



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

July 16, 2026

Council Training Workshop & Town Council Meeting

6:00 PM

MINUTES

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*****ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION*****

I. CALL TO ORDER BY TOWN MANAGER:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Clerk led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Joshua Berry, Adam Brewer, Richard Cyr, Jason Forbes, Tristin Friend, Christopher Gray and Terry Hamm-Morris

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Stephen Fields, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Town Attorney Timothy Pease and 9 residents/guests

Clerk to Elect Council Chairperson

First: Councilor Jason Forbes nominated Christopher Gray to serve as Chairperson. Seconded by Councilor Richard Cyr. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. A show of hands vote resulted in 7 votes for Christopher Gray. Christopher Gray accepted the Chair seat for FY 26-27.



Clerk to Elect Council Vice-Chairperson

Councilor Jason Forbes nominated Joshua Berry to serve as Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Councilor Richard Cyr. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson. A show of hands vote resulted in 7 votes for Joshua Berry. Joshua Berry accepted the Vice Chair seat for FY 26-27.

IV. WORKSHOPS:

Councilor training for FY 26-27

Tim Pease conducted an interactive training session with the Town Council, which included FOAA (Freedom of Access Act) training, as well as a review of the Council Rules and Town Charter.

In addition, Town Manager and department heads provided a written overview of their roles, outlining their current responsibilities.

V. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS*: *(ITEMS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA)*

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- **Mike Young, Spruce St.**

VI. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES	-APPROVE	6/25/2026
SIGNATURES	-APPROVE	
RESOLVES	-SIGN	
WARRANTS	-SIGN	07/03/2026, 07/17/2026

Councilor Cyr moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.



VII. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

X. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. OLD or INCOMPLETE BUSINESS:

2. NEW BUSINESS:

O26-27-01 Consider awarding the RFP for real estate brokerage services for the sale of tax-acquired properties

Councilor Hamm-Morris moved to approve O26-27-01 with McAllister Real Estate. Councilor Forbes seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

O26-27-02 Consider approving the mill rate, due date and interest rate for 2026 taxes

Councilor Berry moved to approve O26-27-02 with a mill rate of \$12.60. Councilor Forbes seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6 Yea, 0 No, 1 Abstain from Councilor Friend. Reason: Needs more knowledge on subject.

3. WORKSHOPS:

- Public Works - Nick Haggerty

4. OTHER ITEMS: (FROM TABLE PACKAGE)

Councilor Gray to accept the table packet. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

O26-27-03 Consider approving an amendment to the liquor license for Hermon Mountain

Councilor Berry moved to approve O26-27-03. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6 Yea, 1 No. Councilor Forbes voted against.



XI. APPOINTMENTS:

XII. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Welcome to new Councilor Friend, Councilor Gray for being re-elected and the returning Councilors.

The Transfer Station has officially closed, and residents are instructed to use Pine Tree Transfer Station in Hampden.

Finance Department will be sending trash can invoices for residents that have an additional trash can. Billing will be for two years, this past year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and the current fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Moving forward, annual billing will occur in July. I would like to thank those residents for your understanding as the town has transitioned into a new system for billing.

New traffic stop sign pattern coming soon to the New Boston Road and Fuller Road intersection. This will now become an all stop intersection to improve safety.

Summer Sizzler and other rec activities coming soon to a day near you. Please review Hermon Rec Facebook and website for information.

Please continue to use caution in residential areas while children are playing and enjoying the summer break.

Tax Levy will be due in October and April and will be mailed out soon.

Nomination papers to fill the remaining term until June 30, 2027, for the school committee will be available on July 27th. Election will occur at the November Election.

There was no visible town infrastructure damage to the quick flash storm that occurred this afternoon other than power line issues and tree/limb damage. Fire staff and public works performed immediate response for all incidents reported.

Thank you to the entire town staff for the great work done every day for the citizens. I appreciate the job well done.



XIII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT*: (ITEMS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA)

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- **Terry Hamm-Morris, Timberview Dr**
- **Julie Nadeau, New Boston Rd**

XIV. COUNCIL ITEMS:

- **Sign orders and resolves from section IX**

Terry Hamm-Morris: I think you're right as far as people not understanding this a fiscal year and then an annual year, two different things entirely, and it would be good if we could figure out some way to educate the public in in this. And I think that would be part of what this is.

