



CLINTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY – MARCH 2016

Clinton Gets a NEW Assessor!



Garnett Robinson



John Sexton

On December 22nd The Clinton Board of Selectmen, in their capacity as the Board of Assessors, approved a contract for new assessing services for 2016.

The contract with Maine Assessment & Appraisal Services (MAAS) will provide assessing agent (s), **Garnett Robinson** and/or **John Sexton** and two days of service each month - **on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

Maine Assessment & Appraisal Services performs assessing, mapping and revaluations for nearly a dozen Maine municipalities and has a solid experience of sixteen years in the business.

If you have questions or concerns about your real estate or personal property taxes please contact Garnett or John by calling the town office to make an appointment - **426-8511**.

Clinton Tax Facts

Clinton's 2015 State Value
\$161,696,679.00

2015 Tax Commitment
\$2,959,049.26

2015 MSAD #49 Budget
\$2,110,821.30

Number Real Estate Accounts
2,002

Number Personal Property
Accounts - 42

2015 Mil Rate
\$18.30

Sign-up for YOUR Clinton
Community Newsletter

Clinton's Pachyderm Visit

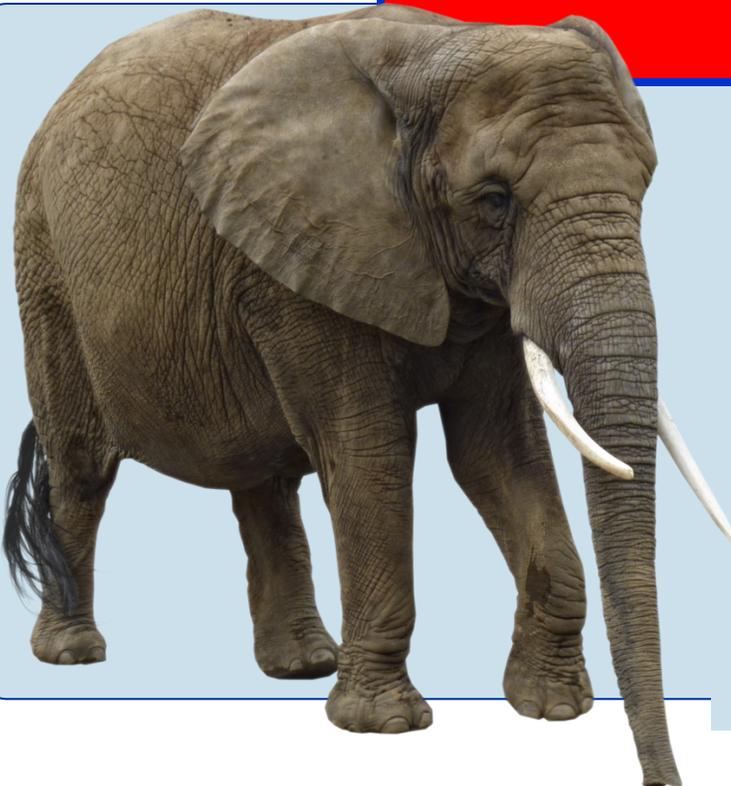
Clinton's Librarian, **Cheryl Dickey-Whitish**, has compiled a collection of unique and interesting stories of incidents that have taken place in Clinton during the last hundred years or so - some humorous and others tragic.

On the humorous side she tells of the time in the summer of 1894 that a circus elephant made his way through Clinton in the early morning hours, of a summer day in July stopping to bathe in the Sebasticook River before proceeding to Winslow where his owner finally caught up with him.

It seems the elephant escaped from a circus performing in Pittsfield and strolled 15+ miles to Clinton - not drawing much attention during the night but early risers that day were both startled and delighted by the visit.

No one ever figured out exactly where the pachyderm thought he was going but after a 25 mile stroll he was probably very happy to be taken back to the circus.

