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# *The Hermon Connection*

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## From The Desk of the Town Manager

These last few months have been very busy. The Finance Office did a very good job closing at the end of the fiscal year. Even with the difficult winter, all departments were able to close within the limits of their budgets and all had remaining funds. I expect Unrestricted Fund Balance to grow by at least \$150,000 to \$200,000. I extend my appreciation to all the department heads, office staff and finance department for a job well done.

The Town Council and I continue to struggle to fill the full-time positions of assessor and economic and community development director. The Town Council will be asked to approve an extension of the contract with the City of Bangor for an additional five months to end December 31 for part-time assessing services. In conjunction with the contract, Ben Birch, Assessor has been completing a review of the town's assessing method and will be presenting for town council consideration a report at the September 11<sup>th</sup> town council meeting that pertains to the equity of the assessing records for the different neighborhoods located within the community.

Regarding the position of economic and community development director, the Town Council has chosen to hold a work session at the September 11<sup>th</sup> town council meeting to determine whether there are enough responsibilities to maintain a full-time position and to set a salary scale for the position. There were qualified applicants during the first round; however, the expected salary was beyond the Town Council's expectation. In the interim, I have assumed the responsibilities with the help of Scott Perkins. I have extensive experience in the field so assuming the additional duties for a short period of time is workable. Should any business owner have any questions or need help with any economic or community development issues please contact me at 848-1015 or by my cell phone at 356-2914.

There have been several projects that we have been busy with. Improvements at Jackson Beach have progressed very well and should be completed by the end of September. The project includes an improved access road, parking area and storage facility, new handicap parking areas, grills, picnic tables, bathroom facility, and fishing wharf, and the construction of several walkways extending along the lake, as well as to and from the bathroom facility.

An additional \$40,000 grant was approved just last week from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation to complete improvements to the boat landing area which will include a paved access road, parking lot and ramp, and a new working dock and facility sign. The work should be completed by Memorial Day 2015.

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<p>Town of Hermon Roger Raymond <i>Town Manager</i> PO Box 6300 Hermon, ME 04402 207-848-1010 Fax: 207-848-3316 raymondrr@hermon.net www.hermon.net</p>	<p><b>The Hermon Connection</b></p> <p>If you have a news story or article for publication in the next edition of <i>The Hermon Connection</i>, please send it to: scottwl@hermon.net</p> <p>Deadline for submissions: October 23, 2014</p>	<p><b>Inside This Issue:</b></p> <p>Town Manager ..... 2 Economic Development 3 School ..... 6 School ..... 7 Hermon (then &amp; now).... 8 Tip of the Hat..... 8</p>
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Construction on the Newburgh Road is coming to an end. The binder pavement and shoulder work should be completed by the end of August and the final lift of pavement installed in July of 2015. Construction of the intersection at Route 2 and the Billings Road is scheduled to go out to bid during the spring of 2015 with the project to be completed by late summer or early fall. The work will be coordinated with the construction of the new sidewalk extending from the Billings Road to the Plaza and shoulder work to be completed along the southwesterly side of Route 2. I am working with the Department of Transportation to finalize a MDOT Partnership Initiative Grant to pay for a portion of the project as well as amending the development plan for several TIF Districts in order to provide the required funds.

Bids for the installation of emergency power generators at Mack Lane and Autocar Lane pump stations have been received. The bids will be reviewed and hopefully awarded at the August 28<sup>th</sup> town council meeting. Improvements at the transfer station will be submitted for bid during the month of September that include improvements to the access road, a new composting pad for leaves and grass clippings and a retaining wall that will allow the use of roll-off containers to dispose of metal and demolition debris.

Proposals for engineering services have been received to design a storage facility for use by the recreation department and the construction of a two door equipment storage facility for use by the Public Works Department. These two projects will hopefully go out to bid the latter part of October for construction during the winter months or next spring.

The extension of natural gas to Freedom Park, Liberty Park and Pine Wood Business Park has been completed. Businesses located within these parks will be able to convert to natural gas for the upcoming winter months. During the next few months, efforts will begin to extend natural gas to Dysart's Business Park.

