

Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

February 23, 2017

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

AGENDA

*** Televised live on Cable Channel 121.111 ***

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVALOF MINUTES:

MINUTES. -APPROVE

WARRANTS. -SIGN February 25, 2017

- V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
- VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS (Items Not Already on Agenda)
- VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS



A. OLD BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

- #1. Consider scheduling a Public Hearing for Hermon Golf Liquor License Renewal.
- **#2. Hear** presentation from Assessing Office.
- **#3.** Consider approving Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2017/2018.

C.WORKSHOPS

- **D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)**
- X. APPOINTMENTS
- XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:
 - Council Meeting Schedule
- XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT (Items Not Already on Agenda)
- XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:
- XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Explanatory note #1: All items in the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the Town Council with one motion without DISCUSSION or deliberation. If DISCUSSION on any item is desired, any member of the Council or public may request the removal of an item for it to be placed in the regular agenda prior to the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Explanatory Note #2: In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

Explanatory Note #3: A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Hermon Town Council

From: Howard Kroll, Town Manager

Re: 23 February 2017 Town Council Meeting

Date: 17 February 2017

#1. Consider- approving a public hearing for Hermon Golf Course Liquor License Renewal

Town of Hermon Staff is seeking Town Council's consideration to approve holding a public hearing for the Hermon Golf Course's application to renew their liquor license.

Town Manager recommends Town Council to approve the public hearing at the March 16th Meeting.

#2. Assessing Department Update

Town of Hermon Assessor Ben Birch will present to the Town Council an update on the revaluation and the impact the Governor's proposed budget would have on property taxes in Hermon.

#3. CIP Workshop continuation and Approval

Staff has prepared and submitted to the Town Council a PROPOSED/DRAFT CIP for FY17-18. The plan includes submissions/requests from various departments that we feel are important to consider for delivery of our services. Present at this meeting will include the various Department Heads who are requesting projects, purchases and equipment to improve our services.

We held a workshop on Thursday, 16 February 2017 to discuss the CIP request and received feedback from the Town Council on what they feel the direction the town should go in.

The discussion brought forward concerns of costs, service levels and other important subjects that ultimately will dictate the direction we go in.

Adjustments:

- (1) Remove the Fire Chief's vehicle from the purchase section of the Fire Department Reserve Account and reduce the expenses from \$66,000 to \$30,000 for FY17-18:
- (2) Consider consolidating reserve accounts into one for management purposes- those include but are not limited to legal, unemployment, sick leave reserve accounts; and
- (3) Consider dissolving reserve accounts were activities have been discontinued- those include Bicentennial reserve account.

I do want to remind you that by Charter the CIP be approved no later than 4 months before the end of the Fiscal Year (30 June 2017).

Finally in FY2018-19 the Town approved including the School Department CIP requests in with the Town's request. This will require the School to provide us with their reserve account information and ultimate approval required by the Charter.

Town Manager recommends approval



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The Division of Liquor Licensing & Enforcement is hereby authorized to obtain and examine all books, records and tax returns pertaining to the business, for which this liquor license is requested, and also such books, records and returns during the year in which any liquor license is in effect.

NOTE: "I understand that false statements made on this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense under the Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$2,000 or both."

Dated at: HERMON, MAINE	on Z/10/, 20_/7_
Town/City, State	/ Date /
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Signature of Applicant or Corporate Officer(s)	Signature of Applicant or Corporate Officer(s)
VOHN B SNYER III	
Print Name	Print Name

FEE SCHEDULE

FILING F	EE: (must be included on all applications)\$ 10.00
Class I	Spirituous, Vinous and Malt
Class I-A	Spirituous, Vinous and Malt, Optional Food (Hotels Only)
Class II	Spirituous Only
Class III	Vinous Only CLASS III: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Clubs; Hotels; Indoor Ice Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Restaurants; Vessels; Pool Halls; and Bed and Breakfasts.
Class IV	Malt Liquor Only
Class V	Spirituous, Vinous and Malt (Clubs without Catering, Bed & Breakfasts)
Class X	Spirituous, Vinous and Malt – Class A Lounge
Class XI	Spirituous, Vinous and Malt – Restaurant Lounge

UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES \$10.00 filing fee shall be paid directly to County Treasurer. All applicants in unorganized territories shall submit along with their application evidence of payment to the County Treasurer.

All applications for NEW or RENEWAL liquor licenses must contact their Municipal Officials or the County Commissioners in unincorporated places for approval and signatures for liquor licenses prior to submitting them to the bureau.

All fees must accompany application, make check payable to the Treasurer, State of Maine.

This application must be completed and signed by the Town or City and mailed to: Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement 8 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0008. Payments by check subject to penalty provided by Title 28A, MRS, Section 3-B.

Dated at:	Ma	uine	
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The undersigned bein	g:	☐ County Commissioners	of the
□City □ Town	☐ Plantation ☐ Unincorporated Pla	ace of:	, Maine
Hereby certify that we had Maine Revised Statutes	nave given public notice on this application and herby approve said application.	and held public hearing thereon as required by S	Section 653 Title 284

STATE OF MAINE

THIS APPROVAL EXPIRERS IN 60 DAYS

NOTICE - SPECIAL ATTENTION

§653. Hearings; bureau review; appeal

- 1. Hearings. The municipal officers or, in the case of unincorporated places, the county commissioners of the county in which the unincorporated place is located, may hold a public hearing for the consideration of applications for new on-premises licenses and applications for transfer of location of existing on-premises licenses. The municipal officers or county commissioners may hold a public hearing for the consideration of requests for renewal of licenses, except that when an applicant has held a license for the prior 5 years and a complaint has not been filed against the applicant within that time, the applicant may request a waiver of the hearing.
 - A. The bureau shall prepare and supply application forms. [1993, c. 730, §27 (AMD).]
- B. The municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, shall provide public notice of any hearing held under this section by causing a notice, at the applicant's prepaid expense, stating the name and place of hearing, to appear on at least 3 consecutive days before the date of hearing in a daily newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located or one week before the date of the hearing in a weekly newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located. [1995, c. 140, §4 (AMD).]
- C. If the municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, fail to take final action on an application for a new on-premises license or transfer of the location of an existing on-premises license within 60 days of the filing of an application, the application is deemed approved and ready for action by the bureau. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of filing of the application is the date the application is received by the municipal officers or county commissioners. This paragraph applies to all applications pending before municipal officers or county commissioners as of the effective date of this paragraph as well as all applications filed on or after the effective date of this paragraph. This paragraph applies to an existing on-premises license that has been extended pending renewal. The municipal officers or the county commissioners shall take final action on an on-premises license that has been extended pending renewal within 120 days of the filing of the application. [2003, c. 213, \$1 (AMD).1
- D. If an application is approved by the municipal officers or the county commissioners but the bureau finds, after inspection of the premises and the records of the applicant, that the applicant does not qualify for the class of license applied for, the bureau shall notify the applicant of that fact in writing. The bureau shall give the applicant 30 days to file an amended application for the appropriate class of license, accompanied by any additional license fee, with the municipal officers or county commissioners, as the case may be. If the applicant fails to file an

amended application within 30 days, the original application must be denied by the bureau. The bureau shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision to deny the application including the reasons for the denial and the rights of appeal of the applicant. [1995, c. 140, §5 (NEW).][2003, c. 213, §1 (AMD) .]

- 2. Findings. In granting or denying an application, the municipal officers or the county commissioners shall indicate the reasons for their decision and provide a copy to the applicant. A license may be denied on one or more of the following grounds:
 - A. Conviction of the applicant of any Class A, Class B or Class C crime; [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, S4 (NEW).]
- B. Noncompliance of the licensed premises or its use with any local zoning ordinance or other land use ordinance not directly related to liquor control; [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]
- C. Conditions of record such as waste disposal violations, health or safety violations or repeated parking or traffic violations on or in the vicinity of the licensed premises and caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises or other such conditions caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises that unreasonably disturb, interfere with or affect the ability of persons or businesses residing or located in the vicinity of the licensed premises to use their property in a reasonable manner; [1993, c. 730, §27 (AMD).]
- D. Repeated incidents of record of breaches of the peace, disorderly conduct, vandalism or other violations of law on or in the vicinity of the licensed premises and caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises; [1989, c. 592, §3 (AMD).]
 - E. A violation of any provision of this Title; [2009, c. 81, S1 (AMD).]
- F. A determination by the municipal officers or county commissioners that the purpose of the application is to circumvent the provisions of section 601; and [2009, c. 81, §2 (AMD).]
- G. After September 1, 2010, server training, in a program certified by the bureau and required by local ordinance, has not been completed by individuals who serve alcoholic beverages. [2009, c. 81, §3 (NEW).]

