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## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Hello Everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and safe. I have been saying and I truly believe there is no better place to live than in rural Maine. More now than ever, as many states are seeing unsettling spread of the coronavirus and unrest, our community here in Carmel and the surrounding region is faring as well as any. Although we are acting with caution and slowly getting back to a more normal way of life we have all adapted in one way or another to move forward with town and community business.

I want to take this opportunity to applaud the Town staff for their dedication through all of the challenges we have faced not only with the pandemic, but also the winter storm of April 9. The fire department, town staff, plow truck drivers and contractors that helped keep roads open, clean up and get back to normal after one of the most locally devastating storms Carmel has ever seen.

You may have heard in the news that municipalities are struggling with loss of revenues resulting from the pandemic. I can assure you that although initial concerns had us worried, we are now ahead of all year to date budgeted revenues including excise tax and state revenue sharing. In addition, as you may have seen, we sold four tax acquired properties that as a result of a strong marketing campaign brought in bids totaling over \$200,000.00. This money by law automatically goes into the general fund and can only be moved by legislative action (a.k.a town meeting vote). We will have a recommendation and warrant article for the best use of that money at next year's town meeting. Most likely we will recommend it be used to reduce tax commitment next year.

Unfortunately we had to cancel Carmel Days this year. We are hoping to still put on our annual trunk or treat on Halloween and will share information as that gets closer.

By the time you read this, MDOT will have started work paving Route 69 which we have fought for several years to get them to do. To give the state credit, they did end up enhancing the specifications for the paving and are adding a significant lift of shim prior to paving the surface lift of pavement. We are paving a surface lift to over 4 miles of town roads that we reclaimed and paved binder to last year. The town maintained roads are in very good shape overall and with just a few miles left to reclaim next year, we should be able to revert to a maintenance routine by 2022 or 2023 as opposed to the construction phase we have been in for the last several years.

I am very pleased to see how well the Fire Department and Ambulance Service is operating. We made significant operational changes to the ambulance service and through a collaboration with Northern Light now have a fully staffed ambulance Monday through Friday 8am-6pm. This ambulance serves not only Carmel, but 4 surrounding towns as well which allows us to generate enough revenue to pay for the staff and associated costs. Well into the third year of this arrangement, it is working better than we had hoped and is benefiting the community substantially.

Have a great day, enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll see you all around town!

**Kevin Howell** - Town Manager

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

**AUTO REGISTRATION REMINDERS:** So that we may better serve you, please be sure to bring in your current mileage, current insurance card and previous registration (if available) when doing a renewal. If you are re-registering your vehicle in this town for the first time, your previous registration is required and proof of residency so that we may “update” the system. When registering a new-to-you car, please be sure to be in the office no later than a half hour before closing time.

**FISHING, HUNTING LICENSE, SNOWMOBILE OR ATV’S REGISTRATION:** It is now required that you show proof of Maine residency whenever you come in to get a Fishing or Hunting License, Snowmobile or ATV registration. A Maine driver’s license is the most common form of proof of ID and residency.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES:** In order to apply for a Marriage License, here are a few helpful hints to make the process go more smoothly. The first step is to come in and fill out the intentions forms. Both parties must appear in person to sign all the paperwork. If this is other than your first marriage, you must bring a CERTIFIED and SEALED copy of whatever dissolved the most recent marriage, whether a divorce decree or death certificate. The cost for the license is \$40.00. After you have gotten married a certified copy of your marriage certificate is \$15.00 for the first copy and each additional copy purchased at the same time is \$6.00.

**THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE TOWN OFFICE!!!!**

***MISSY, KIM AND LACEY***



## FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Despite the covid-19 pandemic, 2020 is on track with last year with building permits. There is new construction happening in all parts of Carmel including road construction in the new sub division on route 2 near the Hermon Town Line. The road is nearing completion and 2 single family houses are under construction. Road construction continues in Beaver Creek subdivision off Horseback Road and another single family home is under construction there as well.

The planning board has been busy reviewing special use permits, sub-division applications and continuing to review and improve the land use ordinances.

