



REVALUATION

The level of anxiety a Property Revaluation generates among voters explains why residents and Selectmen alike approach the subject like most of us approach a root canal. Unfortunately that reaction is based on myths, half truths and fear of the unknown. Residents fear a revaluation could lead to higher taxes. Selectmen, on the other hand, understand that a revaluation is as inevitable as a root canal – and, it’s painful but it’s the right thing to do. For them the hard part is convincing the voters that revaluation is the path to continued financial health and well being for the town and is a necessary maintenance to be performed a minimum of every 10 years.

Simply stated Revaluation is the process of periodically measuring and capturing changes in property values. Value is a property’s resale or **fair market value**.

The Maine constitution actually requires all towns to assess property at **fair market value**. We all understand that Fair Market Value changes over time. As the value changes, a property’s assessed value (the assessor’s recorded value of your property) may no longer reflect actual fair market value thereby creating an inequity in property taxation. Such is the case in Clinton.

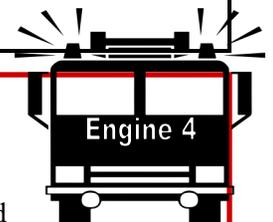


**VOTE ~ ~ VOTE ~ ~ VOTE
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 6TH**

Therefore, assessors are responsible for determining that fair market value by identifying, recording, and valuing new taxable property; and granting tax exemptions, such as those for veterans and homesteaders. Selectmen often hire private professional companies that specialize in Property Revaluation to perform this year long assessment, and that is the plan of the Clinton Board of Selectmen.

It’s true, owners whose property is currently undervalued will see an increase in their property taxes — **that’s because they have not been paying their fair share for many years**. Conversely, property owners that are currently overvalued are **paying more than their fair share and have been overtaxed for many years**. So, which group do you fall into and how do you find out? A vote on November 6th to approve the \$200,000 to be taken from Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of a Property Revaluation will answer your question.

Good News for Clinton's Fire & Rescue Department



Fire Chief Travis Leary has announced that Clinton was successful in acquiring the bid from the Town of Yarmouth for a 2004 Ford F-550 with only 17,000 miles and in nearly pristine condition!

The truck has an extended cab, several storage cabinets, a 300 gallon water tank, and a compressed air foam pump with an aluminum custom firefighting rear body.

Engine 4 will respond to all wood & grass fires, down trees & power lines and other emergencies as needed.

I would like to thank the citizens of Clinton for their continued support and for funding this project.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION DIVIDEND!

Maine Municipal Association, the provider for Clinton's Workers' Compensation Insurance, has announced as a result of the Clinton's good loss experience and loss prevention programs the town has been awarded a dividend distribution check in the amount of \$1,822. Risk Management is taken seriously in Clinton. Several years ago a Safety Committee was formed to examine the details of each WC claim to ascertain what measures should be taken so the accident cannot reoccur. Members of the committee represent each department and keep town operations under constant surveillance – now their effort has paid off with a nice dividend!



Brown Memorial Methodist Church Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Caring, Connecting,
Changing Lives

Thursday, September 20th ~ Fellowship Hall

11:00 to Noon

We would love to see YOU there!

ATTENTION OWNERS OF PRE-1976 MOBILE HOMES

Maine State Housing Authority has re-opened the Mile Home Replacement Initiative which provides an opportunity for the owner of a pre-1976 mobile home to obtain a GRANT to remove and replace it with a new manufactured home on the same site. For more information and/or a grant application please call CEO Frank Gioffre at 426-8320.



After discussion and analysis with the Assessor's Agent, Garnett Robinson, the Clinton Board of Selectmen committed the FY 2018-2019 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes to the Tax Collector, at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 28, 2018. Tax bills will be sent not later than Friday, September 7, 2018.

The Board of Selectmen determined by allocating \$160,000 of the town's current Undesignated Fund Balance the Mil Rate would remain the same as last year at 19.4

Absentee Ballots

Available October 9, 2018.

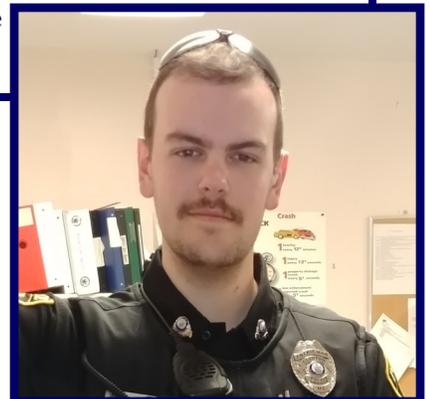
You can get an absentee ballot by:

- Stopping at the Town Clerk's Office and filling out an Application .
- An immediate family member can request one for you; **you** can call the Town office (426-8511) and request a ballot;
- You can request a ballot on line at www.maine.gov.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is by close of business on
Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 6, 2018

Officer James Leathers has just been added to the full-time staff for Clinton Police Department



YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE



Election Day
November 6, 2018
8 am — 8 pm

State of Maine Ballot:

- United States Senator
- Office of Governor
- Representative to Congress, 2nd District
- State Senator, District 16
- State Representative, 2nd District

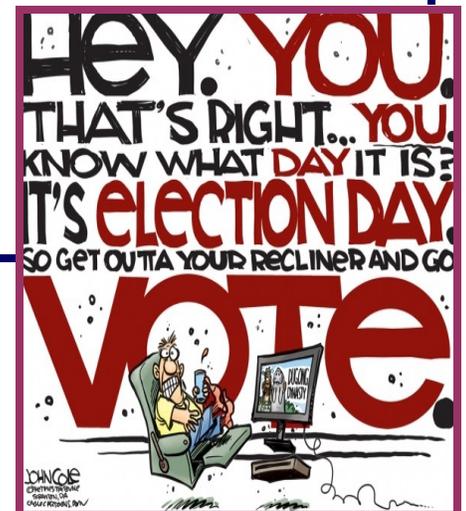


- Question 1:** Citizen Initiative-Establish Universal Home Care for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.
- Question 2:** Bond Issue-Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects.
- Question 3:** Bond Issue-Improve Multimodal Facilities, Highways and Bridges and Municipal Culverts.
- Question 4:** Bond Issue-Modernize and Improve Maine's Public Universities.
- Question 5:** Bond Issue-Upgrade Facilities at Maine Community Colleges.

TOWN OF CLINTON: ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the
Sum of \$200,000 from
Undesignated Fund Balance
To an Assessment Capital Reserve Fund for
the expense of a comprehensive revaluation.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR; SEPTEMBER 11, 2018, AT
6:30 PM IN THE SELECTMEN'S ROOM, 27 BAKER STREET
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS
TO ATTEND AND VOICE THEIR QUESTIONS,
CONCERNS AND IDEAS.**





A New But Familiar Face in the Town Clerk's Office!

Jessica Harriman, whom many of you know as Tim and Missy Gerow's daughter, has joined the Town Clerk's staff as a Deputy Town Clerk and Motor Vehicle Agent. Jessica comes to the Town Office with a lifetime of customer service having "grown up" in her parents' store - Clinton Variety. Although married to Andrew Harriman, Jessica is still a resident of Clinton and the proud mother of two beautiful boys, Austin, age 4 and Cohen, age 2.

We are delighted to have Jessica on board and believe she will play an intricate part in delivering exceptional and friendly service to the residents of Clinton.



Under New Management

The Town of Clinton was sad to see Town Manager Pam Violette go. Pam accomplished so many good things for the town during her three years as Town Manager and as the town's Treasurer for eight years before that. She is now comfortably settled in her new home in Florida and we wish her a very happy retirement. (The Flamingo is in Pam's honor—her favorite bird!)

But life and local government must go on! After much deliberation, the Board of Selectmen and Earla Haggerty agreed it would go on, for now, with Earla as Town Manager.

Managing and delivering friendly and efficient town service is very high on Earla's priority list and staff training has already been pointed in that direction. Maintaining town owned assets will also be a focus during the next few months. Earla believes the Town's past investments in infrastructure need to be properly maintained to preserve their value.

Also of great importance is discovering ways town government can improve communication with the public. The newsletter is a great tool, but currently reaches less than 300 of our 1400 households. Many residents have complained they are not aware of events in town and find the static message board inadequate to keep them informed. We are currently researching the purchase of an electronic message board which will enable staff to keep the public more aware on important notices and events.

