

2016 FALL NEWSLETTER



Carmel's own **Ranger Gerald Parsons** recently retired from his 43 year ranger career. The picture on the left is Jerry with his wife and two daughters. On the right is with his wife and two granddaughters.



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NOTICE:
THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY,
MONDAY OCTOBER 10TH

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Hello Residents of Carmel,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of the Town Manager position and formally introduce myself.

As many of you know, our Town Manager had a medical event on April 4th of this year which left a vacancy in the position which is much more than just Town Manager. This position holds many levels of responsibility and authority including but not limited to road commissioner, tax collector, treasurer, clerk and general assistance administrator.

I have been employed by the Town of Carmel since April of 2015 when I was appointed your CEO. During that time, I've worked closely with the planning board to draft and/or amend several of the land use ordinances to better serve the needs of the town and promote growth. I have also successfully resolved a decade long land use violation that took a year to complete, but was done without conflict. Many of you have met me either through the process of applying for building and plumbing permits, through my presentation at the town meeting or just around town. It has been a pleasure meeting you all and serving the residents of the Town of Carmel.

In April, the Board of Selectmen asked me if I would be interested in helping the town by taking over on an interim basis as Road Commissioner. I accepted that appointment and am proud to say that we had a very productive and successful year of public works projects that were completed at a very high level of quality and all completed at or under budget.

Julie Pike took over as Interim Town Manager in April, however she had planned on retiring and in July she did just that, again leaving a vacancy in the Town Manager position. The Board of Selectmen approached me again and asked if I would be willing to take over as Town Manager on an interim basis. After much consideration, I decided to accept this appointment in the last week of July.

Personally, I will give you a little background about me. I have over 20 years of management experience in the banking industry that has provided me a good foundation to prepare me for this position. I was born in Burlington, Vermont and raised on a working farm during my early childhood. During my 20 years in banking, I had to live in the "city", but never felt comfortable with that environment. Luckily, in 2013, my wife, who has her master's degree in health care administration and is a nurse by trade was offered a consulting job at Eastern Maine Health System in Bangor, so we packed up the dogs and moved back to the country. She now has a full time permanent position in Management with EMHS. In August of 2014, we purchased a home here in Carmel where I've spent the past 2 years building a "yard of barns" and now have 2 mini pot-belly pigs, 2 nubian goats and 9 chickens, in addition to our 3 dogs, 2 of which are rescues that we have adopted.

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In my spare time, I enjoy wood working and harvesting cedar trees from our property to mill and build into log furniture. I also love to cook and have brought some of my offerings into the office for the staff to enjoy. I look forward to doing more of that in the future.

I can't speak for the board of selectmen as to their intentions going forward, so I have no idea how long I will be serving you all in this capacity. With that being said, while I am "steering the ship", I promise you all that I am fully committed to serving the residents of this town in all of the areas I am appointed to and that I will be fair, consistent, open minded and professional in all matters.

I have a lot to learn, and am fully involved with all of the educational offerings from the state, as I was with the position of CEO. That appointment involved a year of training and required successfully passing 10 exams administered by the Maine State Department of Economic and Community Development.

In an effort to help inform you all what is happening in town, I can say that budget season is coming up and I will be meeting with the budget committee to develop a plan for 2017. I can comfortably say that I will have a surplus in this year's budget and will be recommending spending cuts in some areas for next year. This, combined with plentiful new construction, which results in additional new tax revenue, should result in a stable to lower millage rate for the next tax commitment.

I personally design and draft this newsletter, have created an official Facebook page and am in the process of overhauling our website. I hope that you are enjoying the changes and please feel free to let me know if you have any suggestions for continued improvement.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you all! Enjoy what this beautiful Fall season has to offer!



Kevin Howell
ceo@townofcarmel.org



Simpson Memorial Library's Fall & Winter Newsletter 2016

8 Plymouth RD, PO Box 186 Carmel, ME 04419 207-848-7145 www.simpsonmemorial.org

Construction: Just about done!! Thank you for your patience during our construction phase.

Fall Events: Adult Coloring Program: Come enjoy an Adult night out. Join us for a coloring event on Tuesdays Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th, and Dec. 13th at 6:00pm. You may bring your own pages and materials or see what Ms. Becky has to offer.

Crafter's group: The group will meet on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm** for the summer and early fall. Later in the fall the group will move to 1:00pm for the winter.

