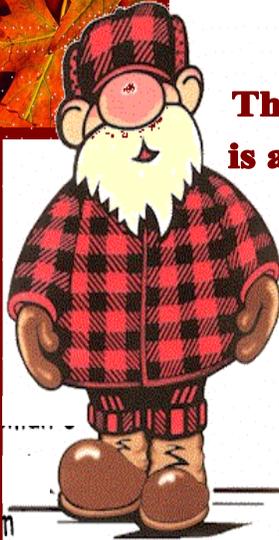


Attention
Sportsmen!

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Changes Licensing Law

For the 2018 season the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife is requiring residents to have IN-HAND their previous year's registration and/or previous year's hunting/fishing license at the time of re-registration, or license renewal.

This change in the law is all about residency.



It seems the department lost approximately \$400,000 last year in licensing and registration fees because non-resident sports purchased hunting licenses at resident prices, i.e., \$26 instead of \$115 and Combo licenses at \$43 instead of \$150.

Part of the problem arises from not properly understanding how Maine establishes residency. **The following is directly from IF&W's website:**

Residency Requirements

Individuals may claim only one state or province as their legal residence.

Resident means a citizen of the U.S., or an alien who has been so domiciled for one year.

You will NOT be considered a Maine resident unless:

- if registered to vote, registered in Maine;
- if licensed to drive a motor vehicle, made application for a Maine motor vehicle license;
- if owning a motor vehicle or vehicles located within the State, registered each such vehicle in Maine;
- complied with the State income tax laws; and, if a full-time student at a Maine college or university, and satisfies above requirements.

This change in the law affects the licensing of all types of watercraft, snowmobiles and ATV's (all terrain vehicles) for the 2018 season. This new requirement also affects the issuance of all resident hunting and fishing licenses.

The moral of this story:

KEEP AN EXTRA COPY OF YOUR LICENSE AND REGISTRATION IN A SAFE PLACE.

Clinton Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER ~ OCTOBER 2017



Lions Club Fair

Thursday, September 7th
to
Sunday, September 10th
Celebrating 64 Years!

Great Family Fun & Entertainment

There will be Free Stage Shows every day, and rides for the Kiddies. Don't miss the finals for the crowning of the Maine Dairy Princess & Junior Princess. Great eats will be had by one and all at the Lions Diner—high quality meals and awesome pies served anytime. Saturday's excitement will include a Street Parade beginning at 10 a.m. and the Sunday Fireworks will wrap it up for the 2017 Lions Club Fair!

Tuesday, September 12th ~ Tuesday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 10th ~ Tuesday, October 24th

Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

6:30 p.m.

Frank Gioffre ~ 877-5235

Code Enforcement

I hope this message finds everyone doing well! I am very grateful to the Citizens of Clinton for their cooperation when working with the Code Enforcement Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

As a gentle reminder, any structure built on, placed on, erected on, or delivered to a property in town is required to have a building permit **PRIOR** to the structures existence. This building permit requirement is based on the Land Use Ordinances of the State of Maine and the Town of Clinton. There is a financial penalty for NOT being compliant with building permitting requirements.

Nuisance properties are more than a health hazard and a fire and safety issue. Besides being a blight on our neighborhoods, they are an added cost to the taxpayers of Clinton. The CEO's hours, the clean-up expense as well as the cost of legal fees required to deal with these properties directly increase the burden on the taxpayer and our town's annual budget.

**Absentee Ballots will be available
Tuesday, October 10th for the
State Referendum Election on
November 17, 2017**

**October is the time to
REGISTER TO VOTE**



Although dog licenses are available in October Maine's Animal Welfare law requires dogs to be licensed by the end of the calendar year. Which means for 2017 the last official day to license is Friday, December 29th.

However, in it's infinite wisdom, the State also allows the month of January as a grace period before imposing a Late Fee of \$25 per dog. Dog owners should know that local Town Clerk's **DO NOT** have the authority to waive the late fee. Each Town Clerk must provide the State of Maine an annual report which accounts for all of the dogs previously licensed in that community along with a check for the State's portion of the licensing fees and the late fees.