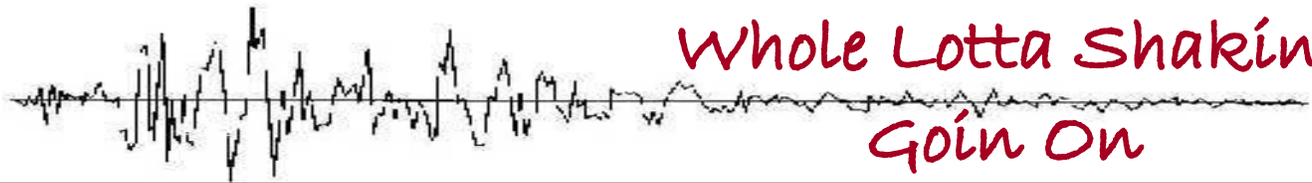
When asked about her recent appointment, Earla's response was "I see the next year as a transition year for Clinton. Together, the Board and I, along with Department Heads, will be busy looking at things with new eyes. We need to re-think how to do things that need to be done with an eye for improvement as we move into the digital age." Just building another page in Clinton's history.....



KVCOG'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th

Ask for application and details at the Transfer Station—Michael Hachey, Director—426-8187





The Clinton-Benton Transfer Station has been experiencing seismic activity and changes this summer.

Every aspect of the operation is being reviewed to determine how we can do things better and more efficiently. We are especially interested in improving Customer Service and protecting the cost of waste management for the exclusive use of Clinton and Benton residents.

Regarding Customer Service, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and Transfer Station Director, Michael Hachey, would like residents to know they are committed to making whatever changes are necessary at the Transfer Station to guarantee friendly and courteous Customer Service. You will see new and old faces on staff at the Transfer Station during the next few months, all of whom have a renewed commitment to providing residents a pleasant visit to a town owned facility. We hope you notice our positive changes. If, as a resident of Clinton or Benton, you have questions or concerns while visiting the Transfer Station please contact the Town Manager at 426-8511 or stop by the Town Office.

To preserve the exclusive use of the Transfer Station for Clinton and Benton residents we have resurrected the Transfer Station Permit which is required by Clinton's Recycling Ordinance. **ALL** vehicles coming into the facility must be in possession of a vehicle registration from the Town of Clinton or the Town of Benton which currently proves residency. You might ask why preserving the exclusive use of the facility is so important – the answer is "It's all about the money." Tipping Fees are expensive. So, to protect the facility's operating cost, administration wants to make certain only the residents who have paid for the facility through taxation are receiving the solid waste disposal benefit.

Since implementing the Permitting system many vehicles from surrounding communities have been turned away. Those people are not happy about being turned away, but it is their trash that is unnecessarily driving up the cost of YOUR facility and negatively impacts YOUR tax bill. They have not paid taxes to have the right to dispose their trash in your trash can! In essence, they're freeloaders. Which brings us to another problem we are experiencing at the Transfer Station.

When a Clinton or Benton resident lends their Transfer Station permit to a friend or relative from a different town, they are essentially breaking faith with the Town's policy and procedures which protects that taxpayer to begin with. There have not been a great many of these incidences, however, there have been enough to cause us to implement a new practice. Per the Recycling Ordinance, the Board of Selectmen will be asked to suspend the right to use the Transfer Station of any resident who lends their permit to a non-resident.

Perhaps you will notice a few physical changes at the Transfer Station. The three story compactor tower has been demolished after being deemed unsafe. The small utility building that was connected to the tower is being repaired and renovated because it houses the OSHA required Eye Wash Station and the staff restroom. In September the ADA Fence Company will install a commercial grade chain link fence to further ensure public safety.

We hope residents will notice and appreciate the effort being made at the Transfer Station on their behalf. **We want to hear from you – good or bad – We can't fix it if we don't know about it!**

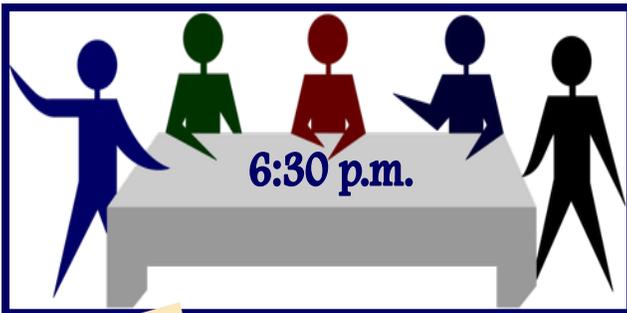


WE'RE GETTING A NEW LOOK

The Town Office is getting a bit of a facelift these days and we hope you like our new look! It all started with enclosing the Code Enforcement Office which gave us an opportunity to do a little painting. We chose Horizon Blue. Turns out one wall just wasn't enough so we painted a few accent walls throughout the building. There is also a plan to refresh the paint and décor for the Banquet Room in time for the holidays.

