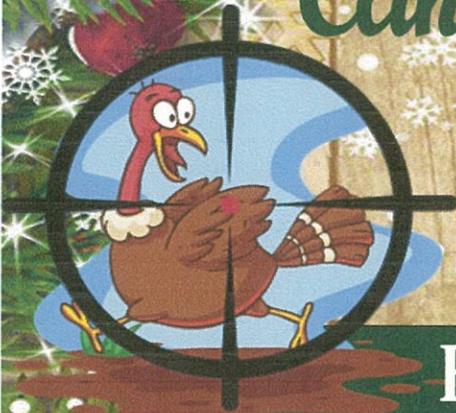


# Clinton Community

## Newsletter

November ~ December  
2017



### Hunter Safety Requirements

Hunting laws in the State of Maine require an individual applying for a hunting license to have done one of the following:

- Taken a firearms safety course AND be able to produce a *Hunter's Safety Certificate of Completion*.  
(NOTE: An on-line course does NOT qualify)
- Held at least one adult firearm license since January 1, 1976  
(NOTE: Applicants will be required to sign an affidavit stating they held a license since January 1, 1976)

These requirements also pertain to applicants for Archery license.



State Referendum Election  
Tuesday, November 7th

# Vote

Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Vote**

# Maine Referendum Election Questions

**Vote**

**Question 1: (Citizen Initiative)** Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?

**Question 2: (Citizen Initiative)** Do you want Maine to expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage for qualified adults under age 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, which in 2017 means \$16,643 for a single person and \$22,412 for a family of two?

**Question 3: (Bond Issue)** Do you favor a \$105,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroad, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings. Total estimated life time cost is \$133,875,000 representing \$105,000,000 in principal and \$28,875,000 in interest. (Assuming interest at 5.0% over 10 years.)

**Question 4: (Constitutional Amendment)** Do you favor amending the constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experienced losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years, in line with pension industry standards.

**Vote Yes or No on each question**



## CLINTON HEALTH OFFICER

**Frank Gioffre**

Greetings from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). As you may or may not know, in the Town of Clinton the CEO is also the local health officer and is required to work in conjunction with the State of Maine's *Center for Disease Control and Prevention*.

We are beginning the time of year when the flu season decides to annoy everyone. So, remember to get your flu shots, especially the elderly and young children. Most health insurances provide flu shots at little or no out-of-pocket cost. If you are without health insurance there are free flu shot clinics in the area. Sebecook Valley Hospital (487-4000) and Maine General Hospital (872-4102) both provide flu clinics. Call or check their website for times and locations. Those of us over 65 should also consider getting pneumonia shots.

As of the first week of October there were no flu related hospitalizations in Kennebec County, so there is still time to get ahead of this year's flu season. Please check on elderly neighbors and relatives who could use a ride to get a flu shot - and, don't forget the little folks!

**Here is a fact for the Flu Season:  
Those who wash their hands five or more times a day get less infections.**



**Maine Center of Disease Control and Prevention reports there were 322 confirmed cases of the flu in Kennebec County during the 2016-2017 Flu Season 43 of which required hospitalization.**

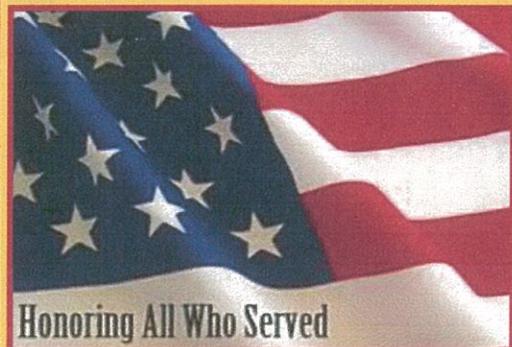
## Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

**6:30 p.m.**



**Tuesday, November 14th  
Tuesday, November 28th**

**Tuesday, December 12th  
Tuesday, December 26th**



**Veteran's Day  
Saturday, November 11th**



*Happy Thanksgiving*





## The Upper Bellsqueeze Road finally has a new facelift!

Asplundh was hired to remove and/or trim trees in the Town's right-of-way and the Town's Road Maintenance Contractor, T.H. Gerow, ditched the road, replaced several culverts and added gravel to the shoulder of the road - all in preparation for Pike Industries to reclaim the old pavement and resurface the road with new pavement. Once the facelift started it sure didn't take long to finish. The Selectmen would like to thank the residents on the Bellsqueeze Road for their patience and cooperation during the planning and budgeting process for this project.

The Selectmen are currently in the process of obtaining bids for tree and brush cutting on the Lower Bellsqueeze which will be completed as soon as possible and as weather permits. Hopefully, in the Spring the Lower Bellsqueeze will get shim and an overlay.

In other road related news, the municipal parking lot, the Johnson Flat Road and a section of the Hill Road will also get shim and overlay in the very near future.

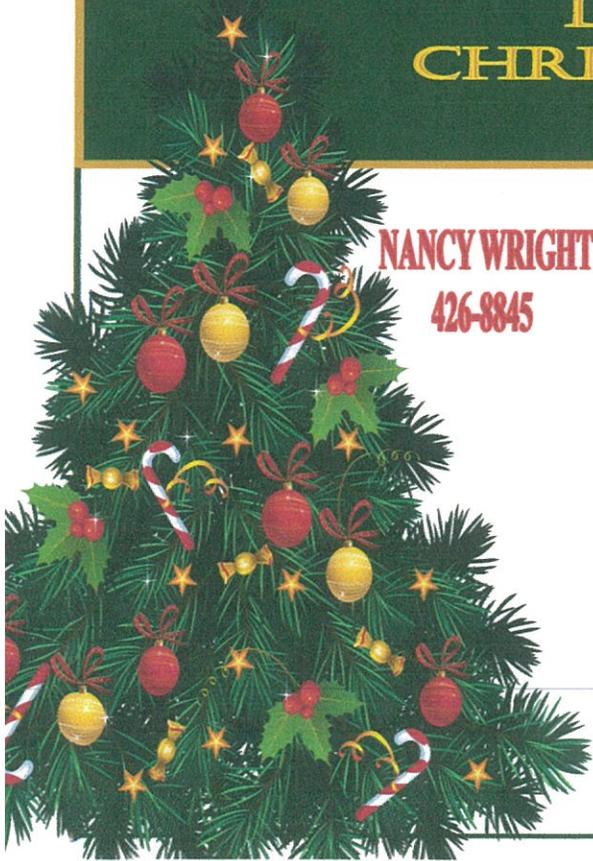


ROAD REPORT



Dog owners are required to license their dog(s) during the month of December! January is a grace period. A \$25 Late Fee per dog will be assessed beginning February 1st.

## LION'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2017



**NANCY WRIGHT**  
426-8845

Contributions for the *Lions Club Children's Christmas Project* may be dropped at one of the locations mentioned below until **Friday, December 8th**. Contributions should be unwrapped toys, scarves, mittens, hats and socks or other gifts appropriate for children of all ages. Contributions of cash, which will be used to purchase gifts for the program, may be dropped off only at the Clinton Town Office. All other contributions may be dropped at: **GALUSHA'S ~ TRADEWINDS MARKET TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

The Lions Club would like to thank all those that have contributed so generously to the *Children's Christmas Project* in years past and present to make the program a success for Clinton's children!



## Fire & Rescue Report Chief Travis Leary



Unfortunately the cool nights are descending upon us slowly but surely and letting us know that the winter season is upon us. With these colder temperatures brings on the use of our heat sources. The Clinton Fire Department would like to remind all of our residents to please have all of your heating appliances inspected and cleaned prior to use for the upcoming season. For those of you that burn wood or wood pellets make sure your stoves are cleaned and inspected for damage. Also make sure that your chimneys are clear of debris and have been thoroughly cleaned prior to use. While chimney fires are usually a minor incident, one small crack in the lining and the fire can escape into your home. Also be sure that you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in place prior to using these heat sources.

Recognizing the holiday season is also upon us please be very careful to keep your holiday tree and all flammable decorations away from your fireplace, wood stove or other heat sources. Let's have a happy fire-free holiday season with no kitchen fires or burned turkeys!

October also includes the national fire prevention week. This year it falls on October 8th through the 14th. The Clinton Fire Department will be conducting fire prevention classes for all of our students at the Clinton Elementary. Students that are enrolled in pre-k get a special treat and take a field trip to the station for fire prevention and safety as well as a tour of the station. Grades 1-6 at the school receive a grade specific fire prevention program that usually runs around an hour. The 4th grade class will participate in the smoke trailer exercise that takes place at the Benton School as they did last year. The firefighters look forward to working with the students, teaching them about fire safety and what to do in the event they are involved in an emergency.

Clinton Fire Rescue continues to serve the residents of Clinton and beyond. August and September proved to be a little slower for the amount of calls for service, but we are still 100 calls for service over the number of calls this same time last year. We look forward to continuing the service that our department provides to the residents of Clinton.

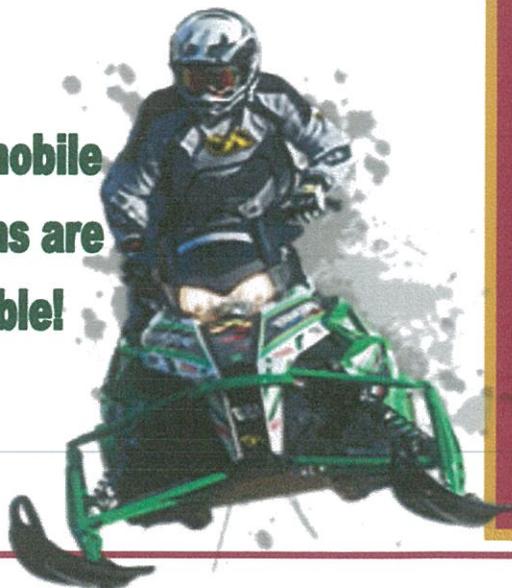
Please be safe, and feel free to stop in the Fire Station and chat with members of the department.



### Closed for the Holidays!

Veteran's Day ~ Friday, November 10th  
Thanksgiving ~ Thursday & Friday  
November 23rd & 24th  
Christmas ~ Monday, December 25th  
New Years ~ Monday, January 1st

**2018 Snowmobile  
Registrations are  
now available!**



## Keep Clinton Warm Drive



The Town Office is collecting hats, mittens, scarves and warm coats for elementary age school kids or residents in need of warm clothing this winter season.

Stop by the Town Office and drop your donations in the Drop Box by the door.

*Please call 426-8511 if you or someone you know is in need of these warm items.*

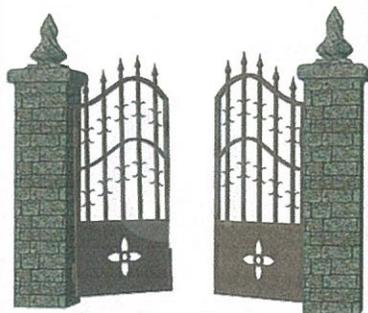


## Town of Clinton Road Widths

1 Rod = 16.5 Feet



Route 100 (Main Street)	4 Rods	66 ft.
Nobles Ferry to Morrison Corner	4 Rods	66 ft.
Morrison Corner to Route 23	4 Rods	66 ft.
Bellsqueeze Road to Canaan Line	4 Rods	66 ft.
Pleasant Street	4 Rods	66 ft.
Holt Road	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Canaan Town Line to Upper Horseback	4 Rods	66 ft.
Horseback Road	4 Rods	66 ft.
Canaan-Pishon Ferry to Decker Corner	4 Rods	66 ft.
Horseback Road to Hill Road	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Village to Iron Bridge on Pleasant St.	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Bertha Gibson Road	6 Rods	99 ft.
West of Town House Hill Cemetery	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
True Road	2 Rods	33 ft.
Goodrich Road	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Silver Street	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Lamb Avenue		28 ft.
Water Street	2 Rods	33 ft.
Pearl Street	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Morrison Avenue	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
High Street	2 Rods	33 ft.
Hill Road	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Church Street	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Johnson Flat Road	4 Rods	66 ft.
Mutton Lane	4 Rods	66 ft.
Railroad Street	4 Rods	66 ft.
Hillcrest Drive	4 Rods	66 ft.
Spring Street	3 Rods	49.5 ft.
Lower Bellsqueeze	4 Rods	66 ft.



