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Hermon High School Principal Brian M. Walsh Named 2019 Maine's NASSP Principal of the Year

The Maine Principals' Association (MPA) recently announced that Brian Walsh, Principal at Hermon High School, has been named Maine's NASSP Principal of the Year for 2019. He was honored by the MPA at its annual awards banquet during the MPA Spring Conference on April 25, 2019.

Mr. Walsh received the award based on his attending to both the culture and climate of the school for students and teachers. He has done this by broadening the offerings for students in both classes

and activities. He has also fully embraced the movement toward proficiency by working closely with the Great Schools Partnership and has modeled growth and change for his staff. It is clear that Brian has, over a 17-year career at Hermon, transformed the school to a place where kids and adults come early and leave late.

In announcing Mr. Walsh's selection as 2019 Maine's NASSP Principal of the Year, MPA Executive Director, Richard Durost noted, "Principal Walsh has been a strong advocate for the students, staff, and community of Hermon. He is an outstanding example of the value of consistent leadership over time."

We are all very proud of Mr. Walsh, the students, and staff at Hermon High School!



Principal Walsh and his family

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The Hermon Connection,
please send it to: scottwl@hermon.net
Deadline for submissions: June 20, 2019

Annual Town Meeting
Budget Approval
Thursday, June 13, 2019

To: David Quinn 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 13th day of June, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 41 as set out below. Articles 1 and 2 will be acted upon at the Election on 6/11/2019.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are required to be elected.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the revenues received for the following accounts to offset the associated expense accounts, for fiscal year 2019-2020 with approval of the Town Council?

Revenues

10-130 Hermon Connection Revenue
10-121 Local Plumbing Fees
14-140 Transfer Station Fees
14-150 Tipping Fee Revenue (PERC)
12-182 Police Revenue
12-185 Fire Dept. Revenue
35 Recreation Enterprise Revenues

Expenses

10-13-04-05 Hermon Connection Expenses
10-13-05-04 Local Plumbing Expenses
14-01 Landfill Expense
14-02 Household Waste Expense
12-01 Police Expenses
12-02 Fire Dept. Expenses
35 Recreation 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 4: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money for each of the listed reserves?

HERM01	Police Equipment Reserve	\$ 25,000
HERM02	Unemployment Reserve	\$ 5,000
HERM04	Cemetery Reserve	\$ 5,000
HERM05	Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ 50,000
HERM06	Highway Improvement Reserve	\$ 100,000
HERM08	Public Works Facility/Equip Reserve	\$ 75,000
HERM09	Recreation Equip/Facility Reserve	\$ 25,000
HERM11	Municipal Office Reserve	\$ 5,000
HERM12	Sewer Maintenance Reserve	\$ 15,000
HERM17	Public Safety Building Reserve	\$ 10,000
HERM19	Town Office Equip. & Tech. Reserve	\$ 20,000
HERM32	Veterans Memorial Park Reserve	\$ 5,000
	Total Appropriation to Reserves	\$ 340,000

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the Police Equipment Reserve (HERM01) to pay for one (1) new police cruiser in a cooperative purchase with Penobscot County Sheriff's Department, waiving the Town Purchasing Policy, and making said purchase by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Police Equipment Reserve (HERM01)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$32,000 from the Fire Equipment Reserve (HERM05) to purchase one (1) new extractor washer and one (1) snowmobile, and making said purchase by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Fire Equipment Reserve (HERM05)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000 from the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06) to pave the Sand Salt Storage Shed floor, waiving the Town Purchasing Policy and awarding the job to Witham Paving and making said purchase by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$70,000 from the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06) for the purchase of a used plow truck and making said purchase by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Highway Improvement Reserve (HERM06)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the Recreation Reserve (HERM09) for repairing and making improvements to the walking trail (\$25,000) and for making repairs and improvements to the football field (\$25,000). Said purchases will be made by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Recreation Reserve (HERM09)

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance to the Fire Department Reserve Account (HERM05)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of \$559,000 from the undesignated fund balance to a new reserve account, otherwise known as the Solid Waste Reserve Account (HERM35)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$20,000 from Town Office Equipment, Technology Reserve (HERM19) to purchase the upgrade of the TRIO municipal software package and any equipment required for the upgrade including new computers. Said Purchases will be made by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Town Office Equipment & Technology Reserve (HERM19)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of funds from Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Revenue in the amount of \$272,602, to off-set authorized expenditures for Economic Development general accounts #11-01-01-01 to 11-01-20-06 in the amount of (\$162,602) and account # 19-02-25-03 TIF Credit Enhancement Agreements(\$110,000)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to authorize and transfer to the Hermon School Department the expenditures of up to \$295,423 from the School Repair Reserve Account (HERM07) for the expenditures at Hermon High School for the replacement and installation of library carpet (\$15,987) and paving and curbing of the parking lot and sidewalks (\$42,000), at the Patricia A. Duran School the installation of a fire sprinkler system (\$187,436), repair and refinish the gym floor, (\$40,000) and installation of a kitchen hood(\$10,000)? Said purchases will be made by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to the Recreation Reserve (HERM07)

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to authorize an expenditure of up to \$92,000 from Sewer Reserve (HERM12) to install flow meters, make repairs to sewer line at Concord Drive, Logistics Lane/Coldbrook Road intersection direct boring project, engineering services and other repairs to the sewer system. Said purchases will be made by 30 June 2020 or funds lapse back to Sewer Reserve Account (HERM12)?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 16: 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 payable in April 2020?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to enter into Municipal Partnership Initiative with the Maine Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) to repair Billings Road. Project includes performing a pavement overlay project consisting of a 1 ¼ inch Hot Mix Asphalt overlay (with shim) of existing pavement on Billings Road, beginning at the intersection Fuller Road and extending northerly 1.5 miles, then full depth reclamation of existing pavement with a pavement overlay for an additional distance of 0.30 miles to Route 222, for a total project length of 1.80 miles (the “Project”). **Town of Hermon total share is \$250,000 funded from the Highway Reserve Account (HERM06).**

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for municipal purposes for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 the following sums of money?

Appropriation by category:

General Government/Administration	\$1,011,437
Economic Development/Technology	\$ 190,602
Public Safety	\$ 922,185
Public Works	\$1,143,373
Solid Waste	\$ 433,332
Recreation/Social Service/HVRS	\$ 361,745
Debt Service	\$ 0
Reserves	\$ 340,000
Special Assessments	\$ 885,075
General Assistance	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total Municipal & County Appropriation	\$5,292,749

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town set the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tax Commitment excluding the Overlay Account as follows:

Municipal Expenses:	\$ 4,517,674
County Assessment	\$ 775,075
Local contribution to Schools:	<u>\$ 5,170,548</u>
Total Expenses	\$10,463,297
Less Municipal Revenues	<u>-\$ 3,555,302</u>
Total Commitment less Overlay	\$ 6,907,995

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town appropriate from Overlay Account an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for tax abatements?

Recommended by the Town Council

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$6,244,367

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$2,332,507.

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$0.

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction: Summer School, Extra and Co-curricular Activities.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$459,335.

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$1,509,471.

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$415,793.

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$721,992.

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Student Transportation and Buses.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$650,972.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$1,746,463.

ARTICLE 30: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$463,795.

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the Hermon School Department will be authorized to expend for Other Expenditures including School Lunch.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$35,000.

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the Town of Hermon will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. Recommends \$10,262,793.32 and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$4,068,102.

The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 33: To see what sum the Town of Hermon will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the town voters for non-state funded school construction projects, or non-state funded portions of school construction projects in addition to funds appropriated as local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$463,795.

Non-state funded debt service is the amount of money needed for annual payments on Hermon's long-term debt service for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters.

ARTICLE 34: To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act, non-state funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for support of schools.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$14,579,695.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will authorize the school committee to expend in addition to Article 33, any sums as may be received from state and federal grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 for school purposes provided that such grants, aid and receipts do not require expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 36: Shall the Region Four Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of \$2,981,842?

Cooperative Board for Regional Vocational Budget is not subject to amendment from the floor. It may be accepted or rejected by the voters. Hermon's share of the Region Four budget is \$0.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 37: To see what sum the Town of Hermon will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$35,000) in additional local dollars in support of the food service program.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$35,000.

ARTICLE 38: In the event that the Hermon School Department receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase the allocation of finances to reserve funds approved by the School Committee?

School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 39: Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$40,000 from the School Bus Purchase Reserve (HERM33) to offset a portion of the lease/purchase payment for a school bus in addition to the local appropriation for education?

School Committee & Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 40: Shall the Region Four Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for adult education for the year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 be approved in the amount of \$322,354?

The Region Four Vocational Budget for Adult Education supports adult education classes held at United Technologies Center in Bangor for communities that belong to the Region Four consortium. Hermon's share of the regional adult education budget is \$3,343.56.

Town Council Recommends YES

ARTICLE 41: Shall the Town of Hermon raise and appropriate \$603,651 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$603,651 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee?

The School Committee recommends \$603,651 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model. Additional funds needed for increases in salaries and benefits, loss of part of State subsidy for System Administration costs, and coverage of co curricular and athletic programs not fully funded by the State EPS formula.

School Committee & Town Council Recommends \$603,651.

The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Hermon's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help the Town of Hermon budget for educational programs.

REQUIRES SECRET BALLOT

THESE ARTICLES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING



From the Town Manager

THANK YOU! I want to take this opportunity to thank the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts for spearheading Hermon's Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, 27 April 2019! I would also like to commend FedEx for also participating in cleaning up the Coldbrook Industrial Park. FedEx staff filled over 30 bags of trash that would otherwise still be on the side of the road.

ROAD SWEEPING- TGP, Inc. has started their annual effort to sweep our roads from annual sand. Do not put your yard clippings in the road- TGP is not allowed to remove them.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT- Town Council awarded the snow removal contract to Bangor Lawn Care, LLC. They will start in October 2019. Once we obtain their contact information we will make it public for your records.

CANOPY PROJECT- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- By the time you read this article the Town should be awarding a contract to a local contractor to construct a canopy over the walkway into the Elementary school. The project should be completed by mid August 2019. Any questions feel free to contact the Superintendent at 848-4000.

WELL DONE!- I would like to congratulate Brian Walsh on being named the High School Principal of the Year! Mr. Walsh has made Hermon High School a model for every high school in Maine to emulate. Job well done!

WINTER IS OVER!- I want to take this opportunity to thank Gardner Construction and our Public Works crew on a safe and quality job they preformed this winter for snow removal.

SPRING IS HERE- I want to wish everyone a great spring- the Transfer Station on New Boston Road is now open on Saturdays so please take your white goods and construction debris there for a very nominal fee. I look forward to seeing the ball fields occupied with our young athletes! Good luck to each of our sports teams!

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

By D/S Michael A. Parady
(Hermon Animal Control Officer)



Hermon is a rapidly growing community. With this growth, we have seen an increase in animal complaints. I would like to take this opportunity to address some common complaints within the town.

I would like to remind Hermon dog owners that they are responsible for their dog. All dogs (greater than 6 months old) must be registered and licensed with the Town of Hermon (per Maine Statue - Title 7). Failure to do so, subjects the owner to civil fines through the Maine Courts.

Dogs can be registered through the Hermon Town Office. Proof of rabies vaccination is required when registering a dog. The fees for registering a dog is six dollars (\$6) for spayed/neutered animals. It is eleven dollars (\$11) for non-spayed animals. Dog registrations are due by December 31st of every year. A state mandatory late fee of twenty five dollars (\$25) will be added to your dog's registration on February 1st.

I would also like to remind dog owner's that you are responsible for controlling your own animal. Remember to have your dog on a leash or under immediate supervision or voice control while outside.

Remember to keep a collar with registration tags on your dog. If the dog gets loose or runs away, this helps us determine who the dog belongs to (so we can return the animal safely to you). If the dog is not wearing tags your dog will be taken to the Bangor Humane Society. Any fees incurred by the Humane Society is the responsibility of the dog owner.

Enjoy the summer and please remember to register your K-9.

Tax Assessing & Code Enforcement Department

Spring Inspection Time



Spring is finally here and it's time for the Assessing/Code Department to start annual inspections. If you have pulled a permit in the last year you can expect a visit from one of our staff members to check on the progress you've made with your project. As you may already know, we have combined our Code and Assessing Departments into one. The combining of these two departments has ensured homeowners and builders are not burdened with multiple inspections and slow down the job.

What does the Code Enforcement Office do?

