Kobus "aye".

Executive Session Article 3 Union Negotiations Updates 8:11PM – 8:55PM

Mr. Kerrigan made a motion to adjourn at 8:56PM. Mr. Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Corbosiero

Executive Assistant Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator