

# Clinton Community Newsletter

August & September



## Maine Farm Days

August 21st & 22nd

Misty Meadows Farm



The town office will be closed

Monday, September 2nd



Labor Day



Clinton Lions Agricultural Fair

Thursday-Sunday

September 5th-8th

## Kids Paint Night

Thursday, August 15th from

5:00pm-7:00pm

@ Old Mill Park

Reserve your spot- 426-8511



Parks & Recreation Yard Sale

Saturday, August 17th

8:00am-2:00pm

@ Old Mill Park

Donations of gently used  
items are greatly  
appreciated.

Contact Katina: 426-8511

khubbard@clinton-me.gov

# VOTE

Don't forget to VOTE!

MSAD 49 Budget

Thursday, September 12th

12pm-8pm

@ Town Office-27 Baker Street



## Road Commissioner's Report

**Cindy Blodgett Avenue** — Many residents may not know that FEMA Disaster Reimbursement Program provided \$26,000 for the installation of a box culvert on CBA to eliminate the chronic flooding problem caused by excessive debris during high water run-off and beaver activity. To date the town's out of pocket expense for the project is a mere \$8,000. In July T.H. Gerow removed two large rusted out culverts that have been a long-term and expensive maintenance problem and installed a large concrete domed shaped box culvert. The project is now waiting for pavement and guardrails which will be completed by August 31st.

**Horseback Road** - The Spring of 2020 will bring another mile of pavement for the Horseback Road. Preparations are taking place during the Summer and Fall of 2019, i.e., ditching, tree cutting and culvert maintenance. Carter Tree Service has already started dropping trees along the paving project area. Carter will take the debris & slash but leave the wood for each home owner that chooses to take the stumpage from their property's frontage.

**DEP Stream Crossing Grant—True Road**—It's been several years since voters approved a \$15,000 Reserve Account for the replacement of two large culverts on the True Road. The galvanized culverts are now collapsing because the bottoms have rusted out. Spring run off and heavy rain events provides huge amounts of water and debris that is now threatening the collapse of that crossing. In May the town submitted a grant request to the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$40,000 to replace the culverts with a concrete box culvert. The Town did not prevail in the first round of grant awards but will resubmit for round two in October. If the town is not able to secure grant funds to repair the True Road the amount will become a request for transfer from undesignated surplus on the next town meeting warrant in June 2020. We can only hope the 2020 Spring run-off does not cause a complete collapse of the crossing. The site now requires regular monitoring and applications of surface gravel to fill the "sink holes" that appear in the road surface from time to time.

**Rail Road Street Sidewalk Project** - The Board of Selectmen's agenda for the August 13th meeting includes the request to approve an RFP for the resurfacing and/or rehabbing of approximately 1,400 feet of sidewalk along Rail Road Street. The project is more complex than just applying a new surface. The Department of Transportation's standard for constructing and rehabbing sidewalks states that if we remove the old broken asphalt to prepare for a new overlay then we are required to widen the surface to a 5 ft. width. Currently the sidewalks are 4 feet wide and to widen them another 12 inches in an already tight space is untenable. The town is currently in conversation with DOT to find a workable—and affordable—solution. The project will be funded by the Streetscape Grant Reserve.

## A New Mission for the Road Advisory Committee

Road maintenance is the most expensive, most contentious and the least understood item in an annual town budget. So, we are thinking “out of the box” this year and taking a different approach. We want YOU to be part of the solution. We are ramping up the **Road Advisory Committee’s mission** - that is, just as soon as we get one more person to agree to become a member of this committee!

If you want to be part of steering the road maintenance conversation and help develop a town wide 5 year paving and road reconstruction plan please call the Road Commissioner at 426-8322.

**This is an opportunity to bring your road complaint to the table and actually do something about it.**



## Marriage Licenses - \$40.00



With the amount of time that it takes to issue a marriage license, you must call for an appointment

Contact Yania Quirion- 426-8321



Dog  
Licensing  
starts  
October  
15th!