The Code Enforcement Office is responsible for encouraging safe and sound development within the residential, commercial and industrial zones of Hermon. Along with the Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer assists in the development, maintenance and enforcement of the Town's Local Code of Ordinances. The Code Enforcement Officer provides assistance with all aspects of development and building. It is the goal of this office to guide customers through federal, state and local rules and regulations in a timely manner.

Please keep in mind when undertaking a project to call us for property setbacks and whatever permitting may be necessary. Until further notice, we are requiring 3rd party inspections for compliance to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) on all residential and commercial construction.

For more information call your local Code Enforcement Officer, Josh Berry, at 207-848-1042 or visit our website www.hermon.net. We look forward to assisting you.

The Senator's Corner

By: Senator Geoffrey Gratwick



In the committee I chair this session, Health and Human Services, we hear stories, many stories, of Mainers who have fallen through the cracks. There are kids, the elderly, those with low income, the disabled, people with severe and persistent mental illness, and more. Even if we don't recognize them personally, they are us, our family, folks down the street, invisible people living behind closed doors at the other end of town. We hear their stories of hunger, abuse, decrepit housing, broken cars, and emotional pain.

Poverty is the enemy, not always, but far too often.

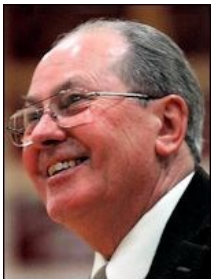
What should our committee do? We must make impossible choices and balance the use of scarce resources. Shall we give money to protect a young child or fund a tax break, help a battered spouse or promote a new business, secure a housing voucher for a homeless veteran or increase the homestead exemption?

The pace of the Legislature is increasing as we move towards closure in mid-June. We are making many decisions about topics that make headlines – vaccinations, paid sick leave, the minimum wage, opioids, and the price of electricity. Behind these headlines are the hidden Mainers who appear before our committee. They now have real faces. Their stories stay with us long after we go home at night.

The stories we hear - how decisions in Augusta affect people's everyday lives - help us make better decisions. Everyone is welcome to come to committee hearings in Augusta to share information and their point of view. If you can't get there in person, you can use the new link at legislature.maine.gov and click on 'Testimony Submission' in the middle of the page; it's quick and effective.

Legislative Update

2019 Legislative Session Update With Rep. Roger Reed House District 103 - Carmel, Etna (part), and Hermon



The 129th Legislature is well underway, and we are working toward our June 19 statutory adjournment deadline. Since Democrats have the Governorship and have sizeable majorities in both the House and Senate, this session has a completely different feel to it. In a word, it is "extreme."

Pro-growth, pro-job policies, fiscal discipline and responsible borrowing practices have been replaced by a never-ending array of proposals to take more of your money and spend it on all kinds of new initiatives and programs.

So far, we have heard proposals to tax home heating fuels, gasoline, and other products needed to live and work in Maine. There was also a proposal to increase taxes on beer, wine, hard cider, and spirits by 21-67%. Just last week, legislative Republicans highlighted a list of over 50 bills that will hurt Maine small businesses.

Governor Mills has proposed increasing the State budget by 11%, while spending 99.995% of all available revenues. It proposes to set aside just .05 cents of every dollar taken from taxpayers in case something happens, like a recession. Her proposed "unsustainable" budget will ultimately result in an increase in local property taxes.

Over the past eight years, Republican leadership lowered the tax and regulatory burdens on Maine people and Maine businesses. We reduced the number of people on welfare and increased their standard of living. Less children are living in poverty than we have had in many years. We should not do anything to ruin the economy or make it harder for people to live in Maine.

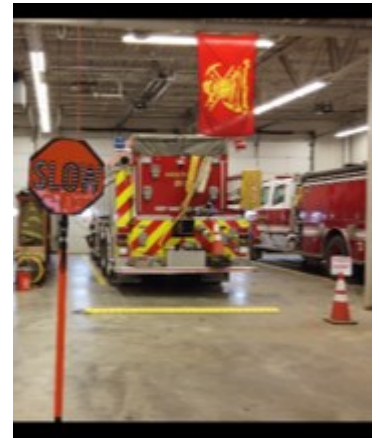
I will continue to support the policies that work for you, Maine businesses and families, while looking for effective ways to address pressing problems, like the opioid crisis. If I can be of assistance to you, feel free to contact me at Roger.Reed@legislature.maine.gov.

