

**Please list 3 areas in which you would like to see improvement in Hermon.**

**TOP 5 TOPICS / THEMES:**

1. **Road conditions/infrastructure**
2. **Limited job opportunities**
3. **Need for more local small businesses**
4. **Political hostility/lack of inclusivity**
5. **High property taxes**

Funding critical infrastructure and technology needs, long range planning for municipal CIP requirements, marketing the community

Recreational building, public areas and more community events

Add more hometown character. Work on making hermon more inviting and less industrial. Plant trees and wild flowers.

School system sucks. New leadership needed. Less woke nom sense and concentrate on learning academics

Moratorium on residential building

ROADS, NON WOKE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOCUSED ON READING, WRITING AND ARITHMETIC.

More communication, transparency, and fairness with Town Counselors, recycling, strengthen communities by embracing more diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Roads, affordable housing, maintain low taxes

Education, communication, food options

Roads, communication, town council members

Whatever needs to be done to be a more welcoming place for people to actually want to live/work/attend school here. Right now I would not recommend moving here to anyone.

An ambulance service with licensed paramedics, full time emergency services across the board with enough staff to cover the increased population hermon has seen in recent years, more transparency from the group of individuals in charge of the school system.

The elementary school, the middle school and the high school

More recreation activities for community, especially kid programming

"Reduce school spending. Improve the roads. Traffic plan for rt 2"

More restaurants, less woke school board, Lights for Baseball and Softball fields at high school

Less political atmosphere and town council should never employ Hermon business owners!!!  
Reduce public works budget and contract needs. Stop borrowing money. Keep small rural feel and development of business tax base

Increased/easy entry to business development, more transparent and timely communication from our council. More town events to bring the community together.

A sense of belonging, diversity, community

A restaurant, more community events, road improvements

High-school committee, superintendent, High-school building/rooms (some are falling apart)  
Traffic problems, community recreation (buildings/playgrounds/park), relationship between the town and the school

Ridiculous politics and school related issues

The town council, stop the growing people and or build a bigger schools

Dollar General never should have been allowed here!! Now that it's here, the building should have been nicer looking; similar to the one in Kingfield. The business' in Hermon should support on the job training for our high school students who are in the life skills program. We need to plan ahead for the increase in school enrollment!

Working together at town leadership levels for what's best for the town, school growth to accommodate the substantial growth of the town

Stop the pushing of political and cultural agendas from Council seats. Town needs to work with the School Department not against it. Hermon needs to stop the anti-lgbtq messaging and agendas that is happening and make sure that our schools and are community is safe and welcoming to ALL of its residents. Council and School Cmte should be nonpartisan roles

less crowding in our schools, better town support of our school system, better funding of schools

Residential Urban sprawl, Post office commitment to individual home delivery,  
Public Safety, Municipal Infrastructure, Growth Goals and Benchmarks

Less money towards things that do not need to be paid for (ie: turf football fields when they have never won a state championship and parents are asked to pay for supplies at school every

year), more town and school interaction with the parents of this city to maintain the wellbeing of our kids in school, access to better education materials that do not strictly persuade children to ideologies or politics.

Support for law enforcement, emergency workers, parental rights in schools  
Limit residential building per year and on larger properties, more restaurants, recycling area and expanded land fill hours

Council and School board work together more

support for the schools, and perhaps a future to look at public water.

Rt 2 property upkeep, food service development options

More business, more recreational opportunities (esp. for kids), affordable housing

Schools are too small

not let people of religious agenda or beliefs have too much political control, Rec Center, and not allow more trailerparks.

Fiber internet. A rec/community center. Don't allow so many subdivisions. Better schools. restaurants, place for kids, more sidewalks on route 2

Fewer housing developments, more land conservation efforts, safer roads for biking and pedestrians

More conservatism, patriotic flags/displays, recreational trails, educational system.

Better timing of traffic light in the morning, more parking at the elementary and middle school, more recreational activities (parks, library, etc)

"Additional spaces added to schools for classrooms. Recreation center that is separate from the schools. Expand the sidewalk "

Take pornographic books out of schools. Stop with gender studies. Road maintenance, ie lines on the roads especially the edges and pot holes

Park/sport areas, summer rec program,

Transportation, transparency, community center

School expansion, parking at schools, drop off lanes for schools.

Take control of Ambulance Service

Maintain agricultural areas and current zoning, reduce residential development, better facility for recreational programs

Better middle class house prices, get rid of Miller Hill 😞 , and extend the sidewalks!!