Jason Forbes: Just like to thank Mr. Fields for looking into doing a three-way stop at New Boston and Fuller Roads. I know the resident that brought that to my attention to bring to your attention. Once I saw that the dig safe was being put in the other night, I stopped in. I let her know what was happening. She was ecstatic, so she went from feeling like she was being ignored by the town to feeling like her voice mattered. And I really appreciate the fact that you took my input seriously, and I respect the fact that you did what you did as quick as you did. And thank you. I appreciate that, not just as a council member, but as a resident of that area. I thank you for your time with that.

Adam Brewer: I don't have a lot other than I'd like to thank the people. They did contact me and gave some suggestions when we were talking about the public works budget and things like that. I'd also like to thank Mr. Fields for getting with Nick and getting us out all this information. We know some of it, some we didn't know. This was helpful and just keep the suggestions coming.

Richard Cyr: I apologize. I'm going to be rather verbose tonight. I would like to welcome... Friend to the council, and hopefully we're going to have good working conditions together. And second, for the record, C and K auction I was informed of will occur July 20th. A constituent has asked me, when the auction takes place, will the state gas permit go with the new owner of C and K or stay with the name of the original permittee? And I was informed that is up to the state licensing to decide. And the second part of his concern was: will the apartment building still have to be torn down by the new owner, or can it remain as a heritage building? I have no idea whether that will still go. And my third item is airport area. From my time in the military, it is a controlled area



by the tower, and if you need to fly airplanes in there or drones, you have to get permission from the FAA. And as for the fireworks, I'm assuming that it will come under the same restrictions as the drones. With council permission, I will go to the air tower and to the military and ask what are our requirements would be for the fireworks, because they have a certain perimeter where the approaches occur, and drones are not allowed in those areas, and more likely fireworks, especially ones that go to altitude and explode, would be frowned upon. So, I will check on that with your permission and get back to you. And my final thing: this is going to be my last two-year term on the town council. Getting married next year. We are currently discussing surrender terms, and I may be moving to New Hampshire, or staying in Maine, or moving, living in both places, but I want to thank everybody for the time I've served here and time remaining. And hopefully, she would like to stay on 100 acres and play with the animals and see the deer and foxes running around.

Josh Berry: Just want to congratulate Mr. Friend on your election to the council, Mr. Gray, on your re-election campaign. I thought tonight was a really good meeting. I always enjoy when public is here and we're able to discuss things and provide more information as needed. I do agree with Terry. Like any way we can increase involvement, I feel only makes us stronger, and very much in favor of that.

Christopher Gray: Congratulations, Mr. Friend, on your appointment, and Mr. Berry as well for your nomination of Vice Chair. It's going to take me some time to get used to this seat. I'm not used to speaking as much as I have to speak in this seat, so it's a surprise. But we'll try to get the hang of it. It might be touch or go for a little bit, but we'll make it. I want to say congratulations to Daijha Grant, a Hermon High School student who just returned from Australia from a coast-to-coast run. I had the privilege of sitting in on the school board meeting earlier this week, and she was recognized in their school board meeting minutes for competing in the long jump and the triple jump in Australia, which she just got back from. And it's my understanding she placed first in both of those events, so she is something else. So, congratulations to her and to all the student athletes at Hermon High School. We appreciate what you do for the betterment of our community. And speaking of betterment of our community, the Summer Sizzler and the Hermon Baptist Church annual barbecue is coming up. I think it's important to lock in those events and try to take the time off to go visit those because it's always a good time, and who doesn't like free barbecue? So, I mean, I like it. The Pray for Maine event is going off at the Collins Center up at University of Maine on Sunday. That's this coming Sunday. If you haven't registered to attend Sunday evening at 5p.m. go to prayformaine.org and please sign up. It's being sponsored by Christian Civic League of Maine. They're holding a good event up there.



XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Forbes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman, CCM
Town Clerk**

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Explanatory Note #2: In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

Explanatory Note #3: A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.