HELP TO KEEP US SAFE!!!

Article By: Frank Roma, Fire Chief

The Hermon Fire Department has begun to deploy a new traffic management system designed to keep first responders and the public safe when driving through an emergency scene. Police Officers, Firefighters and EMS personnel work in a dangerous environment on a good day. But, when we are working on or alongside of an active roadway, the risks to us increase many times over and every year across the country, several police officers and firefighters are struck, injured and killed by motorists. We take steps to slow down and divert traffic so that we can work and attend to the incident at hand. But in the end, it is incumbent upon each of us to operate our vehicles safely and in a manner appropriate for road conditions.

The elements of this system consist of portable speed bumps, high visibility LED signage and speed bump notification signs. The key to the success of this system being effective IS YOU!! An aware and safe driver! Please pay attention when approaching and driving through emergency scenes. You will begin to see these devices deployed as needed here in Hermon.



Hermon Teachers Participate in Regional Professional Development Opportunity

Article By: Superintendent Gary Gonyar

On March 8, educators in the Penobscot region gathered at Bangor High School for a morning of collaboration and education around social and emotional issues that impact today's youth. The regional curriculum leaders group, PREP (Penobscot River Educational Partnership) and the local superintendents group SPRPCE (Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities) worked together to bring a national speaker and workshops to teachers in the region. The national speaker, Heather Forbes, is the author of the book *Help for Billy*. This book focuses on how to work and teach students who have experienced trauma. The purpose of the workshop was to educate teachers and administrators on the different social and emotional issues that students are coming to school with, and provide teachers with strategies to help these students. Hermon School Department teachers and administrators participated in this event, and were able to bring back information and strategies to use in the classroom.

After attending the Bangor workshop in the morning, Hermon educators returned to Hermon High School for an afternoon of learning from each other. Teacher leaders, administrators and instructional coaches designed mini workshops based on the professional development needs in the district. Some of the topics included: discussion strategies across the curriculum, math curriculum updates, using google classroom, student engagement, etc. As a district, we are very fortunate to have many skilled educators who are willing to teach their colleagues. We hope to continue using this model for future professional development.

Municipal Election ~ June 11, 2019 ~

May 10 - Absentee Ballots are available for voters.

May 23 – Public Hearing for Municipal Budget/School Budget
Thursday – 7:00pm at the Public Safety Building

June 11 – Election Day

Tuesday – Polls open 7:00am to 8:00pm, Patricia A. Duran
School Gym

June 13 – Annual Town Meeting

Thursday – 7:00pm at the Hermon High School Auditorium

The Town Council has three vacant seats. Jeanne Jacques, Charles Lever IV, Anthony Reynolds, John Snyder III and G. Stephen Watson have submitted papers for these seats. The School Board has two vacant seats. Scott Hatch and Deborah Langille have submitted papers for these seats.

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 and 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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Thank you!



Southwestern Advantage
2451 Atrium Way
Nashville, TN 37214

Matt Dickau from Southwestern Advantage
will be selling education books and more.....
door to door in the Town of Hermon
May through August 2019

If you would like to contact Matt please call
402-925-8522
southwesternadvantage.com



Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is now open.

The hours are every Saturday from 8:00 to 4:00 except
for May 25, July 6 and August 31st.

Don't forget to get your yearly permit at the Town
Office.

Consumer Fireworks Ordinance



The Hermon Town Council recognizes that while the State of Maine has legalized the use of consumer fireworks, they still present a danger of injury and fire. To enhance the public safety and welfare of its citizens and community the Town Council adopted an ordinance to prohibit use and sale of Consumer fireworks in the Town of Hermon.

No person shall use, possess with the intent to use, sell, possess with the intent to sell or offer for sale consumer fireworks in the Town of Hermon. This section does not apply to a person issued a fireworks display permit by the State of Maine pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. 227-A.

Whoever violates this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 plus reasonable attorney and witness fees, plus costs if legal action by the Town of Hermon is required.



Introducing a New Hermon Business !

Article By: Scott Perkins

Jimmy and Jen Violette have joined the ranks of Hermon's home based businesses by becoming owners of *Maine Mosquito Man, LLC* in 2018. Of the 329 businesses in town, 104 are listed currently as "home based".