The study prepared to identify the alternatives to address the water issues at Danforth's Plaza has been completed by Woodard and Curran and is being considered by the Town Council. The options range from drilling a new well on-site to providing a public water supply. The Town Council will be examining the alternatives within the next few weeks and will be rendering a decision. The goal is to provide the most affordable alternative that will allow the space to be marketable to interested and/or current tenants as well as to provide the quality of water required for the businesses occupying the space.

The Town Council has identified and will be considering approval of the following goals for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The preliminary list includes the following:

1. Choose an alternative to address the water quality at the "Plaza" .
2. Complete the Route 2 sidewalk and intersection improvements.
3. Develop an economic development plan and marketing strategy.
4. Adopt a highway improvement plan.
5. Implement the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan and update the plan for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
6. Improve the quality of property assessment and communicate information regarding the BETE and BETTER programs.
7. Determine whether the Town will continue its support for hermon.net.
8. Pursue improvements at Jackson Beach Boat Landing.
9. Adopt a cemetery maintenance plan.
10. Adopt a sewer maintenance plan.
11. Work with the City of Bangor to include a fee paid by the sewer users for maintenance and improvements to the sewer collection system.
12. Establish a strategy to develop land use and tax maps in house.
13. Implement the goals established by the Fire Department.
14. Coordinate improvements to the area used by the Recreation Department at the Elementary School with improvements proposed by the School Department.

Should any citizen have questions or concerns regarding the proposed goals or the contents of this report, please feel free to contact my office at 848-1015 or my cell phone at 356-2914.

*Roger Raymond, Town Manager*

## Introducing a new Hermon Business...



### Kevin W. Weatherbee Law Offices, PLLC

When you first meet Kevin and his wife Barbara you understand that they are dynamic personalities with a list of talents that are wide and varied! They have a passion for the arts, specifically a non-profit association called the *"The Gifts of Music"* that takes donated instruments and places them in the hands of kids who are interested in expressing themselves musically. Kevin and Barb are also members of the *Bluegrass Musician's Association of Maine*.

Professionally, Kevin invites new clients seeking legal counsel to call with Estate Planning, Probate, Wills, Trusts, Real Estate Transactions, Business Formation and General Practice needs. Kevin combines over twelve years of employment and law practice in St. Thomas with work for the Federal Judiciary. It doesn't take long after speaking with this husband and wife team to understand that if they cannot help you themselves, they are happy to assist in making the right contacts for your legal needs because of their experience!

Kevin Weatherbee was born and raised in Bangor and grew up in a contracting family, *W.C. Weatherbee and Sons, Inc.* He has held licenses and designations as an Attorney (Maine, NH, and U.S. Virgin Islands), Forester, Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, Real Estate Broker, Registered Maine Guide, Certified Maine Assessor and U.S. Coast Guard Ship's Master License (with offshore sail and auxiliary tow endorsements). He, with his wife of 37 years, Barbara (Boulier) moved to the U.S. Virgin Islands for a few years to work for the Federal Judiciary, but missed Maine.

In 2007 they bought Barbara's aunt and uncle's old house on the Newburgh Road in Hermon and finally realized their dream of moving the family home to Maine in 2012.

Kevin and his wife recently opened their Law Office at 2120 Rt. 2 in Hermon situated at the intersection of the Coldbrook Road and Route 2 next to Wheeler Stream.

The Town of Hermon wants to welcome this new family business to our community and connect their enthusiasm for helping people with Hermon and the central Maine region.

For an appointment with Kevin Weatherbee, call 848-5600 or stop in on your way by any time from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. [www.weatherbeelawoffice.com](http://www.weatherbeelawoffice.com)



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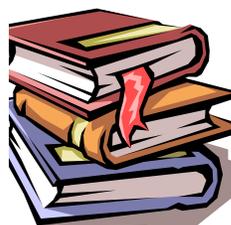
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# **HERMON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

## **Special Education Child Find Notice**

The Hermon School Department is in compliance with federal and state regulations regarding the delivery of services to all children with special needs.

Federal statutes (I.D.E.A.) requires that the School Department identifies, locates and evaluates all children with disabilities, ages 3-20, residing within the school district. Residents who believe that their child is in need of special education services, whether attending public or private school, should contact Mrs. Brandy St. Pierre, Director of Student Services, P.O. Box 6360, Hermon, ME 04402, tel. 848-4000, ext. 6007.

## **Annual Notice of Student Education Records and Information Rights**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") provides certain rights to parents and eligible students (18 years of age or older) with respect to the student's education records. A copy of the Hermon School Department's policy statement and administrative procedure is available in each school.

### **Inspection of Records**

Parents/eligible students may inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of making a request. Such requests must be submitted to the superintendent or building administrator in writing and must identify the record(s) to be inspected. The superintendent or building administrator will notify the parent/eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected. Parents/eligible students may obtain copies of education records at a cost of ten cents (\$0.10) per page copied.

### **Amendment of Records**

Parents/eligible students may ask the Hermon School Department to amend education records they believe are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's right to privacy. Such requests must be submitted to the superintendent or building administrator in writing, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the superintendent or building administrator decides not to amend the record as requested, the parent/eligible student will be notified of the decision, their right to request a hearing and information about the hearing procedure.

### **Disclosure of Records**

The Hermon School Department must obtain a parent/eligible student's written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information in education records except in circumstances permitted by law.

### **Directory Information**

The Hermon School Department designates the following student information as directory information that may be made public at its discretion: name, participation and grade level of students in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of student athletes, dates of attendance in the Hermon School Department, and honors and awards received, and photographs and videos of student participation in school activities open to the public (except photographs and videos on the Internet). Parents/eligible students who do not want the Hermon School Department to disclose directory information must notify the superintendent in writing by September 15th or within thirty (30) days of enrollment, whichever is later.

### **Military Recruiters / Institutions of Higher Learning**

Military recruiters and institutions of higher education are entitled to receive the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary students and the Hermon School Department must comply with any such request, provided that parents have been notified of their right to request that this information not be released without their prior written consent. Parents/eligible students who do not want the Hermon School Department to disclose this information must notify the superintendent in writing by September 15th or within thirty (30) days of enrollment, whichever is later.

### **School Officials with Legitimate Educational Interests**

Education records may be disclosed to school officials with a "legitimate educational interest." A school official has a legitimate educational interest if he/she needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. School officials include persons employed by the Hermon School Department as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); members of the Hermon School Committee; persons or companies with whom the Hermon School Department has contracted to provide specific services (such as attorneys, auditors, medical consultants, evaluators or therapists); and parents, students and volunteers serving on an official committee (such as a disciplinary or grievance committee) or assisting a school official in performing his/her professional responsibilities.

### **Health or Safety Emergencies**

In accordance with federal regulations, the Hermon School Department may disclose education records without prior written consent in a health and safety emergency to any person whose knowledge or the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

### **Other School Units**

As required by Maine law, the Hermon School Department sends student education records to a school unit to which a student applies for transfer, including disciplinary records, attendance records, special education records and health records (except for confidential health records for which consent for dissemination has not been obtained).

### **Other Entities / Individuals**

Education records may be disclosed to other entities and individuals as specifically permitted by law. Parents/eligible students may obtain information about other exceptions to the written consent requirement by request to the superintendent or building administrator.

### **Complaints Regarding School Department Compliance with FERPA**

Parents/eligible students who believe that the Hermon School Department has not complied with the requirements of FERPA have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. The office that administers FERPA is:

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Someday I'll cross this same bridge  
and then I'll know.

Douglass J Plenge  
Retired USAF

## So You Think You Know Hermon (then and now)

School #10 was located on the Billings Road and closed in 1944 for good. It was sometimes known as \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ School.

Answer to July question:

In 1833 there were **146** legal voters in town, **7** school districts and **328** scholars.

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