



TOWN OF CLINTON
54 East Main Street
Clinton, CT 06413
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Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Town Hall Green Room

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

Absent: Hank Teskey

Also participated: Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager

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

VISITORS

Dylan Walter inquired about the Madison Chamber collaboration that was reported on by the Town Manager at the last Town Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 04, 2026

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by J. Dunn to approve the minutes of February 04, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

The Council tabled the appointment of Matthew Grandfield to the Sustainability Committee.

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to appoint Zach Plourde to replace Larry Edwards as the town representative to the RiverCOG Regional Planning Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

TAX SUSPENSE LIST & FIRE DEPARTMENT ABATEMENT

D. Donovan made a motion, seconded by B. Roccapriore to approve the Tax Suspense List and Fire Department Abatement as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.



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LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST

B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante to approve the following line item transfer request totaling \$144,745. The motion was unanimously approved

Decrease	Contingency	\$144,745
Increase	Finance	\$12,259
	Assessor	\$13,581
	Tax Collector	\$5,210
	Town Clerk	\$11,761
	P&Z	\$2,812
	TH Maintenance	\$29,484
	Police	\$4,780
	DPW	\$48,546
	Human Services	\$7,154
	P & R	\$9,158

FINANCIAL REPORT

Robert Tait, Finance Director, reviewed his monthly financial report with the council. R. Tait will present the audit results at the next regular meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Town Clerk position has been reposted.
- An update was provided on the Traffic Safety Enforcement Device Ordinance. An email address has been established for public questions: inquires@clintonct.gov.
- Bo Potter, Parks & Recreation Director, has announced his upcoming retirement.
- The Town has hired McInnis Inc. of Milford to conduct an HR audit.
- Positive community feedback continues regarding Henry on Main.
- The Veterans Advisory Committee, which has been dormant for several years, is being reactive in coordination with Rick Way. The committee will host its first monthly "Coffee and Connections" gathering for veterans on Thursday, March 26th from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. The goal of the committee is to ensure the Town remains proactive, inclusive, and responsive to veterans by strengthening community connections and improving access to support resources.
- Park and Recreation part time clerk position has been filled by Georgia Witkowski.
- Sidewalk Project Update
Final design work is underway for the sidewalk installation project extending west from downtown along Route 1. The Town Council previously approved a change in scope to include two additional items:
 1. A new crosswalk at Pearl Street
 2. A design solution for ongoing flooding issues along Route 1.



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The State DOT initially offered to fund 80% of the drainage work but has since rescinded that offer; therefore, the drainage component will not proceed at this time. The State has requested an additional crosswalk across Route 1 west of North High Street to complete pedestrian access in the area.

With the removal of the drainage work and the addition of the new crosswalk design, the Town's cost for extra work is reduced from \$14,834 to \$8,972. The total revised extra work request is \$44,860, compared to the original \$74,170 when the drainage work was included. The figures above reflect the Town's 20% share under the 80/20 funding match.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Acting Chairman, C. Allen, did not give a report at this time.

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The council had nothing to discuss at this time.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Town Council Committee Liaison Reports

- D. Donovan reported on Police Commission
- J. Dunn reported on the Public Works Commission
- C. Passante reported on the Park & Recreation Commission

ADJOURN

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by D. Donovan, and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant