

# Clinton

August - September

# Community Newsletter



## FISCAL AFFAIRS

Less than 16% (356) of Clintons 2,269 registered voters determined the 2016/2017 fiscal budget of the Town of Clinton at the Town Meeting Election on Tuesday, June 14th.

All departmental budgets were passed as presented by the Selectmen. In the new fiscal year highway maintenance will be performed by T.H. Gerow. This change was spearheaded by the voters at last year's Town Meeting Election which instructed the Board of Selectmen to perform a study to determine whether or not the change would yield significant savings. For the most part the savings will be realized in that the town will not be required to purchase highway maintenance equipment, i.e., a new truck, and a new backhoe, etc.

Another change the voter's approved is the \$25,000 item for Nuisance Property Clean-Up which is desperately needed in Clinton to remain compliant with Maine law and to protect the property values of abutting property owners.



## Look for New Faces Protecting Clinton



Residents of Clinton said "Goodbye" to two familiar faces in the Clinton Police Department during the month of June - Officer Tyler Maloon joined the Maine State Police and Chief Craig Johnson retired. So, don't be surprised when you see new faces in the cruiser. They will be **Reserve Officer Andrew McMullen** or **Officer Gordon Mank**. Sgt. Stan "Rusty" Bell is not a new face in Clinton, but he will serve as Chief of Police.



**Agricultural Trade Show**  
Misty Meadows Farm  
August 24, 25 & 26 (9 am - 4pm)  
[mainefarmdays.com](http://mainefarmdays.com)

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## Newly Elected Officials

The voter's re-elected **Jeffrey Towne** to the Board of Selectmen for a three year term and elected **Brian Bickford** to his first two year term as Selectman.

Also re-elected as a member of the M.S.A.D #49 School Board,  
**Janice Chesley** for a three year term.

**James Turcotte** was re-elected for a three year term  
as a Trustee to the Board of The Brown Memorial Library



**2016 - 2017  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jeffrey Towne - 426-8809  
Ronnie Irving - 426-8130  
Ed Blanchard - 426-2940  
Stephen Hatch - 680-8169  
Brian Bickford - 446-5653

**Selectmen  
Meeting Schedule**

Tuesday, August 9th  
Tuesday, August 23rd  
Tuesday, September 13th  
Tuesday, September 27th  
**6:30 p.m.**



Clinton Welcomes  
Newly Elected Selectman  
Brian Bickford



**Notes for the Wedding Planner**

The issuance of a marriage license is a lengthy process that requires both parties to be present to fill out detailed forms requiring accurate personal history. These forms enable the Town Clerk or the Clerk's deputy to create the official marriage license. On average this process takes 30 to 40 minutes.

**Therefore, wedding planners will not be able to request a marriage license application after 3:00 p.m.**



**No Crystal Ball at the Town Office**

A frustration residents experience at the Town Office is trying to find out how much it will cost to register a new or used vehicle for the first time - especially if transferring a plate from their old vehicle is involved.

Please remember there are several categories of cost that make up the total cost of the registration. For instance, if the vehicle is a private sale instead of a dealer purchase residents often forget the 5.5% sales tax they must pay the State of Maine on the purchase price quoted on the Bill of Sale. Add the amount of the Sales Tax to the \$33 Title Fee; the \$4 Agent Fee; the \$35 Plate Fee and the amount of the Excise Tax and that is the registration cost for the vehicle.

We know registering a vehicle can be very expensive. Please understand we want to provide you the correct information but we need all the correct paperwork to do so. Be assured the Town Office staff is more than happy to provide you with an accurate estimate - at the counter ...

**... but, we will not quote transfers over the phone.**

**ONE LANE  
BRIDGE**

**CAIN BRIDGE UPDATE**

MDOT's Bridge Program Inspector Candace Thompson recently advised the Town of Clinton that as of July 15th T. Buck Construction had completed Phase 1 of the project with the placement of abutments one and two which makes the project 50% complete.

**INSURANCE FAX**

**The Town Office  
charges \$1 for  
insurance cards  
faxed by your  
insurance company.**





# Clinton Police Department

A child's life is flashing before your eyes.

Flashing red means stop!

Back to School...  
When you see a School Bus with flashing red lights - **STOP**



It matters not if you are following or meeting a school bus, flashing red lights mean **STOP!** It does not matter if you are on a four lane highway, a two lane highway or on school property - red flashing lights on a yellow school bus means **STOP!** School bus transportation statistics published in 2010 report an average of ten student fatalities occur annually in car/bus accidents - most of which were preventable had drivers observed the law and stopped for flashing red lights.

Maine Law (Title 29-A) makes this offense a Class E crime punishable by a **\$250 MINIMUM FINE** for the first offense, and a mandatory 30-day suspension of a drivers license for a 2nd offense.

**Please Keep Student Safety First in Clinton!**

Chief Stan "Rusty" Bell



Clinton Lion's Club

# FAIR

## September 8th to September 11th

The Town Office will be Closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 5th



Are you Registered to Vote?