 [2009, c. 81, §\$1-3 (AMD) .]
- 3. Appeal to bureau. Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners under this section may appeal to the bureau within 15 days of the receipt of the written decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners. The bureau shall hold a public hearing in the city, town or unincorporated place where the premises are situated. In acting on such an appeal, the bureau may consider all licensure requirements and findings referred to in subsection 2.
 - A. [1993, c. 730, §27 (RP).]
- B. If the decision appealed from is an application denial, the bureau may issue the license only if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that the decision was without justifiable cause. [1993, c.730, \$27 (AMD).]
 [1995, c.140, \$6 (AMD).]
 - 4. No license to person who moved to obtain a license. [1987, c. 342, §32 (RP) .]
- 5. Appeal to District Court. Any person or governmental entity aggrieved by a bureau decision under this section may appeal the decision to the District Court within 30 days of receipt of the written decision of the bureau.

An applicant who files an appeal or who has an appeal pending shall pay the annual license fee the applicant would otherwise pay. Upon resolution of the appeal, if an applicant's license renewal is denied, the bureau shall refund the applicant the prorated amount of the unused license fee.

[1995, c. 140, \$7 (AMD); 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, \$78 (AMD); 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, \$80 (AFF) .]

Please be sure to include the following with your application:

Completed the application and sign the form.

Signed check with correct license fee and filing fee.

Your local City or Towns signature(s) are on the forms.

Be sure to include your ROOM, FOOD and LIQUOR gross income for the year (if applicable).

Enclose diagram for all businesses, auxiliary locations, extended decks and storage areas.

Complete the Corporate Information sheet for all ownerships except sole proprietorships.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact us at (207) 624-7220.

Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations
Division of Liquor Licensing & Enforcement
8 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0008
10 Water Street, Hallowell, ME 04347
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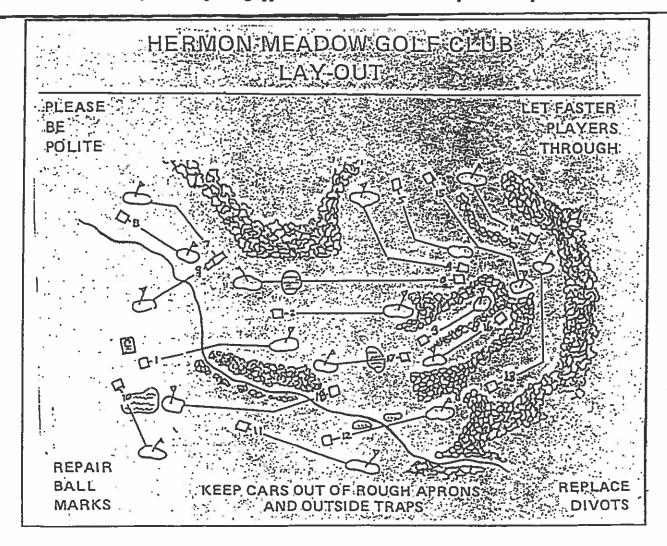
Email Inquiries: <u>MaineLiquor@maine.gov</u>

DIVISION USE ONLY				
	Approved			
	Not Approved			
BY:				

ON PREMISE DIAGRAM

In an effort to clearly define your license premise and the area that consumption and storage of liquor is allowed. The Division requires all applicants to submit a diagram of the premise to be licensed in addition to a completed license application.

Diagrams should be submitted on this form and should be as accurate as possible. Be sure to label the areas of your diagram including entrances, office area, kitchen, storage areas, dining rooms, lounges, function rooms, restrooms, decks and all areas that you are requesting approval from the Division for liquor consumption.



