

Clinton Community Newsletter

Clinton Fire Chief Retires!



**Gary Petley
Fire & Rescue Chief**

Knowing change is inevitable does not make the news of Fire Chief Gary Petley's retirement any easier to accept. After more than 37 years of service to the Town of Clinton, 25 years of which Gary served as Fire Chief, the inevitable has happened in Clinton.

On Tuesday, January 24, 2017 Chief Petley advised the Board of Selectmen that for health reasons he found it necessary to tender his resignation effective March 31, 2017. The Board agreed that with a performance so outstanding the value of Chief Petley's influence on our community and his impact on the development of the Clinton Fire & Rescue Department is incalculable.

Members of the Board of Selectmen expressed their deep appreciation not only for Gary's strong leadership through the years, but also for his unwavering dedication and loyalty to the mission of the Fire Department. It was the consensus of the Board that Clinton might, indeed, have another Fire Chief but Chief Gary Petley would have no equal.



**Friday
March 17th**



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 14th ~ Tuesday, March 28th
 Tuesday, April 11th ~ Tuesday, April 25th





Clinton Elementary Student Council members Front, from left, are Cameron Stewart, Max Begin and Kylie Delile. Middle row, from left, are Hailey Bowley, Kyra Henry and Matthew Stubenrod. In back, from left, are Makenzie Nadeau, Cylie Henderon and Lucas Campbell.



The Clinton Elementary School held its annual **"Souper Bowl Food Drive"** during the week leading up to the NFL Super Bowl. Classrooms were evenly divided into two teams, the **Patriots** and the **Falcons**, to compete daily to see which team would bring in the greatest number of donated food items.

Donations were counted by Student Council members and posted daily on the scoreboard in the lobby where the collection was on display.

On Monday, February 6th Student Council members and teacher Marcia Buck moved more than **1,000** items to the Community Food Bank filling up the shelves very nicely. The Clinton Board of Selectmen want the students to know they appreciate the dedication these young citizens have shown for their community.

Chief Stan "Rusty" Bell
Phone: 426-9192



THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
reminds all residents to
"Buckle up for Safety"



Don't Forget...
Open Water Fishing begins
Monday, May 1st
Visit the Town Clerk's Office
for your 2017 Fishing License!

Do You Know?

You can have your
Insurance Card
Faxed to the
Town Office for
just **\$1.00**

FAX: 426-8323

Town Meeting Election
Tuesday, June 13th



Town Office
CLOSED
Monday
April 17th



Mark Your Calendar!

Vital Statistics 2016

Melody Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk



There were 42 Births recorded in Clinton in 2016



There were 29 Marriages recorded in Clinton in 2016



There were 28 Deaths recorded in Clinton in 2016



Deputy Town Clerk (Part-Time 25 to 30 Hrs. per week)



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The Town of Clinton has an opening for a part-time front office Deputy Town Clerk. With an emphasis on providing excellent customer service the duties and responsibilities for this position include collecting property tax, excise tax, registering motor vehicles and recreational vehicles. Additionally, this position issues birth, marriage and death certificates and is responsible for taking minutes at the Board of Selectmen's meetings two evenings each month.

The successful applicant will possess a high school diploma, (GED accepted) excellent communication skills, basic computer skills, and demonstrable experience processing cash receipts. Prior experience with the Maine General Assistance Program and TRIO municipal software is preferred but will train the right candidate.

Cover letters and resumes must be received by **Friday, March 24th** at 3:45 P.M., by mail or e-mail at the following addresses:

TOWN OF CLINTON
Attn: Melody Fitzpatrick
27 Baker Street
Clinton, ME 04927
Email: townofclinton@roadrunner.com

Properly Managing YOUR Personal Data is Important!



If you have a name change or a change of address, State law requires an update to your license and vehicle registration within 30 Days!



Proposed Changes to the Homestead Exemption Program

The State of Maine's proposed budget for the next two years includes a plan to eliminate the HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROGRAM for home owners under 65 years of age. If you do not agree with this State of Maine budget proposal you may contact:

REP. SCOTT STROM
scott.strom@legislature.maine.gov
(207) 313-3895

and/or

SENATOR SCOTT CYRWAY
scyrway@roadrunner.com
(207) 453-7787

In the event this proposed change becomes tax law, all homeowners 65 or older currently holding a Homestead Exemption with the Town of Clinton will be asked to visit the Town Office to provide verification of a date of birth.



Tax Assessor's Office

If you built a new home or garage in 2016 or did an in-home addition you should call the Assessor's Office to make an appointment for an Assessor's visit BEFORE April 1st...

...otherwise, expect a knock on your door for tax assessment purposes.
426-8511



Farmland in Clinton is a valuable community and regional resource.

Clinton is the

Dairy Capital of Maine

with nearly 13% of Maine's milk produced on just seven farms consisting of 3,778 acres.

It's Just a Fact!

Clinton Cemetery Rules

- Plots: \$260 each - perpetual care & boundary markers
- Lots will be marked with pins 1/2" above ground
- A Deed will be published for each lot identifying location
- Opening & Closing grave - \$375
- Opening for Cremation - \$50 (only 3 per plot)
- Cremation Urns will be buried no less than 12" deep
- Headstones or monuments are optional
- Headstones are the responsibility of lot owner
- Headstones are required to be placed on solid base
- Headstones required to have a date of birth and death
- Headstones must be granite or marble
- No trees, shrubs or hedges allowed
- All memorial items must be removed by October 10th
- No snowmobiles or ATV's allowed
- Cemetery Hours - Sunrise to Sunset



Fred Lund, Sexton - 314-8042
Ray Locke, Sexton - 453-9364

CLINTON
NOMINATION



NOMINATION PAPERS will be available,
Monday, March 20th

for the following elected positions for the Town of Clinton:



- One 2 Year Term - Board of Selectmen - Incumbent - Steven Hatch
- One 3 Year Term - Board of Selectmen - Incumbent - Edward Blanchard
- One 3 Year Term - MSAD #49 - Incumbent - Neal Caverly
- One 3 Year Term - Brown Memorial Library - Incumbent - Lisa Stein-Pierce

Nomination Papers **MUST** be returned to the Town Clerk's Office on or before **Friday, April 28th** with a minimum of 25 (but not more than 100) signatures of voters registered in the Town of Clinton.



