

The Hermon Connection

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Please welcome the new Superintendent of Schools Jim Chasse!

Mr. Chasse and his wife, Char, live in Veazie. They have four daughters and are expecting their fifth grandchild. Char Chasse is a BCBA/Special Education teacher.

Jim's career in education began in Hermon! He taught at the old Hermon High School and coached tennis.

Jim and his wife moved to Connecticut for five years, then moved back to Maine when they started having children. He worked for eight years in SAD23/38. He has served as a principal at the elementary and high school levels for 17 years and the past four years as a superintendent in Greenville, home to Moosehead Lake.

Mr. Chasse received his Bachelors and Masters degree from the University of Maine, and an Executive Leadership Certificate from the University of Connecticut.

His interests include the outdoors, guitar, drama, technology and athletics.

Mr. Chasse will meet weekly with Mr. Gonyar to help with the transition to Hermon. His first official day will be July 1, 2020.



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If you have a news story or article for publication in the next edition of
The Hermon Connection,
please send it to: scottwl@hermon.net
Deadline for submissions: June 19, 2020

From the Town Manager



I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a safe and healthy spring and early summer. The last 2 months have been stressful and chaotic. While I can't predict the future or how soon our everyday life will return to normal I can say without hesitation that there is a level of caring in the community that is impressive. From helping your neighbor during the April snowstorm that left many of you without power for 5-7 days to the parents who are

now even more hands on with the day to day education of their children while they are at home - each of you have had to readjust your life to make sure you protect your family and friends from any unnecessary exposure to risk. I salute each of you for making a difference in our town.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING- Our annual town meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 11 June 2020 is now **potentially** Thursday, 16 July 2020. Please keep checking our website, <http://www.hermon.net> for details as they are subject to change. The Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be on the Town's website once it is approved by the Hermon Town Council.

SPRING CLEAN UP- Town crews and contractors are finishing up the spring clean up due to the winter storm. While the effort was supposed to last only one week it has been well received and will go until all the trees and limbs are picked up. Thank you for putting your materials by the side of the road safely.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR- I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Neily Kate Raymond of Hermon on being a national semifinalist in the 2020 US Presidential Scholars Program. WELL DONE!

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES- To all the seniors at Hermon High School. I want to congratulate you on your graduation. You are going to move on in life either to continue your education or go into the work force. Either way you will be prepared for that next step. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

BUDGET- The Town's proposed 2021 budget contains projected road projects such as Billings Road, Autocar Lane, section of the Black Stream Road, Homestead Lane and a few others. As you might not be aware we contract with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department for our law enforcement services, Gardner Construction for our snow removal, TGP for our street sweeping, LaPlante's Lawn Care, LLC for cemetery and municipal property mowing, Hermon Volunteer Rescue and First Aid Squad for our EMS services and many others to provide services to the public.

PRIMARY ELECTION- Unless the State of Maine Secretary of State decides to change the date of the primary election, it will be held on Tuesday, 14 July 2020. As of right now we have no guidance on what, if any, requirements will change. Please be patience and contact the Town Office if you have any questions.

Transfer Station- The Transfer Station is now opened on Saturdays! It is available to Hermon Residents only. Please refer to the Town of Hermon website for details on what is allowable to be discarded. Included in the FY21 proposed municipal budget is to open the transfer station on a weekday afternoon. This will help further your recycling needs. I will let you know when that change occurs so the public can get out to and take advantage of the additional hours.

Route 2 Widening Project- contractors are working diligently to install new utility poles, sewer/water connections and widening of the road. We hope to have this project completed by July 2020.

WELCOME HOME!- I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Technical Sergeant Kenneth York of the Maine Air National Guard for his successful deployment to Afghanistan. Mr. York is also a former Hermon Police Officer who now works for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department assigned to Hermon. If you see Officer York around please thank him for his service. He returns to work mid May 2020.

Thank You,

Howard Kroll

The Senator's Corner



‘No Man is an Island’

No man is an island entire of itself; every man
Is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;
If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe
Is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as
Well as any manner of thy friends or of thine
Own were; any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom
The bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

John Donne (1581-1631)

John Donne was an English poet who lived in a tumultuous time, one of war, persecution, Plague, religious unrest. But his vision transcended adversity. He found strength in his connection to mankind.

We too are living through a tumultuous time. In our time of adversity, we too can find strength in others. Adversity can make us stronger, drawing us ever more closely together. We realize the importance of our connections. Hermon is a caring community tied together by its churches, its schools, sports, bean suppers, the Sizzler, and much more. There are many in Hermon who reach out and help their neighbors. We can all now live by an equal but perhaps more modern credo – “do the next right thing” (Frozen II, Disney)

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Jeffrey M. Wheeler, Director of Informational Services



Important information on the schedule for the end of the 2019-20 School Year:

1. **The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 12th.** I will request a waiver for four (4) student days from the Commissioner of Education, bringing the total number of student days to 171.
2. **The last day of school for seniors will be Friday, June 5th.** This is a difference of five (5) days from the rest of our students, which is the maximum difference allowed.
3. The last day to assign new learning for seniors would be Monday, June 1st and for all other students, Friday June 5th.



