



TOWN OF CLINTON
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Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 05, 2025
Town Hall Green Room

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Hank Teskey, Dennis Donovan, Brian Roccapiore, Chris Passante and Chris Aniskovich
Absent: Mike Shove
Also participated: Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager

C. Allen called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Dennis Donovan led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2025

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to approve the minutes from October 15, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no new appointments at this time.

TREE WARDEN UPDATE ON LIBERTY GREEN

Gary Bousquet, Tree Warden, provided an update to the Council regarding the condition and management of the trees on Liberty Green.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR UPDATE

Alan Felgate, Economic Development Coordinator, presented his report to the Council. A copy of the report is attached to the meeting minutes.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Trunk or Treat:
The event was a huge success, with more than 500 children participating. A heartfelt thank you to our community partner, Simon Properties, and to the Parks and Recreation Department for organizing and running the event.



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- **Christmas in Clinton Update:**
This year's Christmas in Clinton celebration promises a festive lineup of activities for all ages, including children's crafts, live entertainment in the auditorium, a Christmas pie contest, gingerbread house competition, bounce houses, and more. We sincerely thank Placemakers for their continued support in preserving this valued community tradition.
- **Breast Cancer Awareness:**
Town Hall hosted a PINK Casual Dress Day on October 22 to raise awareness for breast cancer. The initiative raised \$500 for Smilow Cancer Hospital. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the cause.
- **Police Department Donation Received:**
The Reason, a newly formed community organization, presented the Clinton Police Department with a \$6,000 donation to support the development of the Clinton CARE (Clinton Assessment & Risk Evaluation) Team. This initiative aims to improve how we identify and assist individuals in crisis and strengthen follow-up and support within our community.

These funds will be used to:

- Provide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for officers and dispatchers
 - Create outreach materials and resources for individuals and families in crisis
 - Build partnerships with local mental health providers to enhance post-crisis support and service connections
- **Election Day:**
Election Day was held on Tuesday, and Town Hall was incredibly busy with a high voter turnout. A special thank you to the Registrars of Voters for all their hard work. Appreciation also goes to our town departments and the Clinton Police Department for their support throughout the process.
 - **Budget Process:**
The budget process has officially begun. The Finance Director and the Town Manager will start meeting with town departments next week. During this busy time we look forward to working collaboratively to develop a budget that is both fiscally responsible and responsive to the needs of our community.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

C. Allen provided an update on the assessment letters distributed earlier this week and expressed appreciation to Mike Shove for his hard work and dedication to the Council.



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TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

H. Teskey recommended that the Town pursue an application for the EmPOWER Main Street Grant to support local revitalization efforts.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Passante addressed concerns regarding high winds and sand accumulation on the basketball court at the Town Beach. He also initiated a discussion about the skate park, highlighting ongoing maintenance and safety concerns by the commission.

ADJOURN

H. Teskey made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore, and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager



**Town Council meeting
Economic Development Coordinator report
Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 8:00am**

- **CT Main Street Center working group**
 - Monthly team meetings include business owners, EDC, and Town leaders (MB, AP)
 - Focus activities: downtown inventory, business wish list, vacant storefront displays, public art, disaster planning, impact data, & marketing strategy
- **Economic Development Commission (EDC)**
 - Stabilized EDC w/John May as Chair plus new members Nancy Adams, Antonella Vertucci, & Nicki Dakis; formed subcommittees (BR, BE, CT Main St., Culture, WOB) plus liaisons (Beautification, P&R, P&Z) to focus & guide the team
 - We will be adopting and implementing the EDC Work Plan at our 11/11 meeting
 - Clinton Small Business Breakfast in planning stages for early January 2026
- **Business Retention & Outreach**
 - New downtown businesses: CareVet of Shoreline, The Crooked House, 3D Printshop, Pottery Studio, Antique Store + Henry on Main/Café Nola = A HUGE WIN
 - 25 businesses, 10 nonprofits, 8 town officials, 2 real estate developers, 1 conference
 - Coffee Break update: The Hangry Goose Two is coming to town!
- **Business Inventory Development**
 - Current phase: gathering data (EDC, Chamber, Dale, Town Assessor)
 - Next phase: integrating data into a master list
 - End goal: Customer Relationship Management (CRM) & data visualization
- **Marketing & Promotion**
 - Reviewing the Town's social media and building out EDC website to drive engagement - business profiles + refreshed visuals, recurring features, video clips, etc.
 - Partnering with Old Saybrook's Economic Development & Communications Director plus Madison Chamber of Commerce to fill gap left by the Clinton Chamber