



TOWN OF CLINTON
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Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Town Hall Green Room

In Attendance: Chairman Carrie Allen, Hank Teskey, Dennis Donovan, Brian Roccapriore, Chris Passante, Chris Aniskovich and Jeremiah Dunn

Also participated: Michelle Beniveгна, Town Manager

C. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Dennis Donovan led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

APPOINT CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to accept nominations for chairman. The motion was unanimously approved. B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to nominate C. Allen as chairman. No other nominations were made. B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by H. Teskey to close nominations. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Allen acknowledged the nomination of H. Teskey for chairman. The nomination was made by B. Roccapriore and seconded by H. Teskey. The motion to appoint H. Teskey as chairman was unanimously approved.

C. Allen made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to accept nominations for vice chairman. The motion was unanimously approved. B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to nominate Carrie Allen as vice chairman. No other nominations were made. B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to close nominations. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Teskey acknowledged the nomination of C. Allen as vice chairman. The nomination was made by B. Roccapriore and seconded by C. Passante. The motion to appoint C. Allen as vice chairman was unanimously approved.

VISITORS

Residents were mailed their new property assessments along with an informational letter. A resident expressed dissatisfaction with the assessment notifications and requested that the Board engage in a substantive discussion on how the assessments will affect the mill rate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 05, 2025

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to approve the minutes from November 05, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.



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APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

C. Allen volunteered to act as the Town Council liaison to the Abraham Pierson School Redevelopment Project. B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to appoint C. Allen as the liaison to the Abraham Pierson School Redevelopment Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to appoint J. Dunn as the Town Council liaison to the Public Works Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMPOWER MAIN STREET FUND

The Town is preparing to submit an application for the EmPOWER Main Street Fund. The proposal requests \$10,000 in funding to install artistic bicycle racks on municipal property along Clinton's Main Street. C. Passante made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to apply for the EmPOWER Main Street fund in the amount of \$10,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVE 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council discussed the possibility of changing the regular meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM. After consideration, the Council agreed to maintain the current start time of 7:00 PM. C. Passante made a motion, seconded by D. Donovan to approve the 2026 Town Council meeting schedule as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Retirement of the Town Christmas Tree

According to the Tree Warden, the current Town Christmas Tree is no longer structurally sound enough to hold lights. This will be its final year serving as the official tree. A new tree, a blue spruce located to the left of Town Hall, is being prepared to take its place for the 2026 Christmas season.

Ribbon Cuttings

- Last week, we welcomed Little City Barber Shop, located at 68 West Main Street.
- Tomorrow at 10:00 AM, we will celebrate the ribbon cutting for Barnwild Collective Boutique, located at 161 West Main Street. The Town Council has received an invitation, and we hope to see you there. The boutique features women's accessories, gifts, and baby clothing.



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Retirement Announcement

Town Clerk Sharon Uricchio will be retiring after 23 years of dedicated service to the Town of Clinton. Her final day will be Tuesday, December 2nd. We extend our heartfelt thanks for her many years of commitment and wish her all the best in this next chapter.

Open Positions

The Land Use Department currently has an opening for the position of Land Use Clerk. Although a candidate was hired in September, the placement was not a good fit, and the position has since been reposted.

Additionally, there are two part-time clerk positions available. We have one in Parks and Recreation and the other in Human Services. Both roles are under 20 hours per week and are listed on the Town's website.

Project Updates

Town Beach Survey Work

- The Town has engaged RACE Coastal Engineers to develop long-term plans for beach management. This includes a full property survey, as well as recommendations and permitting related to erosion control, beach nourishment, and future resource management.
- Survey stakes are currently in place at the "dog beach" area along the trail, where erosion is occurring. The Department of Public Works will soon install sandbags to protect the bank from winter storms and help stabilize the area until long-term solutions are implemented.

East Main Street Sidewalks

- The survey for the sidewalk segment between Liberty Green and Route 145 was completed two weeks ago. The Town Engineer will now begin designing the sidewalk upgrades and preparing permit applications for submission to the Department of Transportation.

Beach Park Bridge

- The contractor has begun installing cofferdams and is preparing to dewater the site.
- Once dewatering is complete, removal of the first section of the existing bridge structure will begin. Submittals for this phase are currently under review by the engineering team.
- The contractor and project management team continue to monitor sediment and erosion controls and are managing water flow to the adjacent marsh.
- Progress meetings between the Town and the contractor are being held twice monthly.

Library Renovations

- On January 7th, Maribeth will speak at the Town Council meeting to provide an update on the library renovation project. This will initiate discussions regarding the Town's financial contribution to the project. It is anticipated that multiple conversations will be needed to determine the final funding amount.



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Correspondence

- A letter from the Chamber of Commerce was read to the Council.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

H. Teskey read the following statement during his chairman's report.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your chair. Before we proceed, let's pause to recognize Carrie Allen for her leadership, dedication and many hours of public service. On behalf of the Town of Clinton, thank you, Carrie, for your continued dedication and commitment to our hometown.

Clinton's success is not due to any one person. Rather, it is the culmination of the work of every committee member, every volunteer, and every town employee as we work together. As we head into 2026, we have a new council, a new POCD, and a town manager who has her feet firmly under her. As a Council, and as a town, let's play to our strength. And our strength is team unity. And that team is Team Clinton. Let's work together.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

D. Donovan suggested establishing a financial subcommittee to work with the Town Manager and Finance Director as representatives of the council during the preparation of the budget, recommending that H. Teskey and C. Aniskovich serve on the subcommittee. After some discussion, the council decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

C. Allen suggested holding public information sessions on assessments, however, the council felt it was somewhat premature to proceed with such sessions at this time.

B. Roccapiore stated that a freedom of information request had been submitted regarding the Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program and requested that all information obtained through the FOI be shared with the entire council.

C. Passante announced that the Morgan Girls Soccer team won the state championship, noting the team's deep appreciation for the outpouring of support. A ceremony will be scheduled at The Morgan School to present the players with a proclamation and formally acknowledge their achievement.

In 2020 the council, with the support of the Town Manager, created a Leadership Guide and Mission Statement. During the meeting there was discussion on updating the guide. H. Teskey and B. Roccapiore volunteered to work on revising the document on behalf of the council.



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TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

The council had nothing new to report on at this time.

ADJOURN

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Allen, and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant
Town Manager