More walking/hiking trails; sidewalks and wider shoulders on roads for walking and biking; restaurants and shops

Many town council members have conflicts of interest (should not be allowed), town council should not control the school budget, limit new builds (schools cannot support the growth without additional funding)

More social diversity, more autonomy for the school (less town council control), long-term economic strategy that doesn't just rely upon expansion of the tax base.

School system, ambulance, sheriffs

Traffic circle at Hermon high and Danforths. Traffic light at rt 2/coldbrook/bog intersection

More restaurants, expand school, town indoor pool

"1.develop Land reserve for school/recreation facility expansion 2.council / community relations 3.Relaxation of rear lot development standards"

Increased side walks and walking trails, increased/improved parking at the schools, more entertainment and recreation activities

Post office, quicker ambulance response, careful management of growth in order to maintain small town community.

"Overreach of town council in school committee business. Information available on candidates running for local office should be available on town website. Limited local businesses"

We need bigger schools the town is growing and it's only going to get tighter and rec services should have their own building (resuce center if they move into fire or the resteraunt next to the elementary school)

Low income housing, eliminate political polarization, a doctor's office (like we used to have)

Stronger separation between town council and school committee responsibilities

Recreational Center

More support for Hermon Schools, building a recreation building, bringing more activities for kids and families.

I would like to see more trust and cooperation between the town council and school board. This is my top priority, however, I would like to see more dining opportunities in town.

More businesses in town, restaurants, a public library with events for the public

"Road deterioration management. Improvement on selection of retail stores to be developed in Hermon. (Not sure a large Dollar General was necessary or beneficial for Hermon when there are 4 others within a 10 mile radius.)"

Better wildlife/ponds/wetland protections

Restaurants, entertainment, library, post office, public space

Better state upkeep of RT2. No more woke crap in schools. Slow down the building of apartment complexes.

"Paying too much for fire services. Too much for school. Less pornography in schools"

less focus on school sports

Roads, Town Council biases, people with issues that can easily be solved but instead Hermon gets plastered all over the news, papers, etc.

"STOP GOING WOKE!!! Keep CRT & gender indoctrination out of the schools!!! Stop needlessly spending money!!!"

continued encouragement of industrial zone, increased rail connections, increased outdoor trail system.

Senior low income housing, senior transportation options and more business options

Not opposed to growth, but would like to avoid chain type restaurants/stores and see more locally owned development the community would be proud to support.

Town/School relations, organization, school resources

Unified trash pickup, park or public area for picnics outside and barbecuing.

Rt 2 between coldbrook rd and top of rt 2 hill. Congestion at certain times of the day.

Public gathering areas, abandoned housing, stricter rules on yard presence

Cap on families moving into the area (Hermon is already out growing the new addition to the school) - support for public education - increased non sport activities through rec  
More affordable homes for low and low/middle class people. expanding our education system and space that Hermon will need

Schools and staff, Affordable housing, adult rec activities, improved roadways/plowing  
Free ambulance services, free internet services to all residents, and more traffic lights

Town Council leadership, more restaurant options, more pedestrian/bike paths

The traffic and the speed on Wing Road needs to be better controlled, people think it is Speedway 95. The noise of motor cycles also needs to be controlled."

"Town run Ambulance Service. Town/School leadership that is respectful and willing to work with others. Education/School test results"

Sidewalks, restaurants, public bus availability, farmers market

More activities for senior citizens; we don't all live in Beaulieu Place; offer CPR and other short term classes, like how to use a computer for seniors, history class on Hermon, etc.

Greater transparency in local government. Multi-use green spaces. Don't crowd out single family residencies in the village area

expansion of schools, purchasing of land for the town, rec/community center

Do we have our own police/sheriff?(Speeding,vandalism etc). indoor Ice skating rink-teach ice skating, ice hockey lessons, teams

Elderly housing( elderly need to move out of hermon to get affordable one level housing) Zoning - developers entice housing with covenants but nobody police them!! after a year looks and sounds bad

Town funds management, schools listening to parents and putting kids first, putting natural resources first and supporting farmers and small businesses  
traffic control,

Evaluate the expected growth in student population-where are we going to put these students?

Multiple unit zoning, school superintendent, less commercial business

"Restaurants,senior housing options Recycling "

Public works, not having a shady ambulance service...

better roads, several restaurants, more public trails for walking

Bigger schools Less residential subdivisions

Recycling, public spaces, and the sprawl/lack of density of the commercial spaces. Almost every business is located in its own standalone building.

more opportunities for take-out food, install solar panels on town bldgs. improve energy efficiency within the school buildings

Need for recreational space (fields/courts), growing too fast, lack of high speed internet options  
Traffic on route 2 by the High School and by the Bog/ Coldbrook roads. More affordable senior housing

Better communication with residents, more food options, more entertainment for children

More traffic control, Full time school RSO, more business attraction

Traffic rotary start buying land for future school a town office.

