



**TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF CLINTON
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**

TO: Joshua Chouinard, a resident of the Town of Clinton, County of Kennebec, and State of Maine

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Clinton in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to vote in the Town of Clinton, at the Clinton Town Office located at 27 Baker Street, open Tuesday, the 11th day of June, AD 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE BUDGET

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 419,872 for the Administration Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Administration is for the operation of Town Office services, i.e. Vehicle Registrations, Licenses, Assessing Services and property tax collection, vital statistics and Town Clerk Services.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 21,705 for the Town Hall Budget.
Funding for Town Hall maintenance

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 55,764 for the Technology Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding for support of all town owned computers, Trio Software, Firewall, Cloud storage, Copier Lease, Maintenance Agreements, Phone Network and Email licenses.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 706,505 for the Fire & Rescue Department Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding provides maintenance and operations for the Fire/EMS services with 4 Full-time employees, Per Diem EMTs and Part-time firefighters and 2 ambulances.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 581,126 for the Winter Road Maintenance Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding provides for the snow removal & ice control contract with Nitram Excavation, and road salt, and liquid calcium for winter roads.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 499,086 for the Police Department Budget

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding covers operations of 20 hours per day local coverage with 3 Full-time Officers and 5 Part-time Reserve Officers.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 202,928 for the Highway Maintenance Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding provides general maintenance for existing roads, pot hole repair, gravel replacement, culverts, ditching, and brush/tree cutting in town right-of-ways.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 92,433 for the Code Enforcement Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding for state law required position for Full-time Code Enforcement, Building/Plumbing Inspector, 911 Addressing Officer and Health Officer. CEO also serves as facilities supervisor
Selectboard Recommendations: \$92,433

Budget Committee Recommendations: \$65,591

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$ 91,506 for the Brown Memorial Library Budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

* Funding provides for general operating expense of the Library, i.e. personnel, books and general maintenance.



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- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 421,211** for the Transfer Station Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
**Funding allows residents of Benton (45%) and Clinton (55%) to dispose of household trash and recycling at no fee.*
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 19,225** for the Non-Profit Organization Contributions
**Funding for non-profit charitable organizations that demonstrate services for residents, i.e. transportation, food banks, hospice care, counselling, and athletic summer programs for youth through the Police Athletic League*
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 185,764** for the Debt Service Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
Services debt for Road Bond.
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 26,911** for the Parks & Recreation Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
Funding for maintenance on Old Mill Park and Cindy Bloodgett Park as well as recreational activities for Winter Skating & Summer Concerts and Program Events as scheduled by Parks & Recreation Director.
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 21,824** for the General Assistance Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
**Funding allows the town to assist residents in emergency situations for basic needs per the State of Maine's Ordinance & Guidelines adopted by the Board of Selectmen in October of each year. The state reimburses the Town 70% of all allowable program cost.*
- Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 60,325** for Emergency Management/Communications.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
**Funding provides for state mandated contractual services for Emergency Communications and a stipend position foreman Director*
- Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 131,427** for the Insurance Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
**Funding for Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Property & Casualty, Vehicle and General Liability Insurance.*
- Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 11,182** for Municipal Cemeteries Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
**Funding for repair and maintenance of town owned cemeteries.*
- Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 11,437** for Elections Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes
**Funding for printing ballots and the annual report, pays Moderator, ballot clerks, public notices, and other expenses associated with elections.*



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Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 101,823** for the Town Services Budget.
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

This budget provides 108 LED Street Lights, Hydrants, Humane Society Contract and town property mowing contract.

Total Amount of Departmental Budgets: \$ 3,662,054

REVENUE BUDGET

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to collect and allocate the sum of

\$ 1,559,982

Anticipated revenues to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation. Number does not include Revenue Sharing, Homestead Exemptions reimbursement and BETE reimbursement, which have their own line on the commitment and can only be used to reduce taxes

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 25,000

to Fire Department Equipment Reserve. (2-500-01)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

This Reserve will be used for Fire & Rescue Vehicles

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 6,000

to Fire Department Equipment Reserve. (2-500-36)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

This Reserve is for match amounts for equipment grants

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 8,000

To Fire Department Turn-Out Gear Reserve (2-500-37)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Matching funds for purchase of turn-out gear with MMA Safety Grant

