

# The Hermon Connection

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**Hermon Rec**

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### The Hermon Connection

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*The Hermon Connection*,  
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### Transfer Station

The transfer station is  
now open on Saturdays  
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***Join us as we head to Boston to cheer on the  
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**WHEN:** Sunday, August 27, 2017

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 7:00 a.m. (Hermon High School)

**GAME TIME:** 1:35 p.m.

**RETURN ARRIVAL TIME:** 10:00 p.m. (at HHS)

**COST:** \$90.00 pp\*

**\*Price  
includes  
motor coach  
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and  
grandstand  
ticket to the  
game!**

*Leave the driving,  
parking and all the other  
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**PURCHASE DEADLINE**

**June 9, 2017**

To reserve your tickets - visit our Parks & Rec website at [www.hermon.net](http://www.hermon.net) you may call the office at 848-4075.

***- Minimum participation required -***

## HERMON HAWK BATTALION HOSTS VETERANS APPRECIATION NIGHT

*Article by Cadet 1LT Tayler Magliozzi  
Photograph by Cadet CPT Brian Speck*



Loyalty, duty, and respect are a handful of the copious principles a leader lives by. Members of the Hermon High School Army JROTC displayed these attributes during the Veteran's Appreciation Night on February 7th. The Hermon Hawk Battalion hosts this event annually to celebrate those who have served in the military. Veterans of all branches were invited to the boys' basketball game that night where they had the opportunity to enter a drawing to win a basketball signed by the team. Cadets had several leadership opportunities to volunteer at this event including performing a traditional color guard ceremony during the playing of the national anthem as

well as supervising the drawing for the signed basketball.

JROTC is a leadership based program that strives to motivate young people to become better citizens. Members of the program are given many opportunities to serve the community through various projects and volunteer activities. Veteran's Appreciation Night was an example of an event where cadets were given a chance to take charge and work together. Honoring the men and women who have served our country is a significant component of the values taught through JROTC. "Even if it's just something as small as providing free admission (into the game), supporting our veterans in the community was great," commented Cadet CPT Brian Speck. The Hermon Hawk battalion looks forward to hosting this event in the future.

### Senior Citizen Community Meals

**Where:** Hermon Elementary School  
**When:** 3rd Wednesday of each month  
**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$3.00 per person

Reservations please:  
Contact the Rec office at 848-4075  
or email [mthayer30@gmail.com](mailto:mthayer30@gmail.com)

**Wednesday - June 21**  
Chicken Alfredo  
Broccoli, Bread Stick  
Dessert



### HES End of Year Events

#### May

22nd- Kindergarten Screening (@ HES)  
25th- PreK-4 Concert at HHS Gym (6:00)  
26th- PreK Screening (@ PreK in the High School)  
29th- Memorial Day (No School)

#### June

2nd- Third trimester Celebration of Learning  
(School Assembly)  
16th- HES Field Day (AM)  
16th- HES Step-up Day (PM)

### Have a great summer!





## Annual Town Meeting Budget Approval

### Thursday, June 15, 2017

To: a Constable for, the Town of Hermon, in the County of Penobscot, State of Maine,  
GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hermon in Penobscot County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **High School Auditorium in Hermon on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.**, then and there to act upon Articles 4 through 23 as set out below.

**Article 4:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the revenues received for the following accounts to offset the associated expense accounts, for fiscal year 2017-2018 with approval of the Town Council?

Revenues		Expenses	
10-130	Hermon Connection Revenue	10-13-04-05	Hermon Connection Expenses
10-121	Local Plumbing Fees	10-13-05-04	Local Plumbing Expenses
14-140	Transfer Station Fees	14-01	Landfill Expenses
14-150	Tipping Fee Revenue (PERC)	14-02	Household Waste Expenses
12-182	Police Revenues	12-01-	Police Expenses
12-185	Fire Dept. Revenues	12-02-	Fire Dept. Expenses
35	Rec Enterprise Revenues	35	Rec Enterprise Expenses

*(Explanation: The listed revenue accounts are special funds received by the Town for specific purposes. Approval by the citizens will allow the Town Council to expend these revenues for the expense accounts listed above. Recommended by the Town Council*