Sidewalks, communication about trash changes, and gaining a post office

Road improvements, create a public library and laundromat.

With the expansion of businesses in the town area, I would like to see more sidewalks to avoid any possible pedestrian accidents.

Sidewalks, street lighting where appropriate, expand curbside to include annual big items and yard cleanup

More inclusive of the different, have the street lights be more reasonable in run time and amount, I'm cool with the motorcycles revving their engine but I wish they'd do wait till like 11 am, also the crows are giant pain in the tookus.

Public parks and walkways, expedited permitting for fiberoptics and natural gas, strict lot size / green space requirements on new construction

Keeping Sean mcBrierty away from Hermon.

Road Repairs, Rec Center,

Recycling pickup at home, entertainment and restaurant options, events

road paving, not to have businesses scattered amongst residential, more sidewalks

Extend sewer and water

School Department and school committee work with (not against) the town, Issue with Hermon Ambulance resolved, roads better maintained.

More after school programs for kids over 5, more restaurant options, sidewalks

reflective strips on roadways, public recreation areas/playgrounds, restaurants

Conserve forest tracks

Restrictions of off road vehicles in residential subdivisions; road improvements, Restrictions on commercial development

Road improvement, property improvement and maintenance

"Need options for adults as well as the children, like adult recreation leagues.

More daycare opportunities/ or daycare at recreation with accommodating hours for parents who work.

Not many job opportunities or mental health resources for people."

better recycling program, town repair of neighborhood roadside plow damage, attract business to lower tax rates

Overgrowth, no tax increases, develop more businesses/business tax base

"Nearly no restaurant choices near the high school. Not enough job opportunities for high school students. Not enough affordable housing for young adults"

More restaurants, sidewalks, more businesses

Additional multipurpose recreational vehicles trails that will connect the ITS. It will bring in dollars to our community, full zero sort recycling and encourage poultry ownership to help decrease compostable waste. Rearrange Danforths plaza and place a stoplight to aid leaving the HS parking lot.

More conservation space and open places for people to gather

Law enforcement, speeding is horrible, and traffic stop letting anyone build a subdivision our roads are getting overcrowded

More commercial options, access to public transit, library



Maintenance of Roads, especially Rte 2, Retail and Food Business to keep \$\$\$ local,

Broadband

Road improvements, lower mil rate for seniors

Fire department, water supply, roads

Enforcement of removing junk on some property, 2X year collection of bulk trash (metal, etc) more environmentally friendly, more info about what facilities (high school tennis courts?) can be used by residents, recreation committee offerings for adults like pickleball

More access and services for Seniors (bus service, sidewalks, etc.). more multi-use trail systems (walking, skiing, bicycling )

Disband Hermon Ambulance, expand fire department, better options for discarded brush and other yard waste

Police, firefighters, public spaces

1. Roads improved. 2. More accessible broadband for seniors

"1.Route 2 light at the High School and widening High traffic areas, 2. Expand and upgrade all business parks, 3. Full time police and fire."

More sidewalks, trails, and recycling

Restaurants, farmers market, park for kids and walking trails or extend sidewalks for easy walking

The negative attitude and pushing agendas onto others, overcrowding in school and negative members on town council.

Add a post office/mailing center

Council appears to be attacking the Schools, attacking Hermon Rescue, making decisions in private executive session without public hearings. It's an unhealthy, unfriendly and ugly look. law enforcement needs to do a better job catching speeders/less building of housing which has made traffic problem multiply in recent years/make roads safe by getting rid of blind spots on route 2

A side walk connecting current sidewalk to at least the elementary school to make a connected triangle loop for biking and walking road maintainense, trash situation, stop subdivisions

Sidewalks, road maintenance, places to eat

"Road/traffic layout - Avoid the traps of terrible, dangerous, expensive to maintain roads with no alternatives that we see so many communities go through. Start with roundabouts now - not in two decades when we have to rip up the existing roads and force business to give up space.

Eliminate left-hand turns on main roadways as much as possible.