With school starting soon, please be cautious, and

**STOP** for school buses.



*Reminder!*

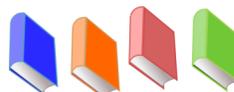
**The first installment  
for 2019 Taxes**

**is due Tuesday, October 1st.**

## Newly Elected Officials

The voters re-elected **Jeffrey Towne** to the Board of Selectmen for a three year term, and re-elected **Stephen Hatch** to the Board of Selectmen for a two year term.

The voters also elected **Tim Flood** as a member of the M.S.A.D #49 School Board for a three year term, and **Joy Jandreau** for a three year term as a Trustee to the Board of The Brown Memorial Library.





# Welcome

We would like to welcome a new face in the office, Yania Quirion, our new Town Clerk. Yania has over 13 years of experience working in a Town Office. We are pleased to have her here in our office.

Direct Contact information:

426-8321— [yquirion@clinton-me.gov](mailto:yquirion@clinton-me.gov)

## A message from the Library

Thanks to the **Friends of Brown Memorial Library**, we now have an HTC Vive, which is a virtual reality system to help bring our library into focus with our STEM-based world. Experience virtual reality through immersion experiences under the ocean, (The Blu), space, (Eco planet, Mission to Mars), a cell, (The Body), and the mountains, (Google Earth). In the description of Tilt Brush, a VR art program, it states, "Tilt Brush lets you paint in 3D space with virtual reality. Your room is your canvas. Your palette is your imagination. The possibilities are endless".

Beginning on August 19th, patrons wishing to use the Vive, must call in advance to schedule a time (426-8686) and sign a waiver agreeing to our policy for use.

**Experience virtual reality and take a step**

**Into the future!**



*Come and join the fun!*

## Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

August 13th & August 27th

Sept. 10th & Sept. 24th

Tuesdays - 6:30pm



# News From the Clinton Police Department

In June we said goodbye to

## **Corporal Karl Roy**

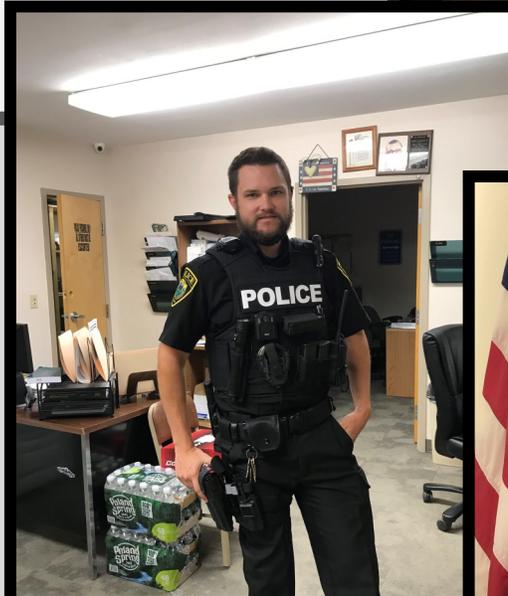
Although we are going to miss him, we wish him the best as he continues to protect lives in another area of Maine.

**We thank him for his time here in Clinton.**

# Good Luck!



**Chief of Police  
Stanley "Rusty" Bell**



**Officer Michael Connors**



**Officer Erik Maheu**

Change is never easy and it wasn't easy to see Corporal Karl Roy go after more than six years of outstanding service to the Town of Clinton, but opportunity called from southern Maine and Karl now serves another community with the same enthusiasm he served Clinton. Officer Erik Maheu is now the full time officer taking Karl's place on the roster. Another new face is part time Michael Connors who you will most likely see on weekend shifts. I am proud to have highly professional officers serving Clinton. The concept of "community policing" really works in a small town—officers get to know residents and vice versa. You might hear an occasional grumble about our department but when the facts are examined it usually comes down to a misunderstanding or inaccurate information. All officers now wear body cams so reports are easily verified for the protection of the public as well as the officer.

# Clinton's Facility Maintenance Program



In late 2018 while preparing the annual budget a Facility Maintenance Report was developed by resident and volunteer, Terry Knowles. This report became instrumental in the budgeting process because it enabled departments to identify and budget for mitigation of specific maintenance problems. For the town office building at 27 Baker Street priority was given to the conversion of all lighting—interior and exterior—to LED lighting. This project was prioritized because it was the only project that would “give back” considerable savings in energy cost as well as rebates from the Maine Efficiency Program which Wiswell Electric assisted the town in securing.

Also of notable interest, during the last year a number of citizens have complained about the glass window at the counter that everyone has to shout through. Citizens find the window to be an obstruction when trying to do business and a terrible inconvenience. Turns out employees do not like the window any better because it is hard to hear the public through the glass—even with enlarged openings. So, given the window does not provide the security it was intended to provide, it was decided to remove it as soon as possible. Of course, securing the Town Office space is still a priority and that is accomplished at the end of each business day by simply closing and locking the metal gate located directly behind the window.

Securing the Town Office and Lobby areas from unintended public use became the next logical step. A matched set of wood doors with windows, like the Banquet Room doors, will be installed in the corridor between the Lobby entry doors and the restrooms. This allows a delineation between the after hours use of the Banquet Room and the daily business hours of the town office. The door will be locked at the end of each business day and will eliminate administration’s concern about uncomplimentary use of the bulletin board, furniture, fixtures and decorations during off hours by unsupervised children of those renting the public space.

Other improvements you might notice are the painting of all the exterior doors from pink to a complimentary dark green. All the exterior doors are also slated to have the frames rehabbed with fiberglass to eliminate the rust and deterioration that has occurred since 1982 when the building was constructed. Broken and missing exterior trim is being replaced to protect the wood from rotting because it is not weather proof. The entry way, hallway and lobby will be painted sage green in the next few weeks to round out the planned improvements for what is actually “the people’s house”.

There are also plans to paint and update the Banquet Room and kitchen as time and funds provide, which will make the room more “marketable” and enjoyable space. The room will be converted to LED lighting and new ceiling fans are on the list as well. If you have suggestions about improving this public use space please do not hesitate to call the town manager’s office and share your vision—426-8322.



## WHAT is Going on with the Transfer & Recycling Center?

As you are probably aware “Recycling” is not just a local issue anymore - it’s global ! It’s hard to believe the decision being made by people that have never been to Clinton are shaping the decisions we must make with regard to how we treat recyclable materials. During the last two budget cycles administration believed the negative impact on our recycling

Program from Washington’s trade decision with China would be short term—now we are not so sure. So, maybe it’s time we take another run at the numbers to see what might be possible for the next budget cycle. It might prove to be more costly not to send the recyclables to PERC to be burned - but, the real question is “Would it be more beneficial?” Sometimes, money spent is not so much an expense as it is an investment. Could that be the case for Clinton? It is a hard question to answer if you are a bean counter and you are only looking at the beans.

**During the next couple of months I would like to pull together an informal group of 8 or 10 residents that have a real interest in answering questions about how and where Clinton recycles. This is NOT a committee—it’s a conversation! If you are interested in participating in that conversation please contact me directly by phone at 426-8322 or by email: [ehaggerty@clinton-me.gov](mailto:ehaggerty@clinton-me.gov).**

I assure you changes at the Transfer & Recycling Center go beyond just hanging a new sign. By now the community is aware there is a new staffing pattern being planned for the Clinton Solid Waste Transfer & Recycling Center that will support change and improvement. As Director, I am collaborating with a KVCOG consultant with many years of transfer station management experience as well as with Clinton’s DEP Site Manager to find ways we can dial up the professional services of this facility that may enhance services for Clinton and our neighbors in Benton.

**Please be patient and stay tuned to see what community conversation and professional collaboration can bring to**

**THE CLINTON SOLID WASTE TRANSFER & RECYCLING CENTER**