Don't wait until the last minute  
Come in to the Town Clerk's Office  
and register for the Voting List.



Donate Your Garden Surplus  
To the Clinton Food Bank



Reminder  
1st Property Tax  
Installment  
Due: Monday,  
October 3rd

### Calculating Excise Tax

Vehicle Excise Tax is calculated on the Manufacturer's Retail Price (Sticker Price) **NOT** on the purchase price of the vehicle. Once the vehicle value is established a descending mil rate is applied to the excise record for six years.

- Year 1 .0240
- Year 2 .0175
- Year 3 .0135**
- Year 4 .0100
- Year 5 .0035
- Year 6 .0040

#### Example

If you have a three year old vehicle valued at \$25,500 you would calculate excise tax as follows:

$$\$25,500 \times .0135 = \$344.25$$



## Concert in Old Mill Park

August 24th

6:30 to 8 p.m.





Frank Gioffre ~ 877-5235

## From the Code Enforcement Office

Hello, from the Code Enforcement Office, I hope this message finds you well! I want to thank those who voted at June's Town Meeting Warrant. All the articles related to Code Enforcement passed with a large majority of 70%. Your support is well received.

I also wanted you to know there were three properties which did need a little more than spring cleaning. And, in these cases they started cleaning up on their own. When I stopped to thank them they were delighted their efforts were noticed.

Regarding nuisance properties, two parcels are in the process of being cleaned up. The first will be cleaned up by using a portion of the money provided in Article 24. Then, the amount used for cleanup is assessed to the property owner as a special municipal tax on the property. The second property is being cleaned up by the property owners with probably no cost to the town.

At the July 12th Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Code Enforcement Officer was authorized to take action on three properties which have been deemed nuisance properties per Clinton's *Property & Building Safety Maintenance Ordinance*.

The job of a Code Enforcement Officer can be difficult at times, your positive support is well appreciated! Thank you.

## Mooving About Town



In an effort to establish better communication between local government and Clinton's business community, Town Manager Pamela Violette is taking a page out of the "Meet & Greet" play book during this new fiscal year. Pam plans to contact two or three business owners each month to make an appointment to visit their business. Pam is of the mind the better she knows the community the better she will be able to serve the community.

Pam is looking forward to hearing and discussing business owner's concerns regarding economic development for Clinton and encourages owners to share their suggestions and ideas to sustain growth that will significantly contribute to the long-term health and wellbeing of Clinton.

**Look forward to YOUR call!**



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★ The Town of Clinton expressed appreciation to Road Maintenance Foreman Clayton Pierce with the presentation of a plaque for 23 years of service. ★  
★ Clayton's position was eliminated when the Town converted to contracted services for road maintenance. ★  
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## Police Chief Craig Johnson Retires



After nearly nine years of service with the Clinton Police Department, six years of which he served as the Chief, Craig Johnson announced his retirement effective June 30, 2016. The Town of Clinton appreciates Chief Johnson's commitment to protect and serve and wishes him well in all opportunities for enjoyment that retirement provides. (If you see him cruising on his vintage "Chips" motorcycle be sure to say "Hi!")

**Best Wishes,  
Craig!**



Clinton / Benton

# fall

Transfer Recycling Center

# CLEANUP DAY

If you have questions please call 426-8187  
Gerald Howard, Director

**Saturday**  
**September 24th**  
**8 am to 5 pm**



## ALLOWABLE ITEMS FOR CLEAN-UP DAY

- |                             |                     |                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 - Refrigerator            | 1 - Air Conditioner | 4 - Tires (No Rims)           |
| 1 - Stuffed Chair           | 1 - Couch           | 1 - Carpet (14 x 14 or under) |
| 1 - Box Spring              | 1 - Mattress        | Tires with Rims - \$3.00 each |
| Electronic Equipment - FREE |                     |                               |

**BRUSH - NO CHARGE FOR CLINTON AND BENTON RESIDENTS**  
**DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - \$96.00 PER TON**



### Bring One Take One

Not sure what to do with old books and magazines...Donate them to the "Free Library" located in the Town Office lobby.



### Credit Card Convenience is NOT Inexpensive

The convenience fee for the card processing vendor "MunicipiPay" starts at **\$2.45 per \$100**. Cash or check is always best.

### Motor Vehicle Exemption for 100% Service Connected Disabled Veterans

Recently there has been confusion regarding payment of registration fees for 100% disabled veterans. Veterans in this group must have on file in Augusta's Bureau of Motor Vehicle Office a letter from the Veterans Association certifying permanent disability. This letter exempts those veterans from the state's \$35 registration fee but NOT the Excise Tax.



## PARKS & RECREATION

**BOTTLE DRIVE**

**FUNDRAISING**



**Thank You for Your Support!**

CLINTON VARIETY has agreed to accept your bottle donations for the Parks & Recreation Bottle Drive. Just let them know you are donating to the P & R Fundraiser.