Grocery Resiliency - I have lived here less than a year and one of the most attractive things to me was the proximity to a local grocer. Since moving in, a dollar general/family dollar have opened surrounding the store. Less than a year. I have lived up and down the east coast and have seen this in every rural community I have ever been in. Dollar General/ Dollar Tree/ Family Dollar surround the local grocer, force it to close, then shutter themselves because it's more profitable for the community to have to drive to the ones in the bigger town(Bangor in this case). You can see it up in so many towns in rural Maine, and in every state in the eastern seaboard. Not only does it threaten local jobs, but they are dependent on much cheaper, lower quality food(often manufactured overseas) and subject to every supply chain issue that can manifest.

More business such as restraunts/breweries/bars, less retail stores

Town Council, increase funding to school and rec program

More community/local economy. Restaurants, bars, public businesses etc

Paving of roads, increased safety at Miller hill intersection with Klatte Rd and Annie Rd, traffic flow

Slow growth, improve school, traffic flow

Transfer station open possibly more days for convenience and/or possibly year round. Place in town to dispose of brush type material that people can drop off.

1. EDUCATION, in ways of increased rigor. 2. Less politicized, ESPECIALLY within our councils. 3. Hermon needs to establish its own police department. It also needs to strengthen the communication from Fire and ambulance. It needs to keep Northern Light ambulance service out of the town.

More transparency with town council. if more housing more improvements and expansion of schools. Ambulance services.

Dining options, traffic control, stricter zoning needed

"A playground with water features for summer. More Rec-sports for elementary grades (wrestling and track) !!!!Recycling!!!!"

"Overall communication from town and school counsels to town residents. Other towns have a Facebook page to keep residents informed of important news and events.

Traffic and speeding issues around fuller road and Billings road. It's dangerous and people don't slow down. It's a drag strip from Billings rd to Annis rd.

Danforths and ace hardware are great, but it would be nice to see a restaurant or additional food options without needing to go into bangor or brewer. "

More to.do. more restrunts stupid 4 way stop on fuller road and annis

Slow down development. Create Parks, Conservation

EMS / FIRE / POLICE we are not currently set up to support the residence of Hermon

Less state control of school function/Welcome all people but quit the woke agenda in schools/sexual implications of books in schools

Recruit more business and increase support for our schools

Seasonal Community Activities to promote relationships. Partnership with Hermon Mountain owners to incorporate seasonal mountain activities: (I.e. summer concerts, bbq's, canoe/kayak/bike & fishing gear rentals. Community volunteer involvement plan to help support areas around Hermon that need maintenance or attention.

more walking/biking/sidewalks. more quality food options, improve quality of education, improved rescue, public library, town council.

ROADS, Condition and Layout. (Elementary school is accident waiting to happen) Restaraunts, Public indoor recreational building IE basketball etc..

community planning with a healthy environment as a leading priority

limit retail establishments to what we already have; support for seniors (i.e. yard work, cleaning gutters, changing batteries in fire alarms, etc.); perhaps a volunteer program; more sustainability

Bike-ability. Recreation trails. Recycling.

Housing, senior Housing , retail centers

Investment in community assets (Rec Center/facility) to help ensure all residents have access to spaces year-round, Senior Living Facilities, road planning

The town council, expand the Recreation department( own building, bigger playground, more community activities, better space for summer recreation program or a splash pad, Hermon Rescue contract reinstated

More restaurants, eateries, pubs in a business district centered in town.

Improve road repairs, cut trees back from roads, residential beautification( no junk in yards, unregistered cars, trucks boats, junk rv's etc)

More Businesses, fitness gyms, lower property taxes.

Town council and school comm relations; public safety-it is time to have our own police and ambulance service (great opportunity to share with Carmel & Levant); some type of renewable source to power public buildings.

"Less housing developments the school can not handle any more. Less business that will bring rough people to town like a pawn shop! Hopefully no tacky McDonalds like I hear a rumor of! "

School system, fix school and town infrastructures to accommodate growth, put a halt on subdivisions until town can accommodate the growth

To increase senior housing options and senior programs. Fox Coldbrook rd and rt 2 intersection. Also intersection at light by dysarts. Too much traffic goes through both and it's not safe. Better winter plowing. Public use trails and parks, municipal fiber internet, road conditions

"1. Greater transparency in town affairs (implement zoom in town council meetings and school board meetings... not everyone has access to cable).

2. The town needs to embrace that people want to live here. This includes families and folks not planning on having kids. If our schools are seeing a greater rise in enrollment and the mil rate needs to adjust to ensure our staff and facilities stay competitive, we need to do it. What creative ways can we entice new business to move to Hermon, or add value to living here?

3. Municipal high speed internet to provide an option other than spectrum. This would be huge for businesses and for residents."