Fall: LEGO Story hour SAT. Oct. 8th at 10:00 AM. Children three and up are invited to listen to stories read by Ms. Becky and BUILD WITH LEGOS. Story hour will be the second Sat. of each month, **Nov. 2nd and Dec. 10th at 10:00.** **The Dec. story hour will be the story of Rudolf. We will be decorating cookies.**

Baby Story time: Calling all babies! Baby Story time will begin on **Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 11:30.** This program is for infants up to three with their parents/caregivers. This is a fast paced 30 minute program with music, stories, rhymes and songs. The last ten minutes or so is left for the adults and infants to talk and visit with each other. Baby Story Time will be the third Tuesday of each month, **Nov. 15, Dec. 20th, and Jan. 24th.**

BAKE SALES: Please support the library. Each month the library has a bake sale on the third Sat. on Oct. 15, and Nov. 19th starting at 9:00 at Ye Ole General Store. No bake sale in Dec.

Open House: Come help the library celebrate our new addition on Sat. Oct. 22 at 2:00pm. The general public is invited to tour the library. Light refreshments will be served.

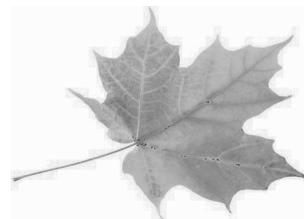
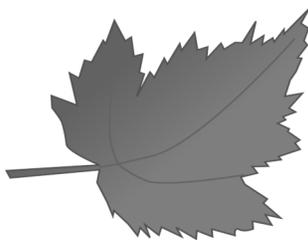
Tree Lighting: Sunday, Dec. 4th 4:00 p.m. at the library. Come enjoy an evening out caroling and counting down the lighting of the tree. After the lighting, everyone is invited to follow the luminaries to the Historical Society and the Masonic Lodge for socialization and refreshments. Sadly this year John Bapst Concert Choir is unable to join us. We are in hopes to have a local choir come join in the festivities. Check our website for updates.

Home Bound: If you are homebound in the Carmel area and need books, audio books, or movies, please let the library know. Materials will be delivered to your home. If interested, call Becky at the library and sign up for this service.

Bottle Donations & Ink Cartridges: The Library would like to thank everyone who has dropped off returnable bottles. The proceeds continue to help the library move ahead on its Building Fund and Endowment.

Recycled ink cartridges: The library will take them to Staples. Donations earn the library points towards supplies.

A special thank you to all our volunteers for all their help, hours worked and patience through the past year. The library greatly appreciates all donations. The library is a 501c 3 entity and donations are tax deductible.



ATTENTION

The Town of Carmel will be having a vacancy for the following position:

CARMEL RECREATION DIRECTOR

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From the desk of the Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector.



I am pleased to report that I've been busy working with the planning board to approve 2 subdivisions in town we are in the process of reviewing a 3rd. We also continue to work on improving the land use ordinances to better serve the town and promote growth.



If you are building a new home or accessory building, adding a deck or making any other structural improvement to your home, please be sure to contact me first to obtain the proper permit. Call or email me with any questions as well.



I am now available at the town office during our normal business hours, Monday thru Friday. Please call or email in advance to set an appointment since I am often in the field for inspections and other duties I perform for the town.



Kevin Howell

Code Enforcement Officer

Local Plumbing Inspector

E-911 addressing officer

ceo@townofcarmel.org



NOTICE:

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

TIME: **5:30PM** PLACE: **TOWN OFFICE**

***The planning board currently has a vacancy. If you are interested in serving as a member of the planning board please contact Chairman Herb Dean. (contact Kevin Howell and he will pass your information on to Mr. Dean.)

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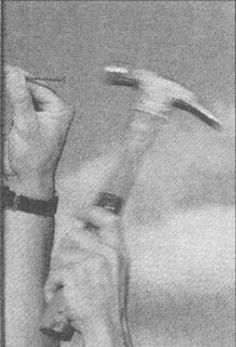
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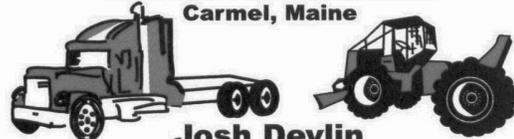
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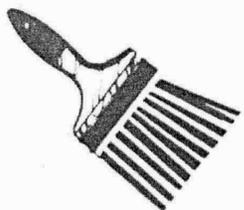
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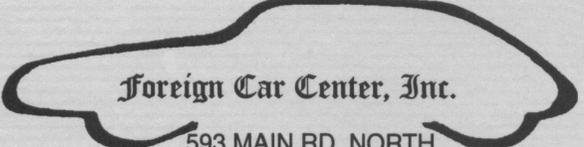
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ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

As a result of our first few major public works projects coming in under the original budget estimate, I was able to complete a couple more much needed projects and improvements and still remain under the annual public works budget and with a surplus.