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STATE OF MAINE

Liquor Licensing & Inspection Division

164 State House Station

Augusta ME 04333-0164

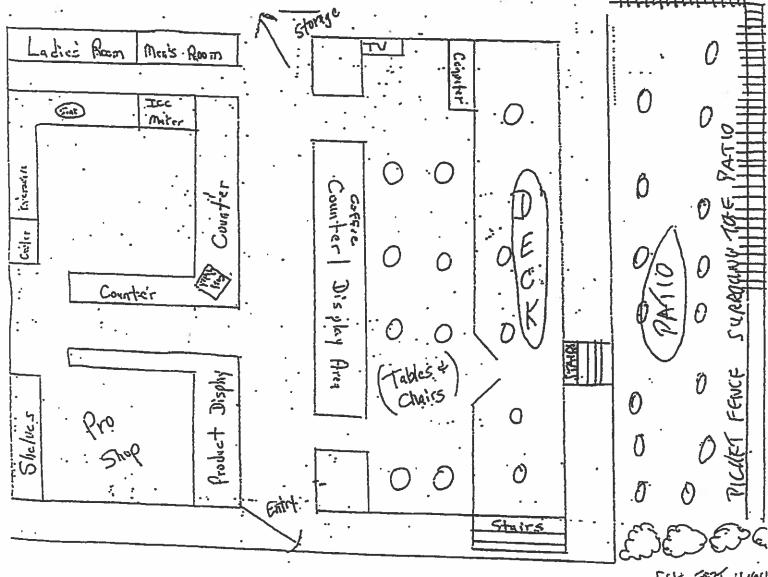
Tel: (207) 624-7220 Fax: (207) 287-3424



SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM ON-PREMISE DIAGRAM

In an effort to clearly define your license premise and the areas that consumption and storage of liquor is allowed. The Liquor Licensing & Inspection Division is requiring all applicants to submit a diagram of the premise to be licensed in addition to a completed license application.

Diagrams should be submitted on this form and should be as accurate as possible. Be sure to label the areas of your diagram including entrances, office area, kitchen, storage areas, dining rooms, lounges, function rooms, decks and all areas that you are requesting approval from the Department for liquor consumption.



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Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement

Corporate Information Required for Business Entities Who Are Licensees

For Office Us	se Only:
License #:	
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100% Yes □	No □

Questions 1 to 4 must match information on file with the Maine Secretary of State's office. If you have questions regarding this information, please call the Secretary of State's office at (207) 624-7752.

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7. Is any principal person involved with the entity a law enforcement official?	
Yes No X If Yes, Name: Agency:	
8. Has any principal person involved in the entity ever been convicted of any violation traffic violations, in the United States?	
Yes No 💢	
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Location of Conviction:	
Disposition:	
Signature: Signature of Duly Authorized Person Date PRESIDENT HERMONICO	OLF INC.
TOHN B SNYER THE PRESIDENT Print Name of Duly Authorized Person	
Submit Completed Forms to:	
Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement 8 State House Station, Augusta, Mo 04222, 0008 (Barralan address)	

8 State House Station, Augusta, Me 04333-0008 (Regular address) 10 Water Street, Hallowell, ME 04347 (Overnight address) Telephone Inquiries: (207) 624-7220 Fax: (207) 287-3434 Email Inquiries: MaineLiquor@Maine.gov

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

DATE: February 14, 2017

FROM: Benjamin F. Birch Jr., Hermon Tax Assessor

TO: Howard Kroll, Hermon Town Manager

CC: Hermon Town Council

RE: Governor's Proposed FY 2018 - 2019 Biennial General Fund Budget

I have reviewed the Maine Center for Economic Policy media releases and have compiled a summary that may be helpful in understanding the impact that Governor LePage's Proposed FY18-19 Biennial General Fund Budget may have on Mainers and Maine communities. Go to www.mecep.org to read MECEP's Media Releases.

Maine Center for Economic Policy Home Page:

State Budget

Every two years, Maine's Legislature writes a budget that sets the course for how we invest in Maine people and communities and grow our economy. This year, Governor LePage has submitted a budget proposal that continues to shortchange Maine's students and communities while doubling down on tax cuts for the wealthy and large corporations. The centerpiece of the governor's budget is <u>upside-down tax plan</u> that gives a \$22,650 average tax cut to the top 1 percent while increasing taxes on average for the 80 percent of Maine families who make less than \$92,000 annually. Under the governor's plan, tax

increases on most Mainers won't pay for better schools, better roads or better jobs. Instead, the governor uses these tax hikes to pay for more massive tax breaks for Maine's wealthiest residents. MECEP is working to educate legislators about the dangers of the LePage budget, and to set our vision of a budget that works for everyone.

In, addition, the governor's proposed budget effectively ignores the will of the voters who passed Question 2 in November to increase funding for K-12 schools. The proposals will reduce funding for schools and other services that help Maine people and communities thrive while giving HUGH tax cuts to wealthy Mainers and raising taxes on families making less than \$92,000 when combined with the proposed repeal of the Homestead Exemption.