**Article 5:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money for each of the listed reserves?

HERM01	Police Equipment Reserve	\$20,500
HERM02	Unemployment Reserve	\$5,000
HERM04	Cemetery Reserve	\$8,500
HERM05	Fire Equipment Reserve	\$53,000
HERM06	Highway Improvement Reserve	\$250,000
HERM08	Public Works Facility/Equip Reserve	\$77,000
HERM09	Recreation Equip/Facility Reserve	\$22,500
HERM11	Municipal Office Reserve	\$8,000
HERM12	Sewer Maintenance Reserve	\$28,500
HERM13	Public Land Acquisition Reserve	\$2,500
HERM14	Planning and Ordinance Reserve	\$3,000
HERM17	Public Safety Building Reserve	\$10,000
HERM19	Town Office Equip & Tech Reserve	\$10,000
HERM24	School Tax Stabilization Reserve	\$25,000
HERM28	Jackson Beach Reserve	\$10,000
HERM29	Transfer Station Site Reserve	\$5,000
HERM30	Rural Fire Protection Reserve	\$1,500
HERM32	Veterans Memorial Park Reserve	\$3,000
HERM34	Sick Leave Reserve	\$6,000
<b>Total Appropriation to Reserve</b>		<b>\$549,000</b>

**Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 6:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$36,000 from the Police Equipment Reserve (HERM01) to pay for a new police cruiser? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 7:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$66,000 from the Fire Equipment Reserve (HERM05) to purchase a new fire vehicle (\$36,000) and new jaws of life (\$30,000)? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 8:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000 from the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06) in addition to the amount raised in the annual operating budget for drainage improvements, culvert replacements and surface repair for several Hermon roads including Klatte Road, Crogan Road, Stoneybrook Drive, McDougal Drive and Westwood Drive? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 9:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$75,000 from the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06) for clearing trees and brush from the right of way at Clark Road, Lewis Road, Newburgh (local portion), Bond Road, Blackstream Road, McDougal Drive and for curing other necessary sight distance issues? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 10:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$60,000 from the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06) for engineering and drainage improvements on Odlin Road and New Boston Road intersection near Route 2 terminus? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 11:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000 from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account (HERM08) to purchase a truck for year round work including winter road maintenance for use by the Public Works Department? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 12:** Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$15,000 from the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06) to pave a portion of Route 2 from Danforth's Plaza to Central Maine Harley Davidson? **Recommended by Town Council**

**Article 13:** Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$50,000 from Public Safety Building Reserve (HERM17) to install necessary catch basins and do vehicle access repair including pavement reclamation and replacement of surface at Fire Station parking lot? **Recommended by Town Council**

**Article 14:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of funds from Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Revenue in the amount of \$451,542, to off-set authorized expenditures for Economic Development general accounts #11-01-01-01 to 11-01-20-06 in the amount of (\$156,542); for account #30-16-57-16 Economic Development Reserve HERM16 (\$100,000); and account # 19-02-25-03 TIF Credit Enhancement Agreements(\$195,000)? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 15:** Shall the Town vote to authorize expenditures of up to \$100,000 from the Economic Development Reserve (HERM16) for improvements to Propane Lane (\$45,000), Autocar Lane (\$7,000), Mack Lane (\$8,000), Freedom Industrial Park entrance (\$25,000), Gateway Sign (\$8,000) for Village District and surveillance cameras for the business parks (\$7,000)? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 16:** Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$33,000 from Sewer Reserve (HERM12) to install a SCADA System at Autocar Lane Pump Station, complete manhole riser repairs, clean and televise lines near Propane Lane and repair main line connections per Sewer Maintenance Plan? **Recommended by Town Council**

**Article 17:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000 from the School Tax Stabilization Reserve (HERM24) to offset a portion of the cost for the Hermon Middle School debt service in addition to the local appropriation for education? **Recommended by Town Council**

**Article 18:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$80,000 from the School Repair (HERM07) Reserve for repair of the roof at the Middle School? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 19:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$70,000 from the School Repair Reserve (HERM07) to upgrade the heating system controls at Hermon High School? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 20:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for municipal purposes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 the following sums of money?

Appropriation by category:	
General Government/Administration	\$955,958
Economic Development/Technology	\$156,542
Public Safety	\$856,983
Public Works	\$895,831
Solid Waste	\$557,146
Recreation/Social Service/Library	\$171,963
Debt Service	\$89,900
Reserves	\$549,000
Special Assessments	\$846,230
General Assistance	\$8,000
Total Municipal & County Appropriation	<b>\$5,087,553</b>

**Recommended by the Town Council**

**Article 21:** Shall the Town set the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tax Commitment excluding the Overlay Account as follows:

Municipal Expenses	\$4,436,323
County Assessment	\$651,230
Local Contribution to Schools	\$4,949,900
Total Expenses	<b>\$10,037,453</b>
Less Municipal Revenues	<b>-\$3,742,466</b>
<b>Total Commitment less Overlay</b>	<b>\$6,294,987</b>

**Article 22:** Shall the Town appropriate from Overlay Account an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for tax abatements? **Recommended by the Town Council**

**BUDGET SUMMARY 2017-2018**

Account#	Expenses	2017-2018 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
10	General Government	\$955,960.00	\$844,788.00	\$111,172.00	13.16%
11	Economic Development	\$156,542.00	\$135,692.00	\$20,850.00	15.37%
12	Public Safety	\$856,983.00	\$802,481.00	\$54,502.00	6.79%
13	Public Works	\$895,831.00	\$878,719.00	\$17,112.00	1.95%
14	Solid Waste	\$557,146.00	\$563,446.00	(\$6,300.00)	-1.12%
15	Recreation & Social	\$171,963.00	\$160,622.00	\$11,341.00	5.74%
16	Debt	\$89,900.00	\$89,900.00	\$0.00	0.00%
17	Capital Reserves	\$549,000.00	\$548,800.00	\$200.00	0.04%
19	Special Assessment	\$846,230.00	\$788,931.00	\$57,299.00	7.26%
25	General Assistance	\$8,000.00	\$12,500.00	(\$4,500.00)	-36.00%
	<b>Total Municipal</b>	<b>\$5,087,555.00</b>	<b>\$4,825,879.00</b>	<b>\$261,676.00</b>	<b>5.38%</b>

	Revenues				
10-100	Clerk Fees	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-110	Auto Excise	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,035,000.00	\$65,000.00	3.19%
10-111	State Truck Excise	\$283,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$33,000.00	13.20%
10-112	Boat Excise	\$6,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$200.00	3.45%
10-115	Dogs/Animal Control	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-120	Building Permits	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	5.00%
10-121	Local Plumbing Fees	\$13,500.00	\$11,400.00	\$2,100.00	18.42%
10-125	Planning & Zoning Apps.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-130	Hermon Connection	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00	(\$100.00)	-4.76%
10-135	Cemetery Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
14-140	Transfer Station Fees	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-145	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-146	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-148	Cable Franchise	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
14-150	Contractor Tipping Fees	\$128,000.00	\$128,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
14-152	MRC Reimbursement	\$72,736.00	\$72,736.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-155	Fines & Penalties	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-160	Sewer Assessments	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-162	Wireless-Tower	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-170	Interest on Investments	\$40,764.00	\$30,000.00	\$10,764.00	35.88%
12-182	Police Revenues	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
12-185	FD Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-200	State Revenue Sharing	\$158,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$13,000.00	8.97%
25-210	GA Reimbursement	\$4,000.00	\$5,750.00	(\$1,750.00)	-30.43%
10-250	Snowmobile Reg Reimb	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-300	URIP	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-167	TIF Revenues	\$293,542.00	\$285,806.00	\$7,736.00	2.71%
10-550	Interest & lien Costs	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
10-175	Unrestricted Net Assets	\$430,224.00	\$302,000.00	\$128,224.00	42.46%
	<b>Total Municipal Revenues</b>	<b>\$3,742,466.00</b>	<b>\$3,482,792.00</b>	<b>\$259,674.00</b>	<b>7.46%</b>

	<b>Net Municipal Budget From Taxes</b>	<b>\$693,857.00</b>	<b>\$735,993.00</b>	<b>(\$42,136.00)</b>	<b>-5.73%</b>
	County Tax	\$651,230.00	\$607,131.00	\$44,099.00	7.26%
	Education (Local Share)	\$4,949,900.00	\$4,547,222.00	\$402,678.00	8.86%
	<b>Total Town Budget from Taxes</b>	<b>\$6,294,987.00</b>	<b>\$5,890,346.00</b>	<b>\$404,641.00</b>	<b>6.87%</b>
	<b>Overlay</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>9.10%</b>
		<b>\$6,354,987.00</b>	<b>\$5,945,346.00</b>	<b>\$409,641.00</b>	<b>6.89%</b>

## **From the Town Manager**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Patricia Duran on her upcoming retirement. Ms. Duran has been the face of Hermon education for many years and has made the department a model for others to follow. I wish her and her family the absolute best in their future.

### **RECYCLING COMMITTEE-**

The Town Council has had a goal of forming a recycling committee. The Committee is tasked with looking at recycling options for the Town and to make recommendations to the Town Council to consider implementing. Currently we have 5 containers behind the Public Safety Building that residents can drop off eligible recycling material. If you are interested in serving on the Recycling Committee please contact Scott Perkins, Public Works Director, @ 848-1010 ext 6513.

### **LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA-**

The Hermon Town Council, at the request of the ad-hoc committee to review retail marijuana, has directed the Town Manager to create a draft ordinance to make Hermon a “dry” town. What this means is no retail operation, cultivation facility, social club or any other retail use will be allowed in Hermon. The new law allows a person 21 years of age or older to use, possess or transport marijuana accessories and up to 2 1/2 ounces of prepared marijuana; transfer or furnish, without remuneration, up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana and up to 6 immature plants or seedlings to a person who is 21 years of age or older; possess, grow, cultivate, process or transport up to 6 flowering marijuana plants, 12 immature marijuana plants and unlimited seedlings, and possess all the marijuana produced by the marijuana plants at that person's residence; purchase up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana and marijuana accessories from a retail marijuana store; and purchase up to 12 marijuana seedlings or immature marijuana plants from a retail marijuana cultivator. It allows the home cultivation of marijuana for personal use of up to 6 flowering marijuana plants by a person 21 years of age or older.

**The proposed ordinance can not prevent a 21 year old person to consume marijuana in a nonpublic place including a private residence.**

**The proposed ordinance will only deal with retail marijuana.**

The recently passed law provides that the prohibitions and limitations on smoking tobacco products in specified areas as provided by law apply to smoking marijuana and that a person who smokes marijuana in a public place other than as governed by law commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged.

**The proposed ordinance will be considered by the Town Council at their meeting on June 1, 2017.**

The public is welcome to attend

My email address is krollh@hermon.net

**Finally-** I want to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day and congratulate all of our Hermon High School seniors who will graduate in June! Good luck to each of you!

***Here's to a great summer!***

## **The Senator's Corner**

The end of the Legislative session between now and mid-June is always a busy time with many important bills before us. The most critical of these bills is the 2-year state budget. It must be enacted (by a 2/3 majority) by July 1 or the state shuts down. This year our task is both easier - Maine is on track to have a revenue surplus of \$200-250 million - and harder, because we must reconcile two profoundly different views on how we should spend our resources.

In January, the Governor proposed his budget; it distributes most of the state revenue to well-to-do taxpayers. In April, the Democrats announced their budget. It focuses on property tax relief and invests in jobs, education and infrastructure. Both versions have supporters in the Legislature and among citizens.

Can our two political parties and the Governor work together to craft a spending plan that provides the best of each version? No one will be completely satisfied but we should be able to reach a budget that will pass muster for both sides. The real danger is that that ideological rigidity will lead to a line drawn in the sand and a stalemate that risks a government shutdown. If that were to happen, everyone loses.

Each side must recognize their opponents' legitimate concerns and negotiate in good faith. Taking rigid stands on all points of difference is no way to solve Maine's problems and help our state grow.

At this point, I am optimistic that we can meet the challenge. The health of our state and economy depends on our ability to work together.

I can be reached at home at 947-0637, in Augusta at 287-1515, or by email at [geoff.gratwick@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:geoff.gratwick@legislature.maine.gov).

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## **From the Desk of State Representative Roger Reed**

Maine voters have been united on one thing recently....Maine's economy needs to grow. I am concerned of the results of the November 2016 referendum questions and how they will impact Maine's economy...and your budgets.

Hermon residents educated themselves on the merits of these questions and overwhelmingly rejected all referendum questions. In this Spring Hermon Connection I will speak to Question 2, the 3% surcharge on incomes over \$200,000 that passed last fall. Did you know that 11,000 of the 16,000 tax filers with incomes above \$200,000 are small businesses? Hermon's town administration has done an outstanding job over the last ten years to make Hermon a welcome place to do business with many initiatives to encourage and promote in state and out of state business investments. Question 2 passage requires a State Legislature that will speak for all Maine people.

The passing of Question 2 has some very concerning potential for economic impacts that the 128th Legislature has to address. The Maine Office of Policy and Management says statewide:

- Private sector employment will be negatively impacted by 2,000-4,300 jobs
- Real disposable income down \$400 to \$600 million
- Population will be negatively impacted by 800 to 1400
- Maine Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will be negatively impacted by \$40 to \$160 million

Targeting Maine's high income earners with Question 2 is very risky because Maine has a small and mobile higher-earner population:

- Maine ranks 40th in the nation (3%) of households who earn \$200,000 or more.
- This point really concerns me, The top 8 paying occupations in Maine are medical (i.e. Obstetricians, Surgeons, Dentists, etc) and some want to expand medical services, but yet they want to penalize these professionals with a 3% surcharge on their income!

The Maine Legislature has amended or repealed citizen initiatives 71% of the time since 1909. We will continue to study the impact of Question 2 and how it effects Hermon's business community. Please don't hesitate to contact should you have any questions of concerns at: [Roger.Reed@Legislature.Maine.gov](mailto:Roger.Reed@Legislature.Maine.gov).





# TACKLE FOOTBALL

**BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 3 TO 8**

Hermon Recreation is excited about the upcoming 2017 tackle football season! Our coaching staff has been meeting on a regular basis putting into place the structure for the upcoming season. All tackle football teams - Grade 3/4, 5/6 & 7/8 teams are organized and run under our recreation department. We play other teams within a short traveling distance and play our home games at the Hermon Elementary School. Our Grade 7/8 team participates in the EMMSFL and will be following all athletic requirements of a middle school student as well as a player participation.

If your child is interested in being part of our football family and attends school in Hermon-Carmel-Levant-Glenburn, please plan on attending one of the informational meetings noted below or contact us today!

**Hermon Rec Office: 848-4075**

**or email [mthayer30@gmail.com](mailto:mthayer30@gmail.com)**



**Registration begins May 15  
at [www.hermon.net](http://www.hermon.net)**

**Season Fee: \$125.00**

**Football Clinic - August 15,16 & 17**

**Clinic Fee: \$25.00**

## **Player Assessments for Grade 3/4 Tackle**

Any incoming 3rd graders or non-returning 4th graders **must attend at least one of the two assessment dates to be eligible.**

Those who are deemed not ready for the 3/4 tackle program will be given an opportunity to participate in a newly developed, more robust flag football program where they will have the ability to develop skills needed to prepare them for success in the tackle football program.

**June 14 or June 15**

**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**at the Hermon Elementary**



## News from the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office

*Article submitted by: Sgt. Bobbie Pelletier*

As spring and summer approaches the weather will become warmer. People will be out and about more often, especially during the night time hours.

Over the past couple of days some surrounding towns have been hit with several residential and motor vehicle burglaries. Some of these burglaries have occurred during the night time hours. It should be known that burglars are not always from the same town or from the areas where the burglaries occur. We have seen in the past where some burglars drive to areas in surrounding towns and get out and walk on foot during the night time hours. Town residents may live in a nice quiet neighborhood, but sometimes these are the areas which burglars target as they know they are quiet and often property is unsecured.