The Violette's take pride in their service and have had personal experiences with ticks and pests in their family life which motivated them to offer a safe, reliable service to central and eastern Maine. "We were married in 2016

where we engaged Maine Mosquito Man to spray our yard organically for ticks and mosquitos for our reception. We didn't spray in 2017 and during that year Jimmy, Brooklyn and Bentley got ticks. Jimmy's showed an almost immediate red ring," says Violette.



It wasn't long afterwards, the Violette's decided to purchase the business.. "There were many factors about Maine Mosquito Man that we liked, they were local, and most importantly organic. Being safe for pets, children, birds and bees was very important to our family," says Violette. With the spread of ticks and mosquito borne illnesses such as "EEE" becoming more pervasive in our area, having a local company that cares about helping protect your family is a great addition to our community! Jimmy and Jen currently employ two Hermon students working part-time. The Violette family and a majority of their relatives live in Hermon and have attended Hermon Schools. The Violette's children currently attend the Patricia A Duran School.



Besides offering free quotes and discounts for Hermon residents interested in their service, the family has offered to work with administrators at the School and Hermon Recreation to spray the playground and ball fields at the Recreation Area. "Last year while Bentley was playing baseball we heard from other parents that students had gone home with ticks. We hope that donating our services to the school this year will help to keep our children and families safe and tick free," said Jen.

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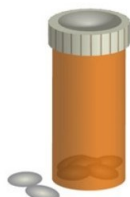
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HERMON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Article By: Sharon Nickerson



15 Alumni gathered at Hermon Rescue Squad to fold, stuff, label, and stamp 850 envelopes

The Reunion Committee is busy planning and preparing for the 14th Annual Reunion sponsored by the Hermon Alumni Association. A mailing of 850 reunion information packets has been sent to alumni listed in the database. The information is also available on the Hermon Alumni Association group page on Facebook. Information will also be sent to all e-mail addresses that are in the data base. The Reunion will be held July 12, 13 and 14. This year the classes of 1969 (50 years) and 1994 (25 years) will be honored guests. Other alumni graduating in years ending in 9 and 4 will be recognized. And all alumni are welcome to attend.

In 2004, the Class of 1966 celebrating its 40th reunion decided to include all alumni of Hermon High School and have one reunion for all. This includes graduates as well as anyone who attended Hermon High and all other schools in Hermon, Carmel, and Levant. The average attendance over the previous 13 years has been around 110. Annual Awards have been given each year to deserving alumni and faculty/staff.

In 14 years, \$24,000 has been awarded in 36 scholarships to Hermon High graduates. The donations for scholarships have come from area businesses, alumni, and fundraising. Thank you to anyone reading this who has helped to provide the scholarships. Last year a Silent Auction was added to the Friday evening social event and raised \$794 for the Scholarship Fund. Baked bean suppers are held in the fall.

There are over 2500 alumni listed in our data base. There are some without current contact information. The Association is working all the time to add new members and correct addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers. There over 850 names on the group page in Facebook where alumni news and information is posted often.

Please contact Cheryl Quinn at 884-7188 or Sharon Nickerson at 848-3641 (text or call) if you would like more information, want to be part of the Association, want to join the Facebook group, need to update your contact information, or need a Reunion Registration Form and information.

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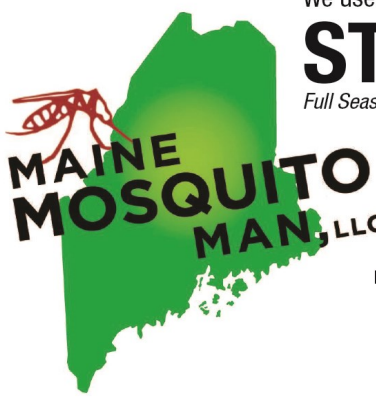
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On March 13, 1869 the Freewill Baptist Society was organized. Meetings were held once a month there or at School House No 5. The next year, in 1870, the church was built. This church has remained active for 150 years except to close for a few months for lack of a minister or because of cold winter weather. The word, Freewill, was removed from the name, deeds, and records in 1969. In 2002 an addition was built onto the back of the church and renovations done on the inside. A new front entrance provides a more spacious foyer and the sanctuary is larger to provide additional seating. Additional classrooms and an all-purpose room were added downstairs.

