

April & May

Clinton Community Newsletter



Reminder!

WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
STAY AT HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
BE SAFE AND STAY WELL
WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER
BE KIND

Code Enforcement Office

Frank Gioffre, CEO can be reached at
509-6719 or fgioffre@clinton-me.gov
No Office Hours until further notice.

The Town Office will be closed
to the public for the
month of April
per Gov. Mills proclamation
effective April 2nd

If you have questions or concern about your town business
during the shut-down please call the town office between
the hours of 9 am and 4 pm (426-8511) or email the town
manager at ehaggerty@clinton-me.gov.

We will do what we can to assist you.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 10th**

**Make the day extra
special this year!**



United States
Census
2020



AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOUR TAX BILL!

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty; it also **affects the amount of funding your community receives**, how your community plans for the future, and **your representation in government**. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census are used to:

- **Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.**
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives

Please take **10 or 15 minutes to fill out the census questionnaire** that will soon come to your mailbox. Essentially the data provides tax relief because it affects the federal dollars allocated to Maine which becomes part of the funding formula for education, hospitals and fire departments. The Clinton Fire Department has already benefited thousands of dollars in grants for equipment they could only dream of purchasing. The MSAD #49 School Budget has had great difficulty getting passed by the voters in recent years. A boost in census data just may help with significant tax relief if we all just do our civic duty and fill out the form. It can't hurt!

General Assistance thru Grants for Workforce Casualties of the Covid-19 Pandemic

If you are a Clinton resident and became unemployed or were laid off because of the Covid-19 pandemic, please call the Town Office at 426-8511. Grant funds are limited so it will be on a “first come - first served” basis, but we will exhaust the grants currently made available for April rent and the April 1st property tax installment for workforce casualties.

Please call and we will fill out a grant information form over the phone. We can fax or email the qualifying documents to complete the file and arrange payment that same day. Qualifying documents will be proof of unemployment, letter of termination or lay-off, etc.

There are funds available for food and heat as well - let us help you through this difficult time with the town resources we have available.

Please Call: 426-8511

Email: ehaggerty@clinton-me.gov



CLINTON SOLID WASTE TRANSFER & RECYCLING CENTER



In the interest of protecting public health the Governor has deemed David Woods, Transfer Station Manager, Yard Attendants Bud Frace and Brandon Sherwood as essential personnel. Therefore, there will not be a disruption in the operating hours of the Transfer Station. There have been a few changes implemented to further augment the Governor’s proclamation to keep communities safe.

- Social Distancing - 2 cars at a time at the bins
- Individuals stay in vehicles as much as possible
- Recycling Exchange Shop is Closed
- No donations/Apparel Impact bins available
- Plan your trips to minimize exposure

Shout out a “Thank You” to the staff - they are doing a great job in hard times!



Happy Easter!
Sunday,
April 12th



Our Historic Treasure!
Brown Memorial Library
Railroad Street
Clinton, Maine

Would you like a new book to read during your seclusion at home during this difficult time for our town?

Well, if you call Cheryl, Clinton’s Librarian at 426-8686 and she’ll arrange for you to pick it up at the front door!

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE - APRIL

Given the constraints Governor Mills put on gatherings and meetings in her proclamation effective Thursday, April 2nd, the Board of Selectmen decided that ZOOM video conferencing is the best way to communicate with the public for the short-term.

Therefore, Tuesday, April 14th will be attended by invitation only. We want YOU to be invited to the meeting but you will have to help us make that possible. Please call the Town Office (426-8511) and provide your email. A few later we will post the date and time of the meeting by emailing you an invitation to the meeting and will provide a number to call.

Many municipalities throughout Maine are using this method to maintain the operation of town government during this time emergency in our country. We ask you to embrace it until we can safely gather again.

April 14th 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen's Meeting

April 15th 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Municipal Budget - FY 2020-2021

April 28th 6:30 p.m. Board of Selectmen's Meeting



MAINE

Rapid Renewal

ONLINE VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Although the Governor has extended all expiration dates for registering vehicles and trailers to 30 days past April 30th it just seems strange not to do it in a timely manner! So, there is another option for those who don't want to wait! It's the State's **Rapid Renewal Program**. It is easy to use and quick! Go to Maine.gov and search Rapid Renewal and follow the prompts!

Pothole Season is always frustrating, but it helps if you know who to call.

For potholes on Route 100, Baker Street, Pleasant Street, Hinckley Road, or the Canaan Road, you MUST call

The Maine Department of Transportation

624-8200

All other calls should be directed to

The Clinton Town Office

426-8511



It is most unfortunate that it has become necessary to postpone



That had been scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd! We will reschedule as soon as possible.



ARTICLE #	MUNICIPAL BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2020-2021	APPROVED	PROPOSED	%	Increase (Decrease)
		FY 19-20 BUDGET	FY 20-21 BUDGET		
3	01 Administration	\$ 303,302	\$ 347,708	15%	\$ 44,406
4	02 Town Hall Building	16,501	16,203	-2%	(298)
5	03 Technology Budget	30,454	32,398	6%	1,944
6	04 Fire & Rescue Department	385,708	401,365	4%	15,657
7	05 Winter Maintenance	336,176	348,000	4%	11,824
8	06 Police Department	321,712	320,459	-0.39%	(1,253)
9	07 Highway Maintenance	159,900	168,233	5%	8,333
10	08 Code Enforcement	50,411	58,855	17%	8,444
11	10 Brown Memorial Library	69,435	76,774	11%	7,339
12	11 Transfer Station	260,048	287,027	10%	26,979
13	12 Non-Profit Organizations	20,850	20,850	0%	-
14	13 Debt Services	259,849	259,849	0%	-
15	16 Parks & Recreation	12,915	13,950	8%	1,035
16	17 General Assistance	17,958	16,871	-6%	(1,087)
17	18 EMA/Communications	24,784	62,058	150%	37,274
18	19 Insurance Budget	104,129	123,985	19%	19,856
19	20 Municipal Cemeteries	8,061	8,558	6%	497
20	21 Elections Budget	10,654	10,568	-1%	(86)
21	26 Road Paving Plan	150,000	200,000	33%	50,000
22	27 Town Services	110,140	109,386	-1%	(754)
TOTALS		2,652,987	2,883,097	8.67%	\$ 230,110

Total FY 2020-2021 Budget:	\$ 2,883,097	Increase
Proposed Revenue Budget:	\$ 1,731,260	\$ 230,110
Amount Raised by Taxation:	\$ 1,151,837	8.67%

The above spreadsheet is the Departmental Summary of the Municipal Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 as recommended by the Clinton Budget Committee. The Board of Selectmen will make their final adoption at the April 15th Public Hearing on the Budget.

The 8.67% is unfortunate, but necessary to sustain the current level of services. Please note the \$230,110 increase is largely made up of only three items. Road Paving is an increase of \$50,000 - an increase which is necessary to keep up with paving demands on 52 miles of roadway. EMA Communications increased a total of \$37,274 because Waterville Dispatching Service contract increased \$36,797 without negotiation. Given there are no other dispatching options for Fire & Police we had to accept the increase. The increase in Administration of \$44,406 is made up of \$4,600 to take a part time position to full-time and funds for a new town manager—salary & benefits.

Residents may request a copy of the Draft Budget, the Town Meeting Warrant Draft and the Budget Committee Report be mailed to them by calling the Town Office at 426-8511 or

Email to ehaggerty@clinton-me.gov