The new public works garage is complete and is being utilized to its fullest extent by providing much needed storage for our equipment and tools. It also provides protected space for the crew to perform maintenance on power tools and complete any carpentry work that I may need done.

As a result of the garage being completed and the old sheds being moved from the parking lot, I was able to design and construct a MUCH NEEDED expansion of our parking lot here at the town office. That project was completed in early September just in time for a busy night on September 12th when I had a huge turnout for our monthly Planning Board meeting followed by our weekly Board of Selectmen meeting. The parking lot was full where previously these vehicles would have been parked in disorder all over the lawn.

With the savings as a result of the Dyer Road construction project being completed under the original estimate, I was able to rebuild a half mile section of the Fuller Road in September that was in total disrepair. This project went very smoothly and was also completed under budget.

I am already working on specs, budget and planning for the 2017 season and look forward to continuing to improve and maintain your roads and infrastructure.



Kevin Howell
Road Commissioner





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Troy J. Morton
Sheriff

William E. Sheehan
Chief Deputy

I would like to take the time to thank the residents and representatives of Carmel for their continued support in the Contract Deputy program with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office. I would also like to thank many of you for your kind words of support and well wishes to Deputy Kurth as she starts the next adventure in her law enforcement carrier. As you may or may not know, Deputy Kurth and I work on the same crew which means I have the occasion to pass along those messages of support and thanks when our paths cross.

I have been a law enforcement officer within the State of Maine for the past 12 years. I started my career as a part time (reserve) officer for the Town of Lincoln in the fall of 2004. Shortly after being hired as a reserve officer, I was hired as a full time law enforcement officer. The Town of Lincoln sent me to the 8th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (B.L.E.T.P.) at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. To put this into perspective, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy is currently working on its 31st B.L.E.T.P.

In 2008, I was hired by the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office. I was assigned as the Contract/Constable Deputy for the Town of Milford and have held that position until now. During my tenure with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office, I've worked to become an Evidence Collection Technician (E.R.T.) and am currently a Forensic Mapper within Penobscot County's Crash Reconstruction Team.

I look forward to working with the residents and Town of Carmel to complement their law enforcement needs.

Deputy Ray Goodspeed
Penobscot County Sheriff's Office



CARMEL SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Well, it hardly feels like snow is right around the corner, but the weather is changing rapidly. The club has worked a couple of weekends on cutting a new trail. We have delivered 6 loads of firewood so far to one of the landowners that have allowed us access to their land, with more to come. A lot to do & little time to do it. August 31st we hosted a benefit supper for our Trail master Barri Babcock who suffered a stroke in July. To say the least, it was a huge success. Thanks to all 200 + that attended & contributed so generously. The clubhouse hasn't seen that many people in it in years. The club holds meetings every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Check us out & "like" us on Facebook. If you own or ride a snowmobile, don't be a "FREEmobiler". We are working hard to improve trail conditions & always looking for new members & volunteers. We hold Beano every Tuesday night at 6:30 all year. Come play & have a burger, Kitchen opens at 5 PM. Hall Rentals \$150 848-5991

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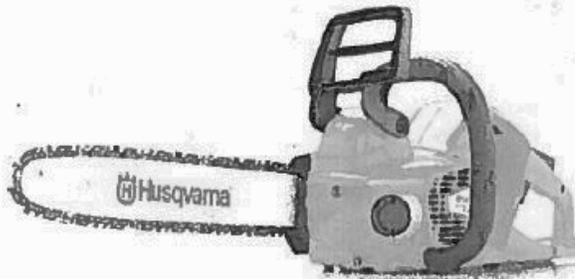
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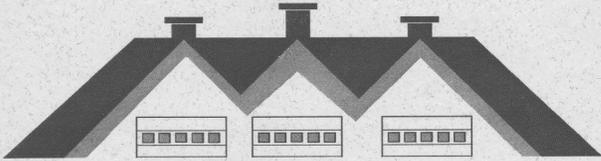
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Dog Registrations for 2017 will be available starting Saturday, October 15th

Only dogs being seen at rabies clinic will be registered on October 15th, all others will start on Monday, October 17th

ELECTION DAY—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH — 8:00am — 8:00pm

LOCATION: GOLDEN HARVEST GRANGE HALL — 928 MAIN ROAD

If you are considering voting via absentee ballot you may wish to come in/or go online and complete the application. As soon as the ballots become available, they will be mailed.