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 3,000

to Parks & Recreation Reserve. (2-500-14)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Funds for maintenance of athletic fields

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 25,000

to the Town Facility Maintenance Reserve (2-500-11)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Funds used for maintenance & improvement of town facilities

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 25,000

to Transfer Station Equipment Reserve (2-500-04)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Funds for replacement of Backhoe and equipment

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 25,000

to the Nuisance Property Reserve (2-500-30)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Funds for demolition of nuisance properties that are public health and safety threats

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 25,000

to the Economic Growth and Development Reserve (2-500-59)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

Funding for Sidewalks, crosswalks and village infrastructure local match to ECD grant programs.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount

\$ 300,000

for Road Paving Reserve (2-500-08)

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes

**Funding provides for Spring 2025 paving*



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Total Amount of Reserve Account Transfers:	\$ 442,000.00
5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	
Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, and to exceed the Maine municipal property tax levy in this amount	\$ 25,000
Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes	

to Fire & Rescue Department Equipment Reserve. (2-550-01)

Funding for Replacement of Engine 3

ARTICLES OF AUTHORIZATION

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to approve payments from the Overlay Fund for general account transfers under the Town Charter Section 5.06 (d), for payments of unanticipated employee separation/new hire benefits, property tax abatements and corrections, unanticipated liabilities, deductibles, and expenses that would harm a specific departmental budget.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established by State law for the Town, in the event the municipal budget approved by this Town Meeting results in a property tax commitment that is higher than the State's limit.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to charge 8.5% interest on unpaid taxes after October 1, 2024 for the first half of the property taxes that are due and payable and interest on unpaid taxes after April 1, 2025 for the second half of the property taxes that are due and payable.

Article 36: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate of 3% to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., § 701 to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year.

Article 37: Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Clinton Street Opening Ordinance, be enacted?

Article 38: Shall an ordinance entitled "Land Use Ordinance, Section 3 D., Increased Housing Opportunities", an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance required for compliance with Public Law 2021, Ch. 672 (LD 2003) and Public Law 2023, ch. 192 (LD 1706) meant to increase housing units statewide by requiring municipalities to remove some regulatory barriers to housing, be enacted?

Article 39: Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Clinton Solar Ordinance, be enacted?

Article 40: Shall an Ordinance entitled Town of Clinton High-Impact Transmission Line Moratorium Ordinance, be enacted?

Article 41: To See if the Town will vote combine the Town's reserve accounts as follows:

Old Account	New Account	
2-500-01 Fire/Rescue Truck/Ambulance Reserve	2-500-01	Fire Equipment/Vehicle Reserve
2-500-36 Fire/Rescue Small Equipment Reserve		
2-500-37 Fire Dept. Turn-Out Gear Reserve		
2-550-01 Replacement Engine 3 Reserve		
2-550-02 Heart Monitor Replacement		
2-500-04 Transfer Station Equipment		
2-500-52 Transfer Station Camera Replacement	2-500-04	Transfer Station Equipment/Vehicle Reserve
2-500-08 Road Paving Reserve (Bond)		
2-500-61 Johnson Flat Rd. Paving	2-500-08	Road Paving Reserve
2-500-58 Rogers Road Upgrade Reserve		
2-500-60 Johnson Flat Rd. Gravel	2-500-09	Road Improvement Reserve
2-500-12 True Road Reserve		
2-500-11 Town Facility Maintenance Reserve		
2-500-51 Server Room Renovation	2-500-11	Town Building and Facilities Reserve
Town Office Building		
Town Office Reserve		



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Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and disburse gifts, grants, and unanticipated revenue sources not otherwise included in the annual budget for the purpose stated for the gifts, grants, or revenues, with this authorization to remain in effect until rescinded by a future Town Meeting.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to reduce the amount required to be raised from property taxes by withdrawing funds from the undesignated fund balance, with this authorization to remain in effect until rescinded by a future Town Meeting.

CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Given under our hands this 9th day of April, 2024



Jeffrey Towne, Chairman



Stephen Hatch, Vice Chairman



Ronnie Irving



Michael Hachey



Brian Bickford