Family Movie Night - Theater Popcorn & Drinks

Saturday, March 18th ~ 6 pm to 8 pm



Banquet Room
Town Hall



Breakfast with the Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th ~ 8 am to 12 Noon

**Veteran
Property Tax
Exemption Form
Deadline**

April 1, 2017

**You MUST provide
a copy of your
DD 214**



2016 Property Tax

**For No Extra
Debit Card Fees!
Remember to
Bring Cash
or Check**



**2nd Installment Due
Monday, April 3rd**

**Need a Good Book?
Check One Out at the
Brown Memorial Library**



Clinton



**Spring cleaning and rearranging
your pantry after a long winter?**

**The Clinton Food Bank will
appreciate those items
you no longer have room for!!**



**CLINTON ~ BENTON
TRANSFER STATION**

**Saturday
April 22nd**



**Spring
CleanUP**

- 1 Refrigerator**
- 1 Air Conditioner**
- 4 Tires (No Rims)**
- Tires 20" or under FREE**
- Tires with Rims - \$3**
- 1 Stuffed Chair**
- 1 Couch**
- 1 Carpet (14'x14' or smaller)**
- 1 Box Spring**
- 1 Mattress**

Electronic Equipment - FREE



**Gerald
426-8187**



There will be a charge of \$96 per ton for demo/construction material



Clinton Code Enforcement

The Town of Clinton has recently computerized the last two fiscal years of the Code Enforcement permitting process which provides seamless oversight of permitting activity on all developed properties in town. At this time, the Town of Clinton is enforcing the NFPA (*National Fire Protection Association*) Life Safety Code 101, 2015 Edition, which requires numerous inspections for residential building permits. In order to keep your project moving on schedule YOU must schedule CEO inspections in advance during construction season.

The following is a brief summary of the Residential Permitting Process designed to answer many of the questions my office receives. If you are planning construction in the Spring, I encourage you to get a complete and detailed list of the Residential Permitting Process, which is available at the Town Office.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITTING PROCESS

Whenever any type of a structure is placed on a property a Building Permit is required by the State of Maine. This includes all additions to existing homes/garages, all manufactured housing units, (modular homes or mobile homes); all types of decks, garages, sheds or out-buildings, whether constructed on the property or delivered to the property already constructed.



BUILDING PERMITS - All new residential construction or manufactured housing requires the following:

Step 1: New Building Lot will require a **Driveway Permit** - There is no charge for a Driveway Permit. New property entrances off a town or state road must be reviewed by the Road Commissioner and the Code Enforcement Officer. Upon approval of the Driveway Permit the landowner is responsible for culverts, ditching and gravel required to meet the standards for a driveway entrance.

Step 2: New Building Lot - 911 Address - After proper driveway entrance requirements are met and inspected the 911 Addressing Officer will issue the address for the new building lot.

Step 3: Sub-Surface Wastewater Plan (HHE-200)(Septic Design) - This permit must be signed by a State of Maine Certified Site Evaluator found at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmentalhealth/plumb/index.htm>. Then the landowner must provide the CEO with three (3) signed copies along with a check for \$265 payable to the Town of Clinton. The CEO will do a pre-permit inspection BEFORE construction of the Sub-Surface Wastewater System can begin. The CEO is required to make three on-site inspections of the new septic system so make certain the CEO and the contractor have the appropriate phone numbers. In the event construction is started prior to the CEO issuing a permit, then the fee becomes \$530 plus possible court costs.

Step 4: Building Permit - This permit requires the following for all new structures and additions:

- a. **Scaled Drawing** - Homeowners must provide a scaled drawing (*1/4 inch to one foot*) of the project which will include all dimensions, window and door openings and plumbing fixtures, etc. All bedrooms require openings showing dimensions which meet egress standards.
- b. **Inspections** - There is a minimum of four (4) inspections required during the NEW construction of a residential home. New manufactured housing is inspected at the factory but must display the proper stickers attached for final occupancy inspection. Used mobile homes will be inspected before being occupied.
- c. **Decks, Sheds & Outbuildings** - Require a scaled drawing showing correct dimension and their location relative to other buildings on the property.
- d. **Handicap Accessible Ramps** - The CEO will issue a building permit for any access ramp which meets ADA (American with Disabilities Act) at no fee.
- e. **Fences** - Fencing regulations are based on State of Maine regulation for fences - No permit necessary.

Step 5: Plumbing Permits - Plumbing Permits are only issued to Master Plumbers and are required for all plumbing work in any residential building in the State of Maine. Plumbing permits require a scaled drawing (*1/4 inch to one foot*) showing all fixtures and their location. The minimum fee is \$40.00.

Step 6: Electrical Permits - Electrical permits are currently not required for residential buildings in Clinton, therefore, the CEO does not perform electrical inspections. However, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) requires a Master Electrician to sign off on the electrical panel before they will connect the electricity.

Step 7: Certificate of Occupancy - The Town of Clinton CEO will not issue a Certificate of Occupancy unless all above permits and inspection have been completed. All banks and insurance companies require a Certificate of Occupancy be issued by the local authority before loan closings or policies will be issued. It is against Maine State law to spend the night in any building which does not have a Certificate of Occupancy.

Frank Gioffre ~ 877-5235