Cemetery Sextons

Fred Lund  
Ray Locke

Please be advised Town owned cemeteries will close to all vehicle traffic on **Wednesday, November 1st.**

## Clinton Cemetery Notice

Residents are strongly encouraged to remove all memorials placed at grave sites before that date.

The cemeteries will open again on **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

### Town Owned Cemeteries

Potter Cemetery - Mutton Lane

Evergreen Cemetery - Hill Street

Morrison Corner - Tardiff Road

Joy Cemetery - Route 23

Village Cemetery - Route 100

Nobles Ferry Cemetery - Peavey Road

Townhouse Hill - Hinckley Road

### Private Cemeteries

Greenlawn Cemetery - Route 100

Riverview Cemetery - Route 100

*Clinton Board of Selectmen*

*Jeffrey Towne, Chairman  
Ronnie Irwing, Vice Chairman  
Edward Blanchard  
Stephen Hatch  
Brian Bickford*



*Wishing You the Happiest of Holidays*



Please include the  
**Clinton Food Bank**  
in your Holiday giving!

In calendar year 2016, Maine lost a total of 161 people in fatal motor vehicle crashes. This year as of October 1st another 134 people have died on Maine's roadways - an unacceptable increase of 28 compared to October 1st, 2016! Sadly, it appears that 2017 will be another bad year. The reasons for the increase in fatalities vary widely but there is one reason for fatal crashes that law enforcement can and should address - **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**. There are also a variety of reasons local traffic enforcement has decreased across the nation but when said out loud the reasons sound more like excuses.



**STEPPING UP ENFORCEMENT**

**Police Chief Stan "Rusty" Bell**



Writing tickets for speeding and other traffic violations does not make a successful local traffic enforcement program. The goal must be crash reduction and safety - we can achieve community safety only by diligent and consistent enforcement of traffic laws. It is a very serious goal for members of the Clinton Police Department to keep our community safe and for that reason we want our citizens to know that we are **Stepping Up Enforcement**. Citizens will notice more blue lights going not only for speeding violations but for inspection and registration violations - for residential traffic AND for commercial traffic moving through our town. Citizens might see a cruiser in the same area for a few days—get the message—slow down! When a consistent pattern of traffic enforcement is obvious to the public the result is deterrence—then we have been successful.

These measures are NOT to frustrate our public but to protect them. Oh, there will be a few complaining about "harassment" but we want the message to be clear...

**...it's about keeping Clinton safe!**

Join us for a great evening at  
The Brown Memorial Library!

**NO CHARGE!**

Lite  
Refreshments

**MAINE**

**BLUE LIGHTS & FUNNY CIDER**

**JOHN FORD, SR.**-Retired Maine Game Warden  
Author of - Suddenly the Cider Didn't Taste So Good  
& This Cider Still Tastes Funny

**MARK NICKERSON**-Retired Maine Trooper  
Author of - Blue Lights in the Night  
Recipients of Maine & New England Press Association Awards

**BLUE LIGHTS & FUNNY CIDER**  
A raucous, ribald and sometimes poignant look  
at Maine Law Enforcement "back in the day!"

*Enjoy Ford and Nickerson's hilarious anecdotes:*  
Booze-Lovin' Bear in the Trooper's Sidecar  
The Deer That Wouldn't Die - Daddy WHO?  
More Bang for Your Buck - A Long Sad Night  
Just Dropping In, Ladies! - Warm Fuzzy Feeling  
Leo and the Life Preservers - The "Wave"

**MAINE** DEC 25 1992

LOCAL GOSSIP - RUMORS - NICE COMMENTS  
OVERHEARD WHILE DRIVING AWAY...

"Oh my word, these guys made me split a gut laughing!!"  
"The best attendance we've ever had at an event!"  
"Your death notification story impressed our  
students like no lecture ever could!"

SUPPORT WILDLIFE

**MAINE** 08

**Thursday, November 16th ~ 6:30 p.m.**

Books available for sale and can be personalized for you!  
Great chance to pick up some unique Christmas Gifts.