MECEP's Media Release Articles

• Upside-down tax plan, missed opportunity, and unnecessary and harmful cuts in the governor's budget proposal. January 13, 2017. Sarah Austin.

The governor's budget reduces funding for K-12 education, reduces access to health care for parents, wipes out funding for family planning services, eliminates 500 state positions that provide important services to communities like serving Mainers with disabilities, scraps Head Start funding, and cuts programs that help Mainers find work.

• Gov. LePage's budget is a boon for wealthy, burden for working class. February 2, 2017.

The governor has neglected our infrastructure, which we need to encourage modern middle-wage job creation. This is the first year the governor has proposed significant investment in roads and bridges, but the state needs a more comprehensive approach to infrastructure to attract industry that can thrive in a modern economy. Our broadband access is worst in the nation and our transportation, water and electricity infrastructure is old, expensive and in need of significant updates to accommodate economic development.

 Oppose the Governor's Efforts to Repeal Voter Approved Funding for Education and to Give Tax Breaks to the Rich Paid for by Mainers with Income below \$92,000. February 3, 2017.

Listed are three reasons why Maine Lawmakers should reject Governor LePage's FY18/19 budget proposal.

1. **Ignoring the Will of Maine Voters**: The Governor's proposed state budget completely eliminates Question 2 – the ballot initiative passed by voters in November that would increase state funding for our public schools by asking only those making of \$200,000 to

pay a little more. Instead, the governor's proposed budget cuts \$200 million from public schools and gives huge tax breaks to the wealthy.

- 2. An Upside Down Tax Plan: The governor's budget proposal raises taxes on 80% of Mainers while giving HUGH tax breaks to the top 1%. Higher property and sales taxes mean that Mainers with income below \$92,000 will be left holding the gag while our schools and communities continue to be shortchanged.
- 3. The Wrong Direction for Maine: The governor's budget recycles the same old policies that have already failed. In 2011, Maine enacted the largest income tax cut in its history. Six years later, property taxes are nearing historic highs and Maine's economic recovery languishes near the back of the pack among all states. In fact, four of the five largest income-tax-cutting states in recent years Including Maine have experienced slower job growth since enacting their cuts than the rest of the country.

Maine needs a pan that builds a foundation for a strong economy and thriving communities. Expensive tax cuts for the wealthy mean we have less to invest in a stronger workforce, help young families succeed, support modern infrastructure, provide services our communities rely on, and address other goals that help rebuild our economy and improve our communities.

MECEP urged Mainers and communities to testify to the Taxation and Appropriations Committees and to contact their legislators and ask them to oppose the governor's upside down tax plan and to implement Question 2 as approved by Maine voters las November.

 Governor LePage's Proposed Cuts to Homestead Exemption Would Raise Property Taxes for Maine Homeowners. <u>February 6, 2017</u>.

Governor LePage's budget would repeal the homestead exemption and increase property taxes for an estimate 213,000 Maine homeowners by more than \$300 a year on average. Particularly hard hit would be homeowners living in towns with high mil rates and low income homeowners who have a larger portion of their property tax bill shielded by the homestead exemption.

The property tax increases resulting from the elimination of the homestead exemption proposed in the governor's budget do not pay for better schools, or fixing potholes, or paying firefighter. Instead the governor shifts more costs onto Maine homeowners, fails to fully fund education like residents of those communities, where residents already feel pinched.

The governor's proposal to cut income taxes for wealthy Mainers while raising property taxes for homeowners under the age of 65 is a step in the wrong direction. It shifts more costs onto low-and middle-income families already stretched by rising costs and stagnant wages. It also makes Maine's tax system even more unfair than it was before. Wealthy families already pay a smaller share of their income in state and local taxes then everyone else. This proposal distorts that picture even more.

• MECEP Weighs in at Key Budget Hearing: "The Governor's Budget Defies the Interest and Will of Maine People". February 10, 2017.

Maine Center for Economic Policy Analyst Sarah Austin is one of dozens of Mainers testifying in Opposition to the governor's budget plan in August on February 10, 2017. The Lepage budget would undo Question 2, the ballot initiative passed by Maine voters in November 2017, which would finally fulfill the state's obligation to provide 55% of the school funding. It also would increase taxes on the 80% of the Mainers making less than \$92,000. A year and would cut important state services in order to give massive tax breaks to the top 1% of Maine households. "The governor's

budget defies the interest and will of Maine people," said Sarah Austin.