Hermon High School



4. During the week of June 8th, teachers will focus on assisting students with make-up work and closing activities.



Hermon Elementary School

5. **All teaching staff will be involved in professional development and planning activities from June 15th through June 18th.**

- The professional development will focus on the implementation of a robust online learning management system called Schoology.
- Planning activities will include vertical team discussions on ensuring a smooth transition for students to the next grade level and identifying curriculum missed this spring that will need attention in the fall.
- School administrators, in collaboration with Curriculum Coordinator Melissa Davis and school leadership teams, will customize the work to best fit the needs of their grade span.



6. Building administrators and their leadership teams will develop plans for the safe return of all student school materials including textbooks, laptops, and other items. At the same time, students will be allowed to pick up and take home any personal items still stored at school.

7. Building administrators and their leadership teams will develop plans for end of year activities such as step up day, awards/recognition assemblies, and graduation.



Hermon Middle School & Superintendent's Office

8. **All End of Year activities must follow the parameters set by the Governor's Order and the recommendations of the CDC and Commissioner of Education Pender Makin.**

Sincerely,

Gary Gonyar
Superintendent of Schools
<https://www.hsd.hermon.net/>





Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is now open.

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Although we face a springtime of uncertainty in our lives, we are certain that the beauty of nature will unfold at Ecotat as it always has and we hope you will visit the gardens and trails when it is safe to do so.

Concerts in the Garden Tentative Schedule

June 2: Hermon Pans (rain date June 4)

June 21: Sebasticook Valley Community Band

August 2: Six Basin Street

Please note: Schedule is subject to change

**We look forward to seeing you
at Ecotat in 2020!**

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From the DECD office...

The Coronavirus issue is an enormous challenge for communities and businesses in the State of Maine. The shock of having to adjust from free flowing economic and societal successes at the local and national levels to total shut down in a flash has caused us to reconsider all that was our normal experience previously.

Businesses are not generally in favor of immediate departures from their daily rounds, especially when the changes require a top to bottom overhaul of operations.

As recently as two months ago, the communal togetherness of the market and how we engaged our customers has gone through a serious shift to the opposite side of the spectrum demonstrated by individuals who were required to socially isolate and supply chains not able to function as normal.

From a world where we travelled freely to purchase goods and services without much thought to being contained in our homes, this virus has reoriented our relationship with government, businesses and each other. Logistics, marketing and delivery of goods and services using traditional best practices in business and family life has changed.

The question for our community is how do we find the opportunities in this challenge so we can weather this successfully together? I am suggesting that we reinstall the tried and true methods of supporting local businesses and each other whenever possible! When our community gradually returns to its collective values as this crisis passes, everyone will stop and notice that our fates are truly linked during good times and bad. Supporting the businesses who donate to our community and who provide us quality goods and services simultaneously is a good start to getting back to a *better* normal.

Regardless of how long this current crisis lasts, spending money locally at our Hermon business locations is a proven way to better our community and improve the quality of life for all! When these positive investments are made they can become more infectious than any virus because they create a connected community and ultimately a better version of ourselves.

Any Hermon business requiring assistance with Federal or State of Maine programs during this crisis may contact the Hermon DECD office at 848-1010 (office) or [email: SPerkins@Hermon.net](mailto:SPerkins@Hermon.net).

Check these links regularly for updates on COVID-19 from the State of Maine and Federal agencies:

<https://www.bangorregion.com/news/chamber-and-cvb-launch-a-new-facebook-group/>

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/assistance-for-small-businesses> [https://](https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists)

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The Hawks Nest



Between registration fees, travel expenses and time off from work for parents to attend games, sports expenses can add up quickly! Add in multiple children playing sports throughout the year and the costs for families can easily rise into the hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Most of us have gently used sports gear everywhere at home with no way of passing it along for use. Please consider donating it to The Hawks Nest! Our mission is to allow our local families a place to donate their no longer used sports equipment for a new family to use. A lot of families in our community could benefit from being able to pick up a pair of cleats for the season locally.

Some of this equipment has only been used for one season, maybe only a dozen times! Gently used sports equipment can have lots of life left in it. Let's share with other members of our growing community!!

This is not a buy and sell. We are asking for donated equipment and all families are welcome to "shop" free of charge! Our goal is to provide quality gear to give our kids the best possible chance at a successful athletic experience! Parents can then focus their financial efforts on other expenses or can even consider a donation to our Hermon sports programs! Go Hawks!!!

Please follow our Facebook page for information on Drop off and Pick up events or to message us.

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 to slow down the job. Inspections this year will strictly be done from the road and no one from the town will approach anyone's home with respect to the social distance guidelines provided by the State of Maine.

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.

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Reminder: Hermon Consumer Fireworks Ordinance

By SSgt. Bobbie Pelletier

The Fourth of July will soon be among us all. I would like to remind the people of Hermon, that Hermon does in fact have a written ordinance banning the usage of consumer fireworks within town limits.

Prohibition:

The ordinance states no person shall use, possess with the intent to use in the Town of Hermon, sell, possess with the intent to sell in the Town of Hermon, or offer for sale consumer fireworks.

Exception:

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.

Seizure and Disposal of Fireworks:

The Town may seize consumer fireworks that the Town has probable cause to believe are used, possessed or sold in violation of this section and shall forfeit seized consumer fireworks to the State for disposal.

Penalty:

Whoever violates any of the forgoing sections of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1000.00 for each offense. IN the event of legal action by the Town of Hermon is required to enforce this ordinance and the town is the prevailing party, it must be awarded reasonable attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs.

We hope everyone has a pleasant and safe Independence Day!