

AGENDA

ITEM

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PUBLIC

HEARING

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF CLINTON
Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

To: Gary Petley, a resident of the Town of Clinton, County of Kennebec, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Clinton in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to vote in the Town of Clinton, at the Clinton Town Office, located at 27 Baker Street, on Tuesday the 10th day of June, AD 2008 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

Article 1: To elect a moderator.

Article 2: To elect all municipal officers, library trustees, and school board members as are required to be elected.

Article 3: Shall the Town of Clinton vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the Community Enterprise Grant program for the Mill Site Park in the amount of \$150,000, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Clinton is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

**Grant Funds of \$150,000 has been set aside for the Town of Clinton Mill Site Park project. The Office of Community Development (OCD) has invited the Town of Clinton into the project development phase of the application process and has reserved \$150,000 for the project. There is no requirement for matching funds from the Town of Clinton. The Town of Clinton of Clinton does meet the intended National Objective of eliminating a blighted condition in town.*

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,772 for the Administrative Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the Operation of the Town Office, collection of taxes and fees, vehicle registration, voter registration, assessing services, paying town bills, payroll services for all town employees, maintaining all town records and overall coordination of all town services.*

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Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,978 for the Town Hall Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for heat, lights, water, sewer, cleaning and maintenance of the Town Office Building.*

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 31,984 for the Code Enforcement Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for State Law required positions of part time Code Enforcement Officer, building inspector, plumbing inspector and health officer.*

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 18,952 for the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding allows the municipality to assist people who are in an emergency situation if they meet the financial guidelines establish by the state. Areas of assistance are Heat, Electricity, Burial, Rent, & Food.*

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,793 for the Fire/EMS Department Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding covers the Maintenance & Operation of the Fire and Ambulance Service, which includes Full-time Employees (4) and part time employees (25), maintenance and upgrades to associated fire equipment and fire station.*

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,256 for the Police Department Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding allows the town the opportunity to have a local presence strictly for use by the taxpayers of this community for Police Services.*

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for E-911 Fire / Police Dispatch Services.

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Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the State Mandated regional dispatch system.*

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,124 for the Animal Control Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the contracted Animal Control Officer to assist the town with Domestic Animal issues.*

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,930 for the Highway Department Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for winter snowplowing/snow removal and general maintenance of existing roads, which includes pot hole repair, gravel replacement, culvert and ditching work, brush cutting, sign placement etc.*

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,493 for the Transfer Station Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding allows the municipalities of Benton and Clinton to dispose of Solid Waste (Household Trash) at no cost, encourages recycling and allows people the opportunity to dispose of other materials for a fee. The Town of Benton reimburses the Town of Clinton for 45% of the Transfer Station budget.*

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,635 for the Library Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the general operation of the library and takes care of paying personnel, purchase of books and periodicals, general maintenance, payment of heat and lights etc.*

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,480 for the Street Lights Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the electricity to light 110 Street Lights for public safety.*

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Article 16: To see if the town will vote to replace the current 2 high mileage, worn out and maintenance dependent police cruisers through a 3-Year Municipal Lease / Purchase Law Enforcement Package Agreement to eliminate a financial and public safety liability to the town due to unsafe police cruisers.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**The current police cruisers are at the end of their life cycle for safe law enforcement work, not only to the police officers but to the safety of the public as well. The advantages of a Municipal Lease / Purchase are: 1. obtain needed police cruisers at current prices, while taking advantage of tax-exempt low interest rates and avoiding large lump-sum expenditures. 2. Accumulates equity with every installment and realize ownership with a final payment of \$1.00 at lease end. 3. Maximize limited budget funds as only the current year's lease payment are included in the budget. 4. Avoids the repercussion of a tax increase or the expense and complexity of a bond issue to finance vehicle acquisitions. 5. No down payment or security deposits are required and there is no pre-payment penalty. 6. ends the financial and operational struggle of keeping worn-out vehicles in service.*

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,664 for the Debt Service Account.

Selectmen Recommend and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the Fire Station Debt and the Town's share of First Park in Oakland and 2 Police Cruisers Lease Purchase.*

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,999 for the Insurance Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Personal Liability, Vehicle Liability, Buildings and General Liability insurance programs to cover the Town and in some cases Elected and Appointed Officials who provide services to the town.*

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Planning and Appeals Board Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is used for training of each respective group.*

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,460 for the Non Profit Community Service Account.

