



Clinton Community Newsletter



JUNE - JULY



A Message from the Board of Selectmen

The Clinton Board of Selectmen appreciate public participation in all aspects of town government and continue to seek ways and means to effectively communicate issues and events to Clinton's 3,500 residents.

Communicating the details of the annual municipal budget is especially challenging for the Board of Selectmen to a public not always aware of the realities of managing and paying for the services for the entire municipality.

For instance, the current year budget (2015) was 49.5% of each tax bill - the cost of operating all municipal services and departments for the town. In addition the MSAD 49 school budget was \$2,110,821 - 46.18% of each tax bill and, the Kennebec County tax was \$178,079, - 4.23% of each tax bill.

Throughout the year Selectmen make decisions believed to be in the best interest of the continued health and wellbeing of the town. But in an atmosphere of diminishing revenues and escalating costs it is a real challenge to keep the mil rate as low as possible, given that 50% of the tax commitment is completely out of the Selectmen's control.

The Board of Selectmen would like to encourage each resident to make an informed decision on the 2016 municipal budget and to participate in our local government by casting a vote at the Town Meeting Election on June 14th.



TOWN MEETING ELECTION Tuesday, June 14th ~ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

In addition to voting on the 2016 Municipal Budget voters will be voting to fill four separate positions for municipal officers.

Individuals desiring to run for election took nomination papers out in March and returned them to the Town Clerk's Office in April with the required number of signatures.

- **Jeffrey Towne**, an incumbent Selectman is running unopposed for the 3 year position on the Board of Selectmen.
- **Randy Clark, Sr. & Brian Bickford** are running for the 2 year position for the Board of Selectmen.
- **Janet Chesley**, an incumbent School Board member running for the 3 year position on the School Board for MSAD 49.
- There were no Nomination Papers returned for the open position on the Board of Trustees for the Brown Memorial Library.

Absentee Ballots Available at the Town Office until Thursday, June 9th



Bring a non-perishable to the polls for the Food Bank!



Clinton's got Milk!

Maine
Online
Sportsman's
Electronic
System



This curmudgeon looking caricature is fondly known in Maine municipalities as **MOSES** which, is the acronym for Maine Inland and Fisheries “**M**aine **O**nline **S**portsman’s **E**lectronic **S**ystem”. It is the computerized system that all town clerks go to when you come to the town office to register boats and ATVs or to obtain fishing and hunting license. So, when you hear a Clinton counter clerk refer to **MOSES** they are not making reference to a Biblical character.

JUNIOR HUNTING REGULATIONS

- Jr. hunters 10 to 15 may hunt only in the presence of an adult
- Adult supervisor must be in possession of a valid Maine Hunting License
- There are annual “Youth Days” for Bear, Water Fowl, Deer and Wild Turkey. Check IF&W website for dates.
- Jr. Hunters may use a firearm, bow & arrow, crossbow or muzzle-loader.

2015 PROPERTY TAX REMINDER FOR 30 DAY NOTICE

Thirty Day Notices for unpaid real estate taxes for 2015 will be mailed to residents and landowners on Tuesday, June 21st. At the end of the 30 day period, tax liens will be recorded at the Kennebec Registry of Deeds on Tuesday, July 26th.

Once the tax lien has been filed, there will be an 18 month redemption period in which owners may redeem the property by paying the tax and the associated filing costs for the lien.

Liens not redeemed by the owner within the 18 month period will automatically foreclose at midnight on Friday, January 26, 2018 and become property of the town.

FINES
\$100
to
\$500

LITTERING is against the law!

Littering highways with trash and debris from the back of a truck or trailer whose load has not been properly secured will not be allowed to continue in town.

Those haulers along Route 100 being negligent by trashing lawns and ditches when traveling to and from the Transfer Station may be speaking with members of the **Clinton Police Department** to mitigate this nuisance activity.



Dairy Capital of Maine

Celebrating Clinton!

DID YOU KNOW...there are five major dairy farms in Clinton producing a total of 1,116,160 eight ounce glasses of milk every day!

That’s correct! One million, one hundred sixteen thousand, one hundred and sixty glasses of pure white goodness every day!

So, how many cows does it take to produce that much milk?

Approximately 8,000!

(That means there are more cows in town than people!)

There are approximately 5 1/2 tanker loads of milk transported out of Clinton every day! Given that each tanker has an 8,000 gallon capacity that would be a total of 34,880 gallons every day!



That’s a lot of milking machines!



CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

STATE OF MAINE

VEHICLE ID NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	TITLE NUMBER
98	KIA	SPORTA	4W		

Taking the Mystery Out of Your Vehicle's Title!