Here are a few safety tips to help prevent crime in your area:

1. If you leave home lock all your doors and windows. Even if it is for a short time. Daytime burglaries are more frequent as burglars know that residents are usually at work during the day time hours.
2. During the night time hours lock your doors and all single level windows to your residence. Also lock the doors to your vehicles and never leave the keys in the ignition. People are out and about at night as the nights are warmer. Motor vehicle burglars typically do not target locked vehicles and they move on.
3. If you keep valuables in your vehicle, store them out of plain sight.
4. Leave outside lights on at night or install motion detection lights. Burglars do not like to be visible at night and often this can create a deterrence.
5. If you go away to camp, go on vacation, or leave for the weekend, tell a neighbor. This is a good way to meet your neighbors and maybe you can return the favor for them if they go away.
6. If you go away make your home look occupied. Connect interior lamps to automatic timers.
7. Don't let daily deliveries of mail or newspapers build up. Contact the post office or have a trusting neighbor or friend pick them up for you.
8. Arrange your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended period of time.
9. Always lock your garages, shed and basement windows.
10. Never leave notes on your door such as "gone shopping", "gone for the weekend", "be back soon", etc.
11. If you observe suspicious people, vehicles or activity, **report it to the police immediately**. Write down license plate numbers and descriptions. Do not wait! You have to be the eyes in your neighborhood.
12. If you notice a burglary, report it **immediately**. Do not enter your home or vehicle. Do not touch or clean up anything. Call from a cell phone or neighbor's residence. Wait for the police to arrive.

If you follow some of these tips you are less likely to become a victim. **DON'T BE A VICTIM!**

***If you SEE something, SAY something!***



# HERMON MEADOW GOLF CLUB



## Season Greens Fees Membership

Single \$625  
Family \$850  
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Young Adult \$450  
Senior \$525  
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50 Round Pass \$600

## Hermon Meadow Golf Club & Driving Range

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## **Municipal Elections/Referendum and the State Referendum**

~ June 13, 2017 ~

*Article submitted by: Ruth Nickerson*

May 12 - Absentee Ballots are available for voters.

May 31 – School Budget Approval Meeting  
Wednesday – 6:30pm at the Hermon Middle School Gym

June 13 – Election Day  
Tuesday – Polls open 7am – 8pm, Hermon Elementary School Gym

June 15 – Annual Town Meeting  
Thursday – 6:30pm at the Hermon High School Auditorium

The Town Council has two vacant seats. Donna Ellis and Tim McCluskey have both submitted papers for these seats. The School Board has one vacancy and Jesse Keith is the nominee for that seat.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of our community's election process. If you would like to participate as a write-in candidate for either the School Committee or the Town Council a letter of intent to run as a write-in candidate must be filed with the Town Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls. The letter of intent must include the name, legal address, telephone number, and personal signature of the person intending to run. Votes for any person not filed as a declared write-in candidate shall not be counted. (*Town of Hermon Charter Section 9.09*)

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### **From the Town of Hermon's Assessing Office**

*Article submitted by: Josh Berry*

Property Owners:

The Town of Hermon is finishing up the field work required for the in-house revaluation taking place. You may receive a visit from the Assessing Department to update the photos and measurements of your property. The pictures will be added to the property cards used in the Assessing Office. A Town employee will be taking exterior photos only of all existing structures on each property within Hermon.

Residents are encouraged to fill out the 2017 Data Verification Form found on the Assessing Departments website, if not already completed. The employee visiting your property will have an Official Town of Hermon ID with them. If you have concerns or question if a person taking pictures of your property is from the Town, please ask to see the ID. Many of the photos may be taken from their vehicle in which they will not need to get out of; they may need to just enter into your driveway. However, there will be properties not visible from the street/road in which they will need to walk on your property for photos.

Please feel free to contact the Assessing Office  
if you have questions at 848-1044

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### **From the Desk of Hermon Public Works...**

*Article submitted by: Scott Perkins*

The Hermon community has agreed during the last several budget cycles to invest in infrastructure, highway improvement plans and the equipment required to provide safe, quality roadways. We have all worked hard together on programs to improve State aid highways by accessing partnership initiative grant money and also the Locally Administered project grant pool offered by Federal Highway and the MDOT. Projects that will add to the quality of life for Hermon residents are underway including the execution of a Safe Route to Schools Grant for the Route 2 sidewalk project and the reconstruction of the Newburgh Road and a portion of the Coldbrook Road paid with a 50% State of Maine partnership.