Citizens are able to save themselves much frustration by realizing there is no prevailing argument for avoiding the late fee after January 31st. Excuses like "I forgot" or "I didn't know..." or "I am keeping the dog for a friend" do not work, and being angry with Town Office personnel is not a productive use of a dog owner's time.



**Have a safe Halloween
Tuesday,
October 31st**

**Licenses Available
Monday, October 16th
\$6.00 Neutered
\$11.00 Not Neutered**

**It's October!
Time to
license the
pooch!**



**Getting my Rabies shot
is a matter of Public Safety!**



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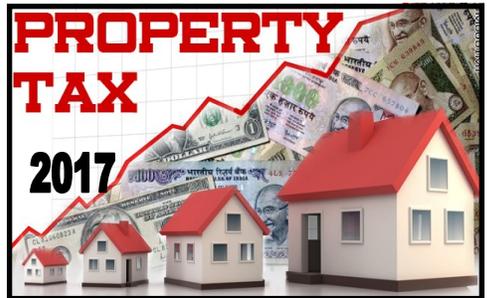


Be a part - Volunteer Your Service!

We have all heard the adage “Many hands make light work.”, and that is very true in municipal government where the To Do List seems endless and the budget is always tight. That’s when Volunteers become a very valuable resource to a community! Often the health and well being of a community can be directly affected by those that appreciate their home town enough to volunteer their talents and share the value of their skills with friends and neighbors.

Currently Clinton has two vacancies on the **Budget Committee**. If you have accounting experience or money management skills this would be an excellent opportunity to serve. Also, the **Cemetery Committee** is looking to fill two vacancies. This committee oversees the maintenance planning and budget for the care of municipal cemeteries. The **Board of Appeals** is in need of full staffing with 5 vacancies. This Board hears appeals from citizens who appealed the decision of the Planning Board or the General Assistance Administrator.

Please help out your home town - stop buy the Town Office and fill out an application for volunteering today!



DUE DATE for the first installment for 2017 Property Tax

Monday, October 2nd

(Avoid paying interest penalty of 7% for tax paid after October 2nd)

Chief's Report



PROMOTIONS: July 1st rang in the start of a new fiscal year for the Town of Clinton and also proved to be a new start for the Fire and Rescue Department as well. The March 31st retirement of long-time Fire Chief Gary Petley created a large void to be filled. However, Assistant Chief Tim Fuller stepped up and assumed the role through June 30th. In addition to my appointment as Chief there were several other important in-house promotions: Tim Fuller remains the 1st Assistant Chief, Rick Barton was promoted to 2nd Assistant Chief, Charles Wescott was promoted to Captain, Andrew Gerow was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, Randy Caswell was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and Derek Gerow was promoted to 3rd Lieutenant. Please congratulate these men on their promotions whenever you see them around town as they will provide great leadership for the Fire & Rescue Department.

NEW FIRE & RESCUE CHIEF



Fire & Rescue Chief Travis Leary

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Pam Violette, former Chief Gary Petley and Chief Tim Fuller for their confidence and for the opportunity to serve as the next Fire & Rescue Chief for the Town of Clinton. I look forward to serving in this position and to continuing the growth and progress for the Fire & Rescue Department.

GRANT FOR TURNOUT GEAR: A grant application submitted in April was awarded to the department by “*Firehouse Subs*” of Waterville in the amount of \$21,000! Area competition for this grant money was tough but Clinton prevailed! These funds will be used to purchase 10 new sets of turnout gear for department members at a huge cost savings to the town. Gear is very expensive and according to the new NFPA standard should be taken out of service after ten years of use. This service rotation puts a great strain on the department’s budget process but is necessary to keep our fire fighters safe when responding to fire calls.

SERVICE CALLS: We are currently over 100 calls ahead of last years responses for emergency medical calls, car accidents, structure fires, trees and wires down, and mutual aid calls for surrounding communities.

**Please help end food
insufficiency for children
in Clinton by donating to
The Clinton
Food Bank**

**Call 426-8511 to donate those
extra garden vegetables**



**Honoring An
Outstanding Volunteer**



During their August 8th meeting the Board of Selectmen presented Mrs. Raymond Fisher, Jr. with a resolution recognizing her husband, Raymond Fisher, Jr. for his outstanding public service and support to the Town of Clinton. For more than twenty years Mr. Fisher served the town in a number of different ways - on the School Board, the Planning Board and on the Parks & Recreation Committee. The Town deeply appreciates Mr. Fisher's willingness to volunteer his time and effort to making Clinton the community it is today.