Transferring the title of a vehicle can be very confusing, but it is a document that you **MUST** have in your possession at the time of registration for a new vehicle.

The Certificate of Title accurately describes and identifies the vehicle by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and by Title number. This document also serves as prima facie proof of ownership in a court of law and that ownership can only be transferred by the legal owner (s) shown on the certificate.

All **motor vehicles** newer than the 1995 model year **MUST** have a certificate of title - also included in title law are **trailers (including Camper Trailers)** over 3,000 lbs. (unladen weight) and **motorcycles** with engines 300 cc and over. 1994 vehicle and older are title exempt.

A Certificate of Title can only be issued by the State of Maine. The blue document given you by an auto dealer or the town office is an application for title. The Town Clerk's office can provide a "Request to Re-Issue a Certificate of Title" form if you have a lost, stolen, destroyed or illegible title. The form is completed by the owner and provided to the Secretary of State's office with a check for \$33. **Be very careful completing the form - failure to provide all signatures and necessary information may result in a delay of your application.**

Buyers and Sellers should be very careful filling out the back of the certificate of title when transferring ownership of the vehicle. If the back of the document is filled out incorrectly it may prevent the Town Clerk's office from registering the vehicle and require the seller to obtain a "clean" title from Augusta.

REPLACEMENT OF THE CAIN BRIDGE



The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has contracted the replacement of the **Cain Bridge** on Main Street with T. Buck Construction. The project begins on Monday, May 16th and will continue through mid-October. The roadway will be restricted to a single lane 11 feet wide and vehicles or trailers wider than 10 feet will not be permitted through the jobsite. Pedestrian Traffic will not be allowed through the work zone until the new sidewalk is constructed.

All questions regarding the project must be directed to MDOT - (207) 783-6223

Clinton's 2016 Annual Report

The 2016 annual town report will be provided electronically to all residents on the newsletter email list. Residents may also request a copy at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Flag Day June 14th



Lawrence High Community Service Day

A special "THANK YOU" to the Seniors, class advisors, the bus driver and Ed Techs that came to work in Clinton on Community Service Day.

You all did such a great job! The Cindy Blodgett Playground Park and the Old Mill Park look wonderful - Clinton residents will appreciate your effort all summer long!

Thank you so much for making our community a better place.

Melody Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk



To obtain a Building Permit call
Frank Gioffre - 877-5235



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Hello from the CEO and Happy Spring! It is that time of year when many of us are gardening, building, repairing and doing other cleanup duties.

Along with those building projects comes the need for a building permit. Remember, whether you are building a new home, an addition to an existing home, a garage, a shed or any sort of out building—you must first acquire a building permit from the Code Enforcement Office. Mobile homes, (new or used) and manufactured homes also require a building permit BEFORE being moved to Clinton.

For Clinton residents who may be in need of information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) please visit www.ada.gov. This site will be helpful if you are building a handicap accessible ramp entrance to a home or if you are installing grab bars in a bathroom. You will still need a building permit for a handicap ramp but there is **no fee** for ramps on residential homes.

As far as Spring clean-up goes, voting in support of Articles 24 (Abatement of Nuisance Property) and Article 36 (Property & Building Safety Maintenance Ordinance) will go a long way in making Clinton a healthier and safer place to call home!



From the Tax Collector

BEFORE you remove a mobile home from your lot or land you **MUST** obtain a Certificate of Taxes & Sewer Fees which verifies all taxes and sewer fees have been paid.



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS SHOULD KNOW...

Maine law requires ALL dogs to be vaccinated for Rabies and licensed in the town in which the owner resides. Vaccination or Licensing is NOT optional. The elimination of Rabies is a matter of public health and safety which Clinton takes seriously because of the significant rise in Rabies cases in Kennebec County. Dog summons written by the town's ACO for unlicensed dogs should NOT be discarded, destroyed or ignored.



Brown Memorial Library

Cheryl Dickey-Whitish
Librarian

Don't overlook options available at your hometown library when looking for quality Summer entertainment for your youngsters.

The **Brown Memorial Library** is much more than just books! We have movies which youngsters can watch in the Children's Reading & Activity Room as well as a variety of coloring projects.

While the children enjoy their books or a movie, adults are welcome to unwind in our cozy nook area with a cup of tea or coffee to read a new book from the stacks or the daily edition of the *Morning Sentinel*, or just to have quiet time to enjoy social media on your personal devices.

Hours: M & W - 9 to 4 ~ Tue 10 to 6 ~ Thur 12 to 8 ~ Fri 9 to 3 ~ Sat 9 to 1

**School's Out
June 14th !**



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