**PLEASE NOTE** - Carmel has NO minimum square footage to require a building permit. If you are building or installing a shed, deck, mini barn or any structure, please contact me to obtain a permit.

If you have any questions regarding building or plumbing permits, zoning, land use, or anything pertaining to code enforcement, feel free to contact me directly at the Town Office or via email at [ceo@townofcarmel.org](mailto:ceo@townofcarmel.org)

***Have a GREAT DAY!***

***Kevin Howell***  
CEO/LPI



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## Mark your calendars....

**SEPTEMBER 7:** Labor Day - Office Closed

**OCTOBER 10:** Fall Clean Up - Curbside by 7am

**OCTOBER 12:** Indigenous Peoples' Day - Office Closed

**OCTOBER 31:** TRUNK OR TREAT - 5-7PM

**NOVEMBER 3:** ELECTION DAY 8AM-8PM - MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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# FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Greetings Everyone,

We have been faced with many challenges most recently in the Rec Department with not having our scheduled programs due to the Coronavirus. We unfortunately had to cancel our spring baseball and softball programs and have not been able to provide any summer sports camps this year. We have struggled greatly with not providing sport programs and community events, so we had to get creative to try to still do our part in making a difference in our amazing community.

We decided towards the end of the school year that our amazing teachers and school staff deserved a big thank you for all their hard work and dedication they put into finishing the school year remotely. We created a thank you video compiled of short videos and pictures of children thanking their teachers and all the staff at the Elementary and Middle Schools. For anyone who missed the video it can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7Bk53HkBHY>

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit videos and pictures to make this project possible and to show their appreciation to all our school staff.

Making a difference is one of our main goals of the Rec Department. What better way to make a difference than to hold a blood drive and save lives? We successfully held our first blood drive at the Carmel Snowmobile Club on July 29<sup>th</sup> with the American Red Cross. They set a goal for us to donate 40 units of blood and like our community does, we exceeded that goal and donated 45 units of blood that day. A huge thank you to the Carmel Snowmobile Club for allowing us to use their building to host this drive and of course thank you to everyone who donated and made our first blood drive so successful. We hope to continue to hold blood drives every 6 months, so be on the look out for our next one!

In February we started an 8 week long youth soccer developmental clinic. After 3 weeks, we unfortunately had to postpone the clinics due to the virus. We are excited to announce we are resuming the remaining 5 weeks of the clinic starting Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The clinics will now be held outside at our rec facility to provide extra space for social distancing. The clinic is for ages 2-9 years old with 3 different sessions held for the different age groups. We welcome drop ins for anyone to come learn from one of the best coaches around, Ryan "Fry Guy" Pelletier. Please contact me at [recreation@townofcarmel.org](mailto:recreation@townofcarmel.org) if you are interested in joining our soccer clinics.

We are still faced with so many uncertainties surrounding the virus and youth sports. We are hopeful to be able to have a fall rec soccer season, but at this time no decision has been made. We are in regular contact with Levant and Hermon Rec and as soon as a decision has been made, we will make an announcement.

We hope everyone is staying safe and we sure do miss everyone. Please remember to follow us on Facebook at "Carmel Recreation Department." If anyone has any suggestions of social distancing events you would like to see the Rec Department host, please feel free to contact me anytime.

**Deidra McIntosh**

**Carmel Recreation Director**

**[Recreation@townofcarmel.org](mailto:Recreation@townofcarmel.org)**



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## Carmel Fire & Rescue Department

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### Carmel Fire Summer Newsletter

The mission of **Carmel Fire & Ambulance** is to protect and serve. As challenging as this year has been, the employees of Carmel Fire and Ambulance are still working to protect you.

I think we can all agree that 2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. Some of the buzz words this year are COVID-19, quarantine, face mask and social distance. On the emergency response front, these words have caused significant challenges and changes to how we do business.

It has been said that Mainers are tough, and by working together we will get through this pandemic. We will pull together while remaining **SIX FEET APART**.

In the event of an emergency, please dial 911. The dispatcher will ask important questions to protect the emergency crews, as well as provide instructions to help you until they arrive. The dispatcher will ask you to have a mask on prior to meeting the ambulance crew (if possible). Family members should also wear a mask. The patient must wear a mask in the ambulance.