Local roads are also on our radar with Hermon Public Works improving the sight distance, drainage and driveway entrance issues in order to be able to overlay several roadways using local funds. Nearly \$240,000 will be invested in local roads this budget cycle if voters agree and pass the warrant question at annual the Town meeting.

We also understand that there are issues just as important to our residents covering a wide and varied spectrum of items at your homes. There is a plan in the works to improve response times for residents wanting items while we simultaneously handle emergencies, planned projects and commercial-industrial business questions received at our office each day.



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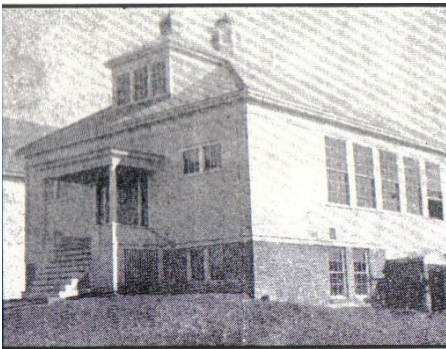


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There are new things happening in Economic Development that are designed to stimulate investments made by existing businesses, businesses wanting to move from lease to ownership and to attract new business interested in our community. When Hermon considers all of the strategies that will help us position ourselves as holding a competitive edge in our region, one thing for the future will be as important as all others...maintaining a quality workforce. After all, if you are in business what is your most valuable resource? It's well trained, enthusiastic employees who live, work and play in a community near to your location that can make the difference. Our community will continue to outpace other surrounding municipalities concerning growth if we employ innovative ideas that separate us with distinction from the competition.



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Imagine a collaborative workforce program that could use tax dollars from businesses for worker training. We could offer individuals specific training and skill sets to make them more valuable to our local businesses when new technology or specialized skills are required.

Combine the training effort for existing employees with a companion program that offers paid bridge year program classes to help Hermon High School students make college more affordable if they intern with the Town or a related business and you will lead the State with a pilot program that is unique. If you have a young family and you are looking for a place to call home, these sorts of leadership programs will set

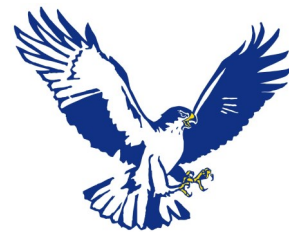
Hermon apart from all others as a great place to live. As residency declines in larger and like sized communities around central Maine over the next several decades, the State Planning Office expects Hermon's numbers to increase exponentially. If we continuously look to lead with quality initiatives and manage our economic development incentives correctly, the end result will be a high quality workforce for Hermon, diversified business growth and a stable tax base.

When we look at the difference between the first four year High School in Hermon and the new school we enjoy today, the goal of preparing new leadership for our community remains the same.

*The ideas expressed in this editorial are part of a pilot program that has been presented as part of the 2017-2018 Municipal budget.*



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Editorial by: Scott Perkins,  
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### HERMON JROTC CADETS CLEAN UP THE COLE MUSEUM

*Article by Cadet CPT Tayler Magliozzi*



A passion for service was demonstrated by the piles of raked leaves and masses of collected branches at the Cole Land Transportation Museum on April 28th. Cadets of the Hermon High School JROTC program visited the location and spent their day clearing the beloved walking trail for the upcoming season. The museum was commenced under veteran Galen L. Cole in an effort to preserve and exhibit the very equipment used to mold contemporary life. Participants from the Hawk Battalion used teamwork and attention to detail to help keep the museum *moving* forward.

Cadets displayed their dedication to selfless service and duty by volunteering their time at the Cole Museum. Students divided work in order to conquer the task of making the walking trails safe and intact for the coming guests. Volunteers worked in groups to gather excess debris and leaves from the walkways, completing strenuous projects like raking leaves and gathering items that had fallen over the winter. "I enjoyed being a part of the Cole cleanup, it gives me a lot of pride to be a part of a program that does so much for our community," commented Cadet Dillion Nason. Cole encourages the general public to take advantage of these naturally beautiful paths at their leisure.

The Cole Land and Transportation Museum opens each year on May 1st and will be operating seven days a week from 9AM to 5PM. Cadets look forward to carrying on the battalion tradition of the Cole Museum's Spring clean-up for many years in the future.