Fire & Rescue Chief Travis Leary recently announced that an agreement has been signed with Sugarloaf Rescue Vehicles to take delivery of Clinton's new replacement ambulance in late November. Clinton's current ambulance which has been in service since 2004 with more than 120,000 miles on the odometer, has finally "timed out" in terms of dependability.



**Clinton's
New
Ambulance**

Several months ago a committee was formed to research the cost of a new ambulance and the equipment necessary to put the new unit into service. As a result of their thorough research and recommendation the residents of Clinton were able to approved the latest installment of money to be placed in the reserve account for purchasing the new ambulance.

**This new vehicle will be a great addition to the department's public safety fleet
as an investment into the health and safety of our citizens.**



Effective July 1, 2017 the **Maine Vital Records Office** designed a new system for documents for the recording of Marriage Intentions and Marriage Licenses.

Because the new process is more time consuming Town Clerk, Melody Fitzpatrick, requires individuals to be at the Town Office **not later than 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.** An exception will be made for "Late Night" scheduling which is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month - individuals may start the process as late as 5 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation!



**Much needed repairs on the Upper
Bellsqueeze Road have begun!**

Asplundh Tree Company has been busy cutting trees within the Town's right-of-way. **T.H. Gerow** will soon be ditching and changing out culverts in preparation for **Pike Industries** to reclaim the road and add new surface. **As much paving as possible will be done by November 15th** with the remainder done in the Spring of 2018.

**The Town Office and Brown Memorial Library will be closed
Monday, October 9th in Honor of Columbus Day**



Community Clean-up Day

Gerald Howard, Director

If you have questions please call 426-8187

- 1 - Refrigerator
- 1 - Stuffed Chair
- 1 - Box Spring
- 1 - Air Conditioner
- 1 - Couch
- 1 - Mattress
- 4 - Tires (No Rims)
- 1 - Carpet (14 x 14 or under)
- Tires with Rims - \$3.00 each
- Electronic Equipment - FREE

**Saturday,
September 16th
8 am to 5 pm**

**Clinton / Benton
Transfer Station**



BRUSH - NO CHARGE FOR CLINTON AND BENTON RESIDENTS

DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - \$96.00 PER TON

New Full-Time Police Personnel

Police Chief, Stan Bell



Dennis Townsend



Phillip Diluca



You may also encounter two part-time reserve officers not pictured here - David Lord and Roger Smith

TOWN OF CLINTON
LAND-USE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Effective: July 1, 2017

RESIDENTIAL USE

\$100	New Construction
\$100	Addition to existing structure
\$100	Prefabrication/Modular Construction
\$100	Mobile Homes/Double-Wide Homes
\$100	Per Dwelling Unit (Apartments/Condominiums)
\$50	Major Structural Renovation (Interior/Exterior)

ACCESSORY STRUCTURES (Residential)

\$50	Garage, Barn and Shed - Attached or Unattached (200 sq. ft. or greater)
\$30	Garage, Barn and Shed - Attached or Unattached (Less than 200 sq. ft.)
\$30	Deck attached or unattached - Porch enclosed or unenclosed

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL USE: \$0.25/square foot (\$250 minimum)

\$250.00 Minimum

- Any commercial or industrial facility **over 3,000 square feet** requires a State of Maine construction permit
- All commercial or industrial facilities require a site plan review by the Town of Clinton's Planning Board prior to the issuing of a building permit
- Any commercial mercantile or industrial facility **over 3,000 square feet** requires a site plan review by the Town of Clinton's Planning Board and State of Maine Fire Marshall's Office.
- Any industrial facility **under 3,000 square feet** and only one (1) story, does not require State of Maine building permit.

FARM BUILDING

\$100	Barn, Milking Facilities, Milk Storage Facilities and other buildings. (Housing priced as residential.)
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OTHER PERMITS (Residential & Commercial)

\$25	Demolition Permits. Landowner responsible for completing a Demolition Permit. Failure to notify the Town of Clinton will result in loss of abatement.
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