As part of working together to keep everyone safe during these changing times, the ambulance crew will be wearing a mask, eye protection and gloves for all transports. If we suspect COVID-19, the crew will be wearing gowns. Presently we have enough personal protective equipment and have been able to keep supplied during this pandemic. The ambulance crew will consist of two people, with additional resources being requested only if needed. Sometimes a second ambulance will arrive with advanced life support personnel.

After each call, the ambulance and equipment must be decontaminated. This will result in a slight delay if a second call comes in before we are finished. An ambulance will get to you as soon as possible. Fire trucks and other rescue vehicles must be cleaned after each use as well.

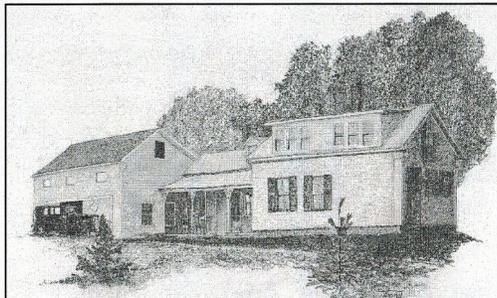
We too are practicing social distancing on calls, in the station and at training. There are times we will be wearing masks. Masks are going to be the new norm for the foreseeable future. The residents of Carmel have been great about following our instructions about mask wearing.

The emergency rooms are still open for business. If you are sick, try calling your personal physician. Follow their instructions. If you cannot get in touch with anyone, remember **911** and **Carmel Fire & Ambulance** is still here.

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# CARMEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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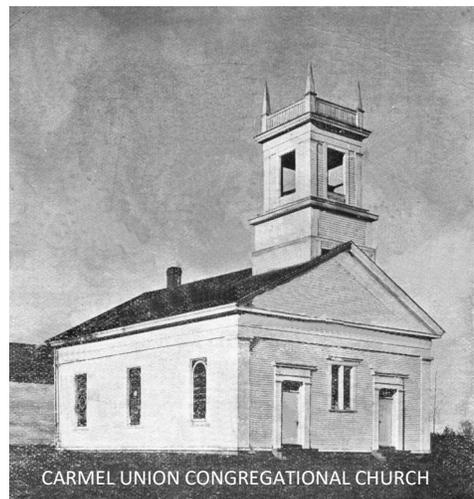
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Membership in Carmel Historical Society is open to all persons or organizations interested in the collection, preservation and recording of the history of Carmel, Maine from 1798 to the present and beyond. All members have voting privileges.

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Guidelines for service are available at [simpsonmemorial.org](http://simpsonmemorial.org) or search for Simpson Memorial Library



# CARMEL SNOWMOBILE CLUB



Hello Carmel Residents,

This year sure has been an interesting one and it will be interesting to see how the year finishes out. The last snowmobiling season was definitely not an inspiring one. With warm temperatures and plenty of rain, the trails were very slow to set up. However, we were able to get out and groom late in the year and establish some decent riding for a short time. Covid-19 brought an abrupt halt to the snowmobiling season as well as our bingo year. Late storms in April and May have wrecked havoc on the trails and according to landowners, "it's not good." With Covid-19 going on and summer time as well, the snowmobile club has been on hiatus and staying safe.

The seasons have started to turn and our focus is now on the upcoming Winter. With trails needing to be cleared, bridges installed, and maintained, it promises to be a very busy fall. We are hoping for many new members this year, as new faces and ideas can only help make our club a better place. If you have children, who need community service hours, the snowmobile club is a great place to earn them. Club meetings have started up and our club meets the second and fourth Monday's of the month at 6:30pm. The building is still available for rental. If you are having a gathering but need more space for social distancing or a bigger kitchen to cook in, our club just might be what you are looking for. We have high hopes for restarting bingo in the fall. Without knowing what the future holds, this might be the year to invest in a snowmobile. If Covid-19 continues into the Winter time, snowmobiling might just be the best escape from the Winter blues, plus riding a snowmobile would make for great social distancing.

Have a wonderful and safe rest of the Summer and hopefully we will be seeing you on the Carmel trails soon.

Sincerely, Carmel Snowmobile Club.

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