

Reminder: Hermon Consumer Fireworks Town Ordinance

By SSgt. Bobbie Pelletier

I would like to remind the people of Hermon, that Hermon does in fact have a written town ordinance banning the usage of consumer fireworks within town limits.

Chapter 91

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.

This is a reminder for all residents. The use of fireworks can also cause unexpected wildfires with the current severe drought conditions. If your illegal use of fireworks causes an unexpected fire, you can also be criminally charged and be responsible for any damages.



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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: August 23, 2021

From the Town Manager



TRACK PROJECT –

In June Hermon voters approved a track project at Hermon High School for \$2.4 million. The project also includes improving drainage at Pottle Field. Superintendent Jim Chasse and school staff are managing the project on what will be a state of the art athletic facility for all users. The facility is going to give residents a wonderful place for leisure activities. Currently the school is

working with Plymouth Engineering for a design and concept to put out to bid. Estimated time for this task is Fall 2021. I will keep you updated once more information is shared.

ROAD PROJECTS

B&B Paving of Hermon is starting to prepare town roads for paving. Billings Road, sections of the Black Stream Road, Bog Road, Allard Drive, Timberview Drive, Outer Bog Road and various other roads will be paved sometime in July and August 2021. Please contact Scott Perkins @ 848-1010 for more specific information for scheduling.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

I would like to wish Mary Cameron and her family the best of luck in their new endeavor in opening 2 locations (Hermon and Brewer) for healthy drinks and products. She will do GREAT! Mary did a great job as the Director and our facilities are a reflection of her efforts. Lindsey Ouellette is the new Recreation Director and has over 6 years experience in running our Before and After Program and Summer Program. She will continue to do great work for our residents.

ROUTE 2/MILLER HILL/ANNIS ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT

Maine Department of Transportation has completed a safety project at the intersection of Route 2 and Annis Road. This project included the removal of the Ecotat home and installing a committed right hand turn lane onto Annis Road. This project was long overdue and should help improve traffic safety for all who travel along that corridor.

HERMON SCHOOLS TO REOPEN TO FIVE DAYS A WEEK STARTING IN FALL 2021

Residents were recently informed of the Hermon School Department's plan to reopen schools this fall. While the plan is being implemented I strongly encourage each of you to reach out to the Superintendent of Schools, Jim Chasse, on any questions you might have regarding this very important endeavor. Mr. Chasse, school committee members and staff have worked hard on this plan- the safety of our children, family and staff is very important to us all.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Town is starting the initial phase of installing bricks at the Veterans Memorial. All existing bricks with the names of veterans are being replaced with new ones and we will begin to take orders for future bricks. We will put an application on our website in the fall and will install those bricks in the Spring/Summer of 2022. I want to thank those of you who have been patient to make this project a reality.

I would like to wish each of you a safe, healthy and positive fall. Stay safe



Legislative Update

*2021 Legislative Session Update
With Rep. Jim Thorne
House District 103 -
Carmel, Etna (part), and Hermon*

The first regular session of the 130th Legislature is drawing to a close. This has been anything but a normal session. For most of the year, we conducted our committee work virtually instead of meeting in person. After renting the Augusta Civic Center a couple of times over the winter, we began meeting at the State House in June.

Normally, our first session work is finished by June 16. It is the end of June and the Legislature has still not completed its work and finalized a two-year state budget. June 30 we will take up vetoes from the Governor on a wide range of topics. I plan to vote to uphold the Governor's vetoes on a number of topics in order to defeat bills that either undermine the rule of law or increase taxes on Mainers.

As the Legislature continues to work on the Biennial Budget, I hope the bipartisan cooperation that led to passage of the Supplemental Budget continues, so that citizens from every corner of our state receive some of the billions of federal dollars that have flowed into Maine for pandemic relief. With an additional \$940 million in revised state revenues, that should be achievable.

The earlier Supplemental Budget contained a \$10,200 income tax exemption for unemployed Mainers. I believe all tax filers, especially front-line workers, should receive the same \$10,200 income tax exemption that was given to unemployed Mainers. Many people worked throughout the pandemic at great risk to themselves and their families. They were there for us, so it is only fair they receive our recognition and support.

I welcome your thoughts, suggestions and advice in the months ahead. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your State Representative. If I can be of assistance to you, feel free to contact me at Jim.Thorne@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Rep. Jim Thorne

June 8, 2021 Election Results

For School Committee, a term of three years: expires 06/30/2024

Cyr, Richard	126
Harris, Teddy	133
Keith, Jesse	181 - Winner
Lang, Samantha	85
Oiler, Stephanie	178 - Winner
Shaffer, Kim	143
Blanks:	102

For Council, a term of three years: expires 06/30/2024

Bouchard, Wayne:	210
Richardson, Phillip:	255 - Winner
Thomas, Steven:	298 - Winner
Blanks:	185

Question: Financial Improvements at Hermon High School

Shall the Town of Hermon issue a bond in an amount not to exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000.00) for Improvements at Hermon High School, such improvements to include all necessary engineering for the repair and installation of drainage for Pottle Field and an 8 lane track to the west of the tennis courts and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to take all steps necessary, including securing interim financing, management of the project and undertake all procurement hereby authorized by the terms of the current Town of Hermon Purchasing Policy?

