

CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Clinton Community Council Meeting Minutes August 31, 2026 6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:04 pm

Carol Flax

Attendance:

Present: Don Simmons, Michael Clyburn, Carol Flax, Val Heitzman, Lizzy Etzel Carlson, Mike Turnbull, Phyllis Alexander, June Nailon, Mike Gerhardt

On ZOOM:, Shauna Causey, Joe Greenheron

Absent: Patrick Moote, Emelia Harris, Curt Gordon

2. Approval of July minutes. Motion: Mike T. 2nd: Mike G. **Approved.**
3. Monthly Program: Catherine Kelly, from Island County Public Works office, reported on the progress on the Clinton segment of the ferry-to-bridge trail. It will start at the old Wells Fargo Bank building and end at Ken's Corner – 2.14 miles of 10 foot-wide paved trail, separated from the highway. The estimated total cost is \$14,160,579. The design work is 90% complete and some funding has been identified. She has several grant applications out, currently. It is on the county's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). There were 30 interested people who attended this program. All were encouraged to voice their support to the County Board of Commissioners.
4. Treasurer's Report – Account and Budget Status Don Simmons
Written report submitted. Net income for the year 2026 to date: **-304.09** Bank balance (as of 7/27/26): \$2438.06. We have received 101% of our budgeted income to date. Our expenses to date are 102% of the budgeted amount. Don reported that \$1119 remained in the picnic fund in our account.
5. Public input: Whidbey Health Commissioner Marcy Shimada reported that affordable housing and childcare for staff were big issues the Commission is dealing with. They have added staff training programs recently.
6. Planning Commissioner Mike Clyburn reported that planners will be starting to work on revising the critical areas ordinances.
7. New Business: The candidate forums for the general election will be October 13th and 19th, at the Hall.

Proposed by-law revisions were introduced and discussed.

Current language

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Proposed language

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More discussion and a vote will be at the next meeting.

We agreed to make our regularly scheduled October meeting (Oct. 26) one of our required community meetings. It will include our report to the community on the past year and the year ahead. We will also ask the community what they think we should be working on. We should have a flyer for the community meeting available at the community forums.

The nominating committee will meet to discuss recruitment of new at-large council members.

8. Next meeting: September 28, 2026, at 6pm.

Adjourned: 7:40pm.