Clinton
Trivia





Did You Know.....you can renew your motor vehicle registrations on-line at Maine.gov? For your convenience Clinton participates in the Bureau of Motor Vehicle's "Rapid Renewal" program. Just search Maine.gov for "Rapid Renewal" and follow the prompts. No visit to the Town Office necessary!



Did You Know.....you can also renew your Hunting & Fishing license as well as your Snowmobile or ATV registration on-line at Maine.gov? It's easy! Just follow the prompts. No worries about Town Office hours necessary!

Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers will be available, **Monday, March 21, 2016** for the following elected positions for the Town of Clinton.

- * One 3 Year Term position - Board of Selectmen
- * One 2 Year Term position - Board of Selectmen
- * One 3 Year Term position - Brown Memorial Library Trustee
- * One 3 Year Term position - MSAD #49 School Board Member

Nomination papers MUST be returned to the **Town Clerk's Office** by **Monday, April 30, 2016** with a minimum of 25 and not more than 100 signatures of Clinton registered voters.

If interested in performing civic service for YOUR town pick up nomination papers at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours beginning March 21st.



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR REAL ESTATE TAX

Good News! The State of Maine has increased the Homestead Exemption for the new tax year from \$10,000 to \$15,000!

If you have already filed a Homestead Exemption Application with the Assessor's office you do NOT need to make a new application - the change will be automatic in the TRIO Assessing System.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

February 9th ~~~ February 16th
March 8th ~~~ March 22nd

TOWN OFFICE EVENING HOURS



On rare occasions residents will express a desire for the Town Office to have evening or weekend hours. However, overhead and staffing costs make it extremely impractical to accommodate so few at the cost of so much, especially on a municipal budget.

It makes perfect sense, however, to provide Town Office services on the two evenings per month that staff is already available for Selectmen Meetings.

Therefore, if you find it difficult to get to the Town Office during regular business hours please plan to come in on the

2nd or 4th Tuesday

of the month when the Town Office is open to the public until **6:00 p.m.**



A big "Thank You" goes out to all Clinton residents that contributed so generously to the Clinton Food Bank during the holidays. Your sharing and giving attitude was much enjoyed and very appreciated by all beneficiaries.

Also, a very special "Thank You" to the **Clinton Lions Club** for the Holiday Food Baskets and the collection and distribution of such thoughtful Christmas gifts!

Clinton Food Bank Hours

2nd & 4th Tuesday

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



For Your Convenience

Notary Public Services are FREE at the Clinton Town Office



Don't Forget to Celebrate Valentines Day!





WHAAAT!! I'm not licensed!!

Please don't tell the Animal Control Officer, Dave Huff!

Maine law requires all dog owners to vaccinate their dogs for rabies AND to obtain a dog license each year from the Town Office during the months of December and January. Effective February 1st the State imposes a mandatory **\$25 Late Fee** for each unlicensed dog within the community. On February 1st, the Town Clerk will provide the Clinton Police Department a list of known unlicensed dogs. The CPD will in turn dispatch Clinton's Animal Control Officer, Dave Huff, to notify those owners of the violation of animal control law - a fine can be imposed of \$100 per dog if the owner ignores the ACO's notice.

**February 1st
\$25 Late Fee
Per Dog**

All Late Fees are deposited
in the Maine Animal
Welfare Fund

Constructing a Municipal Budget



The Clinton Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2016 - 2017 is currently under construction!

The Budget Committee began meeting on Monday, January 4th and will continue to meet every Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. until committee recommendations are completed. These meetings are open to the public and are held at the Selectmen's Conference Room located at the Town Office Building.

Committee recommendations are provided to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion on the Town Warrant which Clinton residents vote to approve or disapprove at the Town Meeting Election which is usually in June each year.

The Town Warrant Election is in lieu of the traditional Town Meeting because Clinton's Charter requires a secret ballot method for passing the annual municipal budget.

Budget Committee

- Judy Irving
- Roger Barber
- Terry Gerow
- Myron Whittaker
- Kelly Rancourt
- David Rancourt
- Tracy Weymouth
- Robert St. Pierre
- Crystal McFarland
- James McFarland

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

For our citizens who are on a **private well**, we have water sampling kits for Radon and bacteria available at the Town Office. Also available are Radon air sampling kits for residents. The kits are **FREE**, but there is a fee to have the test processed at a local laboratory in Winslow.