Residents can rent the room for a mere \$65 and it's a great space for parties and reunions. The room is also used for area service organizations such as the Red Cross and Kennebec Valley Fuel Assistance Program and all our local elections are held in the Banquet Room.

To compliment the new look inside, the Board of Selectmen recently approved a parking lot paving plan which was included in the current budget. The parking lot paving project will be completed by October 30th.



Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

Tuesday - September 11th
 Tuesday - September 28th

Tuesday - October 9th
 Tuesday - October 23rd

BREAKING NEWS

How about some good news from Code Enforcement?

As you may or may not know (and it appears some of us do not know)! Both the State of Maine's Land Use Ordinance and the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance require a building permit for any structure placed, built, delivered or one that fell from the sky on any land in the State of Maine.

By ordinance, when someone begins construction without a permit in Clinton, the permit fee is doubled. **However, from now until October 5th anyone who has started a structure and contacts this office the double portion of the fee will be waived.** Bring a sketch of your building, shed, garage, etc. with your name and contact information and let's move forward!



Frank Gioffre - 426-8320



2018 Fee List

- Refrigerator \$12 each
- Air Conditioners \$12 each
- Tires (No Rims) \$ 2 each
- Tires w/Rims \$ 3 each
- Electronic Items \$2.50 each
- TV's & Monitors FREE
- Metal - Commercial \$25 per ton
- Brush - Commercial \$61.50 per ton
- Compost - Commercial \$15 per ton

**Construction Debris, Shingles, Sheetrock & Wood, Demo Debris
 Furniture, Carpets, Mattresses, Box Springs, Vacuum Cleaners,
 Children's Large Riding Plastic Toys
 \$96 per ton**



General Assistance Program

Katina Hubbard is the Director of Clinton's General Assistance Program which provides food, shelter and basic needs to residents that qualify. If you need assistance with rent, food, fuel, electricity - Please call 426-8511 and make an appointment.

*Please remember the Clinton Food Bank
 with your
 Garden Goodies!*



The Clinton Police Department ~ 426-9192

Please be reminded School is back in session. Let's make an extra effort to keep kids safe this year!

Watch crosswalks and sidewalks carefully and report anything that looks out of place.

**And it is NEVER okay to pass a school bus with
 flashing red lights!**

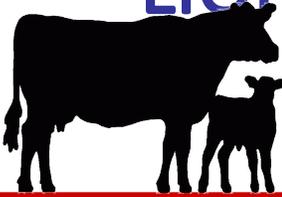




Tickles



CLINTON'S LIONS CLUB AGRICULTURAL FAIR



September 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2018

Thursday Open @ 3:00 pm

Friday Open @ 9:00 am

Saturday Open @ 8:00 am

Sunday Opens @ 8:00

Admission: \$5.00 per day

Children under 12 FREE

\$15.00 Maximum per car

FREE PARKING

EVERY DAY FREE BIKES

EVERY DAY FREE BIKES

Thursday and Sunday

BRACELET DAYS

UNLIMITED RIDES

WITH A

\$15.00 BRACELET

FIREWORKS
Friday - 9:30 pm



- DRAFT HORSE SHOW
- BEANO
- FARM TRACTOR PULLS
- PIG SCRAMBLES
- GREAT FOOD & LIVE MUSIC
- OX PULLING
- EXHIBITS, ANTIQUE
- TRACTOR PULLS
- MAINE DAIRY PRINCESS
- MINI-HORSE DEMO
- KRAZY BALL
- RIDES & GAMES
- SALES BOOTHS
- PIE CONTESTS
- BREAKFAST
- MUTTON BUSTING

FRIDAY SENIOR CITIZENS DAY
62 AND OVER

Adm. \$3.00 MAX \$7.00 per sr. car

PLUS!! \$1.00 off on all

full course meals at the

LIONS DINER !

**Come One
Come All
Enjoy Family
Fun At the
Fair!**