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FROM THE PRINCIPLES OFFICE

We are off to a great start at Carmel Elementary this year. We currently have one hundred sixty-six students in grades Pre K to Grade 4. Buses arrive every morning at 7:20 a.m. and students may have breakfast and participate in morning movement activities organized and supervised by Mrs. Snow. Families may also opt to drop off children before school begins at 8:00 a.m. The student day ends at 2:35 p.m. and includes one hour for lunch/recess. This year, our Pre K schedule has changed to include an additional half hour in each session.

A team of custodians from around the district worked at each of our schools during the summer making necessary repairs and cleaning the entire school. We are fortunate to have a maintenance staff who works all year to keep our school in top notch repair.

The staff at Carmel Elementary School are very proud to work in a community that supports our students and school in so many ways: volunteers, attendance at school events, contributions of back to school items, clothing, and money. The list is long and we are never disappointed when we ask our community for help. We all believe that Carmel Elementary is the heart, soul, and promise of our town.

Please make sure you join us the upcoming events:

Craft Fair: November 12 @ 9:00 a.m.

PreK-1 Concert: December 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

3-4 Concert: December 13 @ 6:30 p.m.



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FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Over the last year, our neighbor's the Hartt Family, have extended their Generosity to our Recreation Facility

They have allowed us to perform some Major rennovations to Our 2 Little League fields.

After many years, the Girls have a True Infield to work on their skill on Field #3

And the Boys were blessed with a New Blue Grass Infield and a Score Board for Field #1.

I am not certain how you properly show appreciation for such generosity, but being Proud they are a Carmel Family, who willingly tries to make things better for Their Neighbors and Friends, is easy!

Thank You to the Hartt Transportation Family

Carmel Days 2017 Meeting Wednesday November 2nd

There will be a meeting at 7:00pm at the Carmel Snowmobile Club.

We Invite any Groups, Clubs, Churches, and Individuals that have interest in the success of Carmel Days 2017. Our Plan is to have a Monthly Meeting to keep track of our progress. If your group has interest in Hosting the December meeting let us know and we look forward to seeing you on November 2nd.

Carmel Recreation Committee needs Members and has many vacancies for positions to be filled. Many of these roles are very important to ensure the Bright future of the Programs. There are positions for those who want to be involved in the Athletic Side, but also positions for those interested in the behind the scenes roles as well. These would be roles such as Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Chair, etc.

We would also be looking for Individuals that would be interested in playing a significant role in the year round attention to the sports programs such as Cheering, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, etc.

Any of you could play a significant part in the Future of Our Community.

You do not need to be Athletic minded to make a difference within the Rec Program.

Join Us on Monday October 24th at 7:00p.m. at Carmel Elementary School

Cocontact: Aaron Hawes Cell: 356-4255 email: carmelrec@aol.com

FROM THE CARMEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Bit of Carmel History



Stanley Powell was honored for seventy years of membership in the American Legion On September 18th at the American Legion District meeting hosted by the Carmel/Etna American Legion post #107. Stanley was one of the founding members of the post with six other servicemen from Carmel and Etna. Stanley had been active holding an office until two years ago.

Stanley was inducted into the Army January 22, 1943 and was discharged November 8, 1945. At the time of his induction at Fort Myers, Virginia, he was working in Washington DC doing mapping for the Government.

Stanley is listed as an Auto Mechanic but did a number of different things readying the places he was stationed (Australia, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, West Pacific, South Philippines, and Luzon Philippine) for the incoming troops.

Stanley was given \$24.85 travel pay at the time of his discharge and returned to Carmel to work the farm building up a nice dairy business. Many a child got to check out the cows in barn while the adults caught up on the "news".

Stan was active in local organization. He was one of the Grangers who worked to build the new grange hall on the Main Road, which is an important part of our community. The School Board, Board of Selectmen, the Mason's, Carmel Union Congregational Church and the Pine Tree Development group (yes, we had development investors whom gave Carmel a laundry and a take-out restaurant but that is a story for another article.) everything benefited from Stan's involvement and dedication to his community.

Stanley remained a bachelor until 1974 when he and the widow, Lillian Luce were married. That day the whole town smiled. Stanley didn't just gain a wife but five children and a number of grandchildren. They were a happy couple until Lil's passing. If there was an event in the state, chances are they were there.

Stan isn't as active as he was and the dairy business is gone but he pays a visit to the old barn every now and again and you might see him out tinkering on the old tractor. One thing Stanley has not slowed down on is his appetite for knowledge. The table is covered with newspapers, magazines and a book or two. Bring up a subject and he has a knowledgeable opinion on it.