If you receive your water from the Clinton Water District, your water is already being tested on a regular basis.



CLINTON FIRE & AMERICAN RED CROSS Please Sign Up for FREE Smoke Detector by March 19th



Clinton Fire: 426-8522

cfd22802@gmail.com

Share the News!



A smoke detector can save your life and these units are **FREE!** It does not matter if you own, lease or rent your home - you can sign up to have as many as four smoke detectors installed by members of the Clinton Fire Department!

When you call or email us please provide your Name, Address, Phone Number and the number of units to be installed. Fire Department personnel will contact you for installation of the Smoke Detectors in your home.



Brown Memorial Library



The Brown Memorial Library is YOUR hometown library, and it is a great place to spend a cold winter day! We have many interesting books and large selection of DVDs you can check out to enjoy at home.



For "History Buffs" we have access to Ancestry.com and various genealogical publications and lots of local history materials and old Clinton newspapers.



You can access the Internet through one of our several computers or, since we have wireless capabilities through your personal devices.

Trustee Chairman

Jim Turcotte

Trustees

Lisa Stein-Pierce

Rebecca Turlo

Librarian

Cheryl Dickey-Whitish

Assistant Librarian

Cindy Lowell



Come in to say "Hi", have a cup of Coffee or Tea, - sit in the cozy nook area with the day's edition of the Morning Sentinel.

Our friendly staff will be happy to see you and are here to help you with all your library needs.

Check out our Children's reading and activity room where they can watch movies, read books or work on coloring projects.



Phone: 426-8686 ~ 53 Railroad Street ~ Brownmemorial@roadrunner.com



Clinton Elementary School

SOUPER-BOWL FOOD DRIVE



During the week of February 1st thru the 5th the Clinton Elementary School's Student Council is sponsoring a "Souper-Bowl Food Drive" to benefit the Clinton Food Bank. Thirteen classrooms will have a competition coinciding with the NFL SUPER BOWL and each class will draw to be either a Bronco or a Panther for the "real" game on February 7th.

Students will be encouraged to bring non-perishable items and a score will be tallied at the end of the week. If you are NOT a parent or guardian of a CES student please feel free to donate anyway by bringing your donation to the school and let the Secretary know which "Team" you are supporting!

Help Your Team Win for the Food Bank!



Clinton Police Department

27 Baker Street, Clinton, Maine ~ Phone: 426 - 9192



Clinton's Officer Maloon Honored

Clinton Police Officer Tyler Maloon was on routine patrol on June 19th when he pulled over a driver who appeared to be operating erratically on the Hinckley Road.

As a standard procedure Maloon conducted a field sobriety test on the 54 year old man. But then something unexpected happened—the man collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. Maloon used his portable radio to call Clinton Rescue and launched into emergency procedures by starting CPR.

After a few of minutes Clinton Rescue arrived, started a defibrillator and transported the

man to a Waterville Hospital where the decision was made to LifeFlight him to a VA hospital in Boston.

On December 15th Officer Maloon was honored for his outstanding service and presented with a “Spirit of America” award at a ceremony held at the Kennebec County Court House in Augusta. Clinton’s Police Chief Johnson said of Maloon, “Tyler is a very fine officer. He does a professional job, he is good with people... an asset for the Town of Clinton.

The Spirit of America Foundation is a public charity established to honor individuals for

outstanding and commendable community service.

The Town of Clinton appreciates Officer Maloon’s meritorious service and is proud to have him serve the residents of Clinton.

Maloon graduated from Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield and has received a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Husson University.

Left to right:

- Officer Chelsea Merry
- Officer Karl Roy
- Chief Craig Johnson
- Sgt. Stanley “Rusty” Bell
- Officer Tyler Maloon
- Officer Jeff Connell