Yes:	349 - Passed
No:	123
Blanks:	2

*Thank You For Voting
Kristen Cushman, Town Clerk*

Department of Economic & Community Development highlights from the last annual town report:



Giving Business the Edge!

Economic and Community Development
Annual Town Report July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

The Economic and Community Development office in Hermon is charged with providing business assistance, incentive creation, marketing, infrastructure improvements and public property management at commercial and industrial areas. The director maintains relationships and develops agreements with area real estate professionals, legal firms, finance leaders, engineering firms, Maine Department of Transportation, Maine DEP, State of Maine DECD, Penobscot County Commissioners and the U.S. Economic Development Administration in order to utilize resources and information helpful to our goal of providing quality customer service for our business clients and the residents who live in Hermon.

Hermon DECD also manages all connectivity and infrastructure project development for businesses and municipal needs with CMP, Emera Maine, Bangor Natural Gas, Bangor Wastewater and Bangor Water District. When planning efforts regionally and locally identify projects to address growth, Hermon DECD leads by initiating engineering and design upgrades for targeted improvements while simultaneously completing regular maintenance routines for public utilities in our industrial, commercial and village commercial districts.

Combining these tasks with RFP and contract creation, bid tabulations, MDOT Municipal Business Partnerships, MDOT Partnership Initiatives for State-Aid highways, engineering agreements and contract execution for all major road and infrastructure projects, the DECD office is a hub of activity most days. Here are a few specific accomplishments during the July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 year:

- DECD office completed the Patricia A. Duran school construction project by facilitating the final five change orders detailing finishes for ground work and canopy installation. Drainage improvements in the parking lot areas, pedestrian sidewalk connections, safety items and ground work material installations were given oversight and completed to ensure fair value for Hermon taxpayers during the “punch list” process
- Three business Tax Incremental Finance Districts were approved by Maine DECD after Hermon Economic and Community Development organized public hearings, TIF presentations, application requirements and local approval processes following Maine State Statutes
- Managed the Billings Road Municipal Partnership Initiative for roadway improvements from Fuller road to Union Street on the State Aid section. Utility coordination, engineering and contractor agreements, final designs, public hearings and individual resident contacts were facilitated by Hermon DECD office. Financial records, billing for reimbursement and construction wage rate tracking for the project were completed allowing Hermon to recover our reimbursement share from MaineDOT
- Town of Hermon and staff were awarded “Business Partner of the Year” by Eastern Maine Development Corporation at a Husson College annual Board of Director’s meeting. Hermon was successful at securing CDBG grant monies and project support from Maine DECD for a potential multi-modal project and for leading the central Maine region with significant business growth in FY 2019
- Assisted with two five megawatt solar projects accepted on the energy grid by Cianbro Corporation and Dirigo Solar

- The DECD office in Hermon recognizes that good leadership from the Town Manager including a supportive and business friendly Town Council has led to gains in new value and business investment accounts. When we combine the elements of team work by committed Town office staff with thoughtful approaches by administrators and elected officials, the collective effort advances our strong economic position. Hermon residents also play a critical role in our form of government at the annual and special meetings by considering our investment strategies. Historically, community support and involvement with long term goal development has helped to maintain Hermon's superior competitive advantage both locally and regionally!

It is our goal that Hermon continues to be a great place to live and own a business! Want to learn more? Call our office at 848-1010 or email SPerkins@Hermon.net.

Scott A Perkins

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WINDY HILL AVENUE



Introducing a new Hermon business...



Hartford's Auto Service has recently announced that their auto repair shop is moving to a new location at 62 Liberty Drive in Hermon!

After 10 years in its original Brewer location on State Street, Kevin and Sally Hartford, owners of *Hartford's Auto Service*, have purchased a building in the fast-growing industrial park area of Hermon at 62 Liberty Drive. The Hartford's have been residents of Hermon for over 20 years. The family has been active in the Hermon community dedicating their efforts to improving the Town and the lives of young people in our programs. Kevin has been a Scout Master of Pack 25 in Hermon and has volunteered for Town events like the "Summer Sizzler" for Hermon Recreation while growing his business simultaneously. Sally is involved with Boy Scouts as well and additionally has given many hours to Hermon Football's startup committee and related activities benefitting the Hermon Recreation Department while holding the chief financial office position at *The Fitch Company*. Their children were raised in Hermon and graduated from Hermon High School in 2016 and 2018. The Hartford's youngest son, Lane, joins the auto repair team to help grow the family business.

"The new location was chosen to offer a better automotive repair experience to the clients of Hartford's Auto Service by providing a larger office space for those who choose to wait for service to be completed and amenities to make your visit with us more comfortable," says Sally. 22 Liberty Drive in Hermon offers a safer and convenient access for customers with more parking available. Hermon's location at Liberty Park is also a "plus" situated just 3.5 miles from the I-395 interchange.

Having been in the automotive repair business for 30 years, Kevin sees the move to this new location as the start of another chapter in the company's journey. *Hartford's Auto Service* does repairs on all makes and models of cars, trucks, limousines and box trucks including fleet services.



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On August 2nd, 2021, they will open the doors of their new facility to serve both new and returning clients who have enjoyed their relationship with *Hartford's Auto Service*. *"Kevin and Lane are the best mechanics around. Fair prices, honest, and the best service you'll ever find. Highly recommended!"* -Customer review, 2021 (Google)

The Hartford's welcome all clients to visit our Facebook page for more information. Give us a call at 207-989-6322 or drop by the new location at 62 Liberty Drive in Hermon!

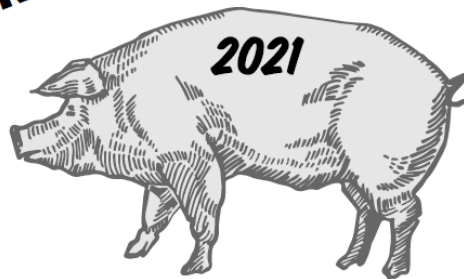
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Story by: Hermon DECD Office

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Introducing a new Hermon Business....



We are excited to introduce a new business to the greater Hermon area. Hermon Residents former Hermon Recreation Director Mary Cameron and her Husband Chris Cameron Hermon Varsity Girls Basketball Coach are opening Route 2 Nutrition in the Danforths Plaza next door to Hermon Family Dental in July 2021



Route 2 Nutrition will be offering healthy energizing Tea Bombs and Protein Shakes in a variety of flavors and so there will be something for everyone.

The drinks will be available for take out or you can sit in their shop to enjoy with friends. They will also offer online ordering through the engage app so you can skip the line and grab and go.



"We couldn't feel prouder to bring this business to Hermon and our neighbors, we can't wait for the community to come see us for a tasty meal replacement or energy tea."
- Mary Cameron



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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: Hermon residents already receiving the Homestead Property Tax Exemption in the amount of \$25,000 do not need to re-apply.

New Hermon residential property owners: Do you qualify for a homestead exemption? Go to the website listed below to download an application or pick one up at the Town Office; qualification requirements are listed on application.

www.hermon.net/exemption-forms-information/

All application should be returned to the Assessing office by August 31st, 2021

VETERAN EXEMPTION: Any residential property owner who is a veteran 62 years or older or the widow of a veteran who would be 62 years or older; served during a recognized war time period and is not already receiving the exemption you may pick up an application at the town off or download at:

www.hermon.net/exemption-forms-information/

Application should be returned to the Assessing Office by August 31, 2021 with a copy of a DD214 or other official form verifying dates of entry and separation.

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Article Submitted By: John Olesniewicz

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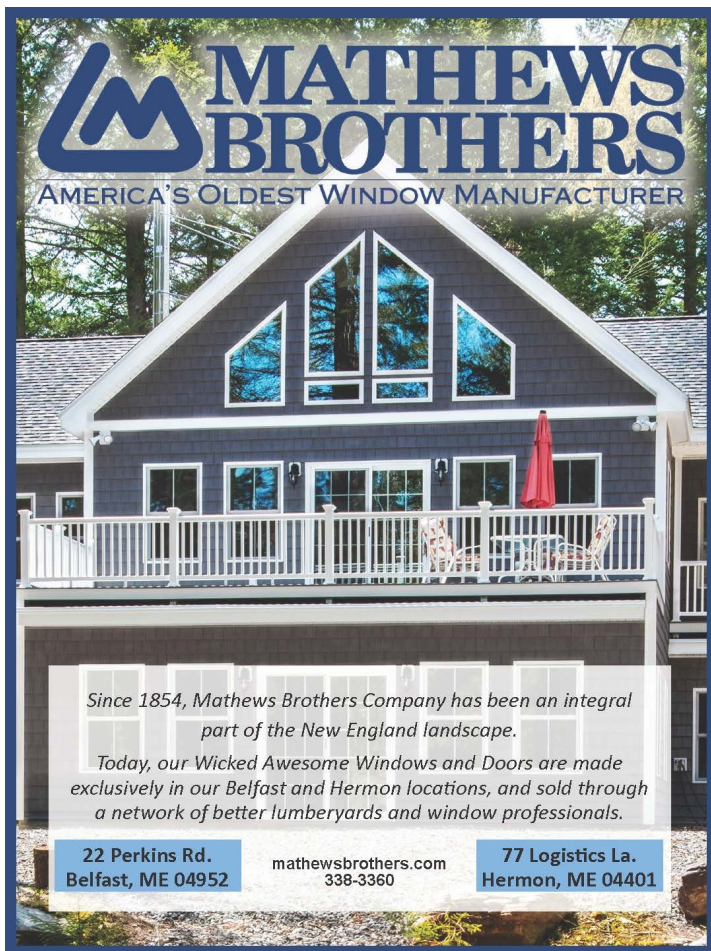
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On July 8, 2021, Arthur Witham and Harry Rideout (pictured left) presented the Town with a custom made flag receptacle to store worn and damaged flags. The box was dedicated to Cathy Witham who faithfully placed flags in our cemeteries each year before Memorial Day and managed the location records of our military grave sites.