"Mainers just told us they support building stronger public education system by asking wealthy Mainers to pay their fair share. Voters indicated they want more opportunities for Maine students, not less."

"This tax plan is bad for the economy. Maine has the resources to be proactive in making the kind of investments that lay the foundation for a strong economy. Cutting taxes for the rich and at the expense of everyone else is a recipe for economic failure and more hardship for Maine's working families and seniors."

"The tax plan laid out by the governor cannot support a prosperous state. To balance costly tax cuts that primarily benefit the wealthiest Mainers, the governor cuts health care for Maine families, cuts funding for schools, and shifts even more costs onto towns and property taxpayers.

"Maine's economic recovery has been slower than the nation's – in large part due to Governor LePage's cuts in previous years – but we are finally seeing modest signs of economic growth reflected in increasing state revenues. In addition, voters approved new revenue to finally fund schools. The next two years are not a period of scarcity. We

can fund current critical state and local services, we can fund schools at the level voters demanded, and we can look at new investments that will brighten Maine's future."

"We urge the committed to reject the governor's proposal and instead protect the fairness of current tax law and invest in better schools, better paying jobs, and stronger communities."

TOWN OF HERMON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN July 1, 2017 to June 30,2021

Acct #	Reserve Account	2016	2017	Change	2018	2019	2020	2021	Comments
HERM01	Police Equipment Reserve	20500	53000	4500	20000	20000	20000		Ins reimb(\$28000)
HP ?	Unemployment Reserve	5000	5000	0	5000	5000	5000	5000	1113 (CITID(\$2000)
The same of	Legal Reserve	3333			3000	3000	3000	3000	
HERM04	Cemetery Reserve	8500	8500	0	8500	8500	8500	8500	
		5555			0300	0300	0,000	0300	Replce 412/3 yrs @150K from
HERM05	Fire Equipment Reserve	53000	75000	22000	225000	225000	225000	100000	undesign surplus
HERM06	Highway Improvement Res.	250000	250000	0	250000	250000	250000	250000	
									Replace INTL using \$100K from
	PW Equip/blg. Reserve	77000	177000	0	52000	52000	52000	52000	
	Recreation Facility Reserve	22500	22500	0	22500	22500	22500	22500	
	Municipal Office Reserve	8000	8000	0	8000	8000	8000	8000	
	Sewer Maintenance Reserve	28500	28500	0	28500	28500	28500	28500	
	Public Land Acquisition Res.	2500	2500	0	2500	2500	2500	2500	
	Planning & Ordinance Res.	3000	3000	0	3000	3000	3000	3000	
	Economic Development Res.	139000	100000	0	100000	100000	100000	100000	Tif Revenues \$100,000-17
	Public Safety Building Res.	10000	10000	0	10000	10000	10000	10000	
HERM19	Town Office Equip &Tech. Res.	10000	10000	0	10000	10000	10000	10000	
HERM24	Tax Stabalization Reserve	25000	25000	0	25000	25000	0	0	
HERM28	Jackson Beach Reserve	2500	10000	7500	2500	2500	2500	2500	
HERM27	Transfer Station Site Reserve	12000	5000	-7000	5000	5000	5000	5000	
HERM26	Bicentential Reserve	o	0		0	0	0	0	
HERM29	Rural Fire Protection Reserve	1800	1800	0	1800	1800	1800	1800	
HERM30	Elementary School Reserve	0	0		0	0	0	0	
HERM31	Snow's Corner Cemetery		0		0	0	0	0	
HERM32	Veterans Mem.Park Reserve	3000	3000	0	3000	3000	3000	3000	
HEP 3	School Bus Reserve								
HE	School Repair Reserve								
HERM21	School Capital Reserve								
HERM34	Sick Leave Reserve	6000	6000	0	6000	6000	6000	6000	
	Total	687800	803800	27000	788300	788300	763300	638300	· -
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	CIP 2017 to 2021 Comparisons								
Account	Reserve Account	 	2017		2018	2019	2020	2021	Comments
10000000	Local Appropriation	548800	575800	27000	535800	535800	510800	538300	·
	TIF Funds	139000	100000		100000	100000	100000	100000	
	Unrestricted Fund Balance	139000	128000	_				100000	
	Grants				150000	150000	150000		
	Other (Enterprise)	0	0	_	0 2500	2500	2500	0	-
									
	Total	687800	803800	5%	788300	788300	763300	638300	
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