



TOWN OF CLINTON
54 East Main Street
Clinton, CT 06413
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Town Council Special Budget Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
Town Hall Green Room

In Attendance: Chairman Hank Teskey, Carrie Allen, Dennis Donovan, Brian Roccapiore, Chris Passante, Chris Aniskovich, Jerry Dunn

Also participated: Michelle Benivegna, Town Manager
Robert Tait

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Chairman Teskey opened the meeting with an introductory statement.

The Council's recommendation was to reduce the overall budget by \$500,000, with \$200,000 to come from the Town side, including the Police Department SRO position, and \$300,000 from the Board of Education.

M. Benivegna presented a proposed reduction totaling \$200,244 on the Town side, consisting of \$155,224 from the Police Department SRO position and \$45,000 in anticipated savings from insurance.

RATIFY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET

B. Roccapiore made a motion, seconded by C. Passante, to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$300,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Allen made a motion, seconded by C. Passante, to reduce the Town budget by \$200,244, which includes \$155,224 for the Police Department SRO position and \$45,000 from insurance. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 in favor (Teskey, Allen, Donovan, Roccapiore, Passante, and Aniskovich) and 1 opposed (Dunn).

RECOMMEND TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND SEND TO A PUBLIC HEARING

C. Passante made a motion, seconded by C. Allen, that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton hereby recommends an Educational Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$44,788,204 which includes operations, debt service, and capital expenditures, and send to a Public Hearing scheduled for April 20, 2026.



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B. Roccapriore made a motion, seconded by C. Allen that the Town Council of the Town of Clinton hereby recommends a Town Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$23,373,935 which includes operations, debt service, and capital expenditures, and send to a Public Hearing scheduled for April 20, 2026.

The Town Council budget public hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 20th at 7:00 pm. The council will have a special meeting immediately following the public hearing to set the budget and send to referendum.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Executive Assistant