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Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Budget Committee Recommend: \$20,546

**Funding is for various nonprofit groups to assist Clinton residents with Transportation, Food, and other services i.e.: Hospice Care, Senior Citizen support, Child & Family Counseling Service and American Flags for veterans graves on Memorial Day, Police Athletic League (PAL), snow mobile club and Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (added by the Board of Selectmen).*

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,730 for the Recreation Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the efforts by the Parks & Recreation Board for upkeep of trees and park facilities within the community.*

Article 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,556 for the Cemetery Account.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the Cemetery Committee to maintain and repair the (7) cemeteries in Clinton.*

Article 23: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for operating needs of the Budget / Economic Development Committees.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding use by the Budget Committee for paper, books to work on the budget preparation and the EDC when needed to work towards developing economic opportunities for companies when an interest is shown in Clinton, also used to assist in publicizing Clinton and what it can or has to offer new businesses.*

Article 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,611 for the Elections Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the running of the Town Meeting elections and warrant articles secret ballot voting, and the Presidential Election on November 4, 2008. Costs include pay for ballot clerks, printing of ballots, required mailings for elections, and printing the annual report.*

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Article 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 for road reconstruction / paving for the following roads: Bellsqueeze Road gravel section, Church Street, Lamb Avenue, Morrison Avenue #2, Pearl Street, Railroad Street, Spring Street, Victor Lane, Winn Avenue in the first year of the 18-year Road Reconstruction Paving Strategies Plan.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding is for the first year implementation of the 18-year road reconstruction / paving strategies plan for all 44 miles of local roads in Clinton.*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to increase the tax cap limit by \$190,000 to fund the road reconstruction / paving for Bellsqueeze Road gravel section, Church Street, Lamb Avenue, Morrison Avenue #2, Pearl Street, Railroad Street, Spring Street, Victor Lane, and Winn Avenue in the first year of the 18-Year Road Reconstruction Paving Strategies Plan.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Increasing the tax cap limit will allow the road reconstruction / paving to be funded as an annual maintenance item in the budget.*

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to collect and expend the sum of \$1,011,650 in anticipated revenue to reduce the amount raised by taxation.

Selectmen & Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 28: To see if the town will vote to charge 7.00% interest on unpaid taxes after October 1, 2008 for the first half of the property taxes that are due and payable, and interest on unpaid taxes after April 1, 2009 for the second half of the property taxes that are due and payable.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

**Note*: maximum set by the state to charge is 11.00%.*

Article 29: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate of 3.00% to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 710 to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article 30: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to reduce the amount required to be raised from property taxes by drawing on the Undesignated Fund Balance.

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Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article 31: Shall Section 9 Enforcement of the Enhanced 911 Ordinance, Town of Clinton, enacted March 27, 1997, be amended to add the Clinton Police Department for enforcement and a civil fine of \$50.00 for non-compliance of the Ordinance.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the Capital Reserve Account for the Town Hall Roof.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future re-roofing of the Town Office Roof System with Shingles or Metal Roofing.*

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the Capital Reserve Account for the Fire Department Communications Upgrade.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future replacement of the current communications systems.*

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the Capital Reserve Account for the Fire Department's Turn Out Gear.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the replacement of the Fire Department's Turn Out Gear for each fireman.*

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for replacement of 3 concrete slabs at the Transfer Station / Recycling Center.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus for the replacement this year of the 40' x 14' concrete slab in front of the storage building, 30' x 16' concrete slab for Box # 4, and 20' x 14' concrete slab with skid plate for the compactor Box # 6.*

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Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Account for Transfer Station / Recycling Forklift.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future replacement of the Forklift.*

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Account for Transfer Station / Recycling Center Bailer.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future replacement of the bailer for the recycling center.*

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Account for Transfer Station / Recycling Center Backhoe / Loader.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future replacement of the 1993 Backhoe / Loader for the Transfer Station.*

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Account for the future replacement of the Highway Department Sidewalk Tractor.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to the reserve account for the future replacement of the 1993 sidewalk tractor.*

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Account for the future replacement of the Highway Department Backhoe / Loader.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to the reserve account for the future replacement of the 2000 Backhoe / Loader.*

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Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to a Capital Reserve Account for the future replacement of the Highway Department Sander / Hopper.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future replacement of the sander / hopper for spreading sand and salt for snow removal operations.*

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to a Capital Reserve Account for the Repairs to the Headstones in the Town's seven cemeteries.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding transfers money from surplus to a reserve account for the future repairs to the headstones in the Town's seven cemeteries as recommended by the Cemetery Committee.*

**VOTE
June 10, 2008
8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
TOWN OFFICE
BANQUET HALL
27 BAKER STREET
CLINTON, MAINE**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

"THE TOWN OF CLINTON HEREBY ORDAINS that the Town of Clinton Enhanced 911 Ordinance, Section 9. Enforcement is amended as follows:

The Clinton Board of Selectmen / CEO Officer, Clinton Police Department shall see that all homes are marked properly after 90 (ninety) days of getting their proper street names and numbers.

Failure to comply with this Ordinance within 30 days of being notified by the Board of Selectmen, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), or a Town of Clinton Police Officer shall be punishable by a civil fine of \$50.00. This fine is assessed every 30 days if the property is not brought into compliance with the Ordinance."

CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON ON THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2008 AND SEALED WITH THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON.

Jeffrey Towne, Chairman

Chester Nutting

Stephen Hatch

Joseph Massey

Randy Clark

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE

Shall Section 9 Enforcement of the Enhanced 911 Ordinance, Town of Clinton, enacted March 27, 1997, be amended to add the Clinton Police Department for enforcement and a civil fine of \$50.00 for non-compliance of the Ordinance.