Stan loves to talk and would love to share his experiences stop by or give his daughter Brenda a call (848-5614) to make sure he is going to be home.

The Carmel Historical Society meets the 2nd Thursday of the Month. 7 Pm 12 Plymouth Road.

We will be hosting the Annual Seniors' Dinner October 19th, more information to be announced.

CARMEL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Carmel Senior Citizens enjoyed a nice luncheon at Long Horn Restaurant on September 21st with 22 members present and one guest. The group meets at the Golden Harvest Grange Hall, 920 Main Road the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is a pot luck dinner with a speaker and the third Wednesday is usually a meeting at a Restaurant. Please come and join us for a nice social time and bring your idea.

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Meets the 3rd Thursday at the Golden Harvest Grange Hall, 920 Main Road at 7 PM. November we will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony. If you have any flags that need to be retired please contact either, Donald Candage (848-5614) Julia Pike (848-2407) or leave them at the Town Office and we will pick them up. Please visit us on Facebook.



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Girl Scout Troop #1035

Girl Scout Troop #1035 has a fabulous group of girls this year. We have Brownies, Juniors, and Cadets.

We had our first meeting September 18th. We introduced our Fall Fundraiser. We will be selling magazines, nuts, and candy. We don't collect troop dues from our families, so the money we raise is what funds our fun and service projects for the year. We had the girls come up with some things they would like to do this year. The list was long and we hope to fit as much into this year as possible. Our girls deserve it!

We are fortunate to have some new members in our troop this year. As a way to get to know one another, we completed the Spaghetti Tower Team Building Challenge. The girls were given a limited amount of time to work in groups to build a tower using 25 strands of dry spaghetti, 1 meter of tape, 1 meter of string, and scissors. This tower had to support the weight of a large marshmallow. It sounds easy, but it is not. The girls talked, planned, tried, failed, tried again and eventually succeeded. It was fun to watch, listen to the conversations, and see their ideas and personalities emerge.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of friendship, learning, community service, and personal growth.

Respectfully,
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September 21, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

As you know, lawmakers have concluded our legislative work for this year in Augusta. Throughout this past summer and as we head into the fall months, I have turned my attention to traveling around the communities of Senate District 10, spending time at community events and activities and meeting with the people I represent.

Though this was considered the short session of the 127th Legislature, lawmakers still worked hard to pass meaningful and relevant legislation to benefit the people of Maine. We came together in dealing with the tragic consequences of the drug epidemic that has swept into our state. Our first successful effort was the passage of a bill to add more agents for interdicting drugs, to add funding for a detox unit in northern Maine, and to add resources to increase education about the dangers of heroin and some of the newer, more powerful drugs. We also increased the penalties of those who traffic this poison and created alternative programs to help those addicted to opioids and other pain management related drugs.

We had another major victory with the passage of a welfare reform measure. LD 1097, *An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs*, prohibits the use of welfare benefits for the purchase of lottery tickets, alcohol, and tobacco products and includes penalties for improper use of these benefits. I was pleased to stand with more than 100 of my colleagues in supporting this long sought-after legislation.

We also worked on a relief package for our biomass and forest products industry and took steps to combat increased costs for heating and energy use for residents and businesses in Maine. Removing the challenges for those who create jobs and lowering the costs to those businesses is an important part of growing our economy.

To assist veterans in Maine, we passed LD 1658, *An Act To Reform the Veteran Preference in State Hiring and Retention*. This measure was put forward to ensure that veterans and the widow or widower of a gold star veteran be given every opportunity to receive jobs they are qualified for and to have preference of being retained if personnel reductions are needed. We were also able to finally secure free tuition to all National Guard personnel at our state universities and community colleges.

I would like to pass on my thanks to your interim town manager, the selectmen, and other members of the community who dedicate their time to serving the great town of Carmel. If any Carmel citizen has questions or concerns about state or legislative policy or a pressing issue within the community, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the next time I am able to meet with you, and again thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in making Carmel one of the wonderful places to live here in our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andre".

Andre E. Cushing, III
Assistant Majority Leader

Dear Friends of Carmel:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
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Figure your vehicle fee by logging on to townofcarmel.org - Taxes - Motor Vehicle

Selectmen usually meet Monday @7:30 PM or as posted

Ernie Bowers - 848-2259
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Planning Board

Meet the 1st Monday of the Month—the 2nd Monday if the 1st is a holiday at 5:30 PM
Please call or email **Kevin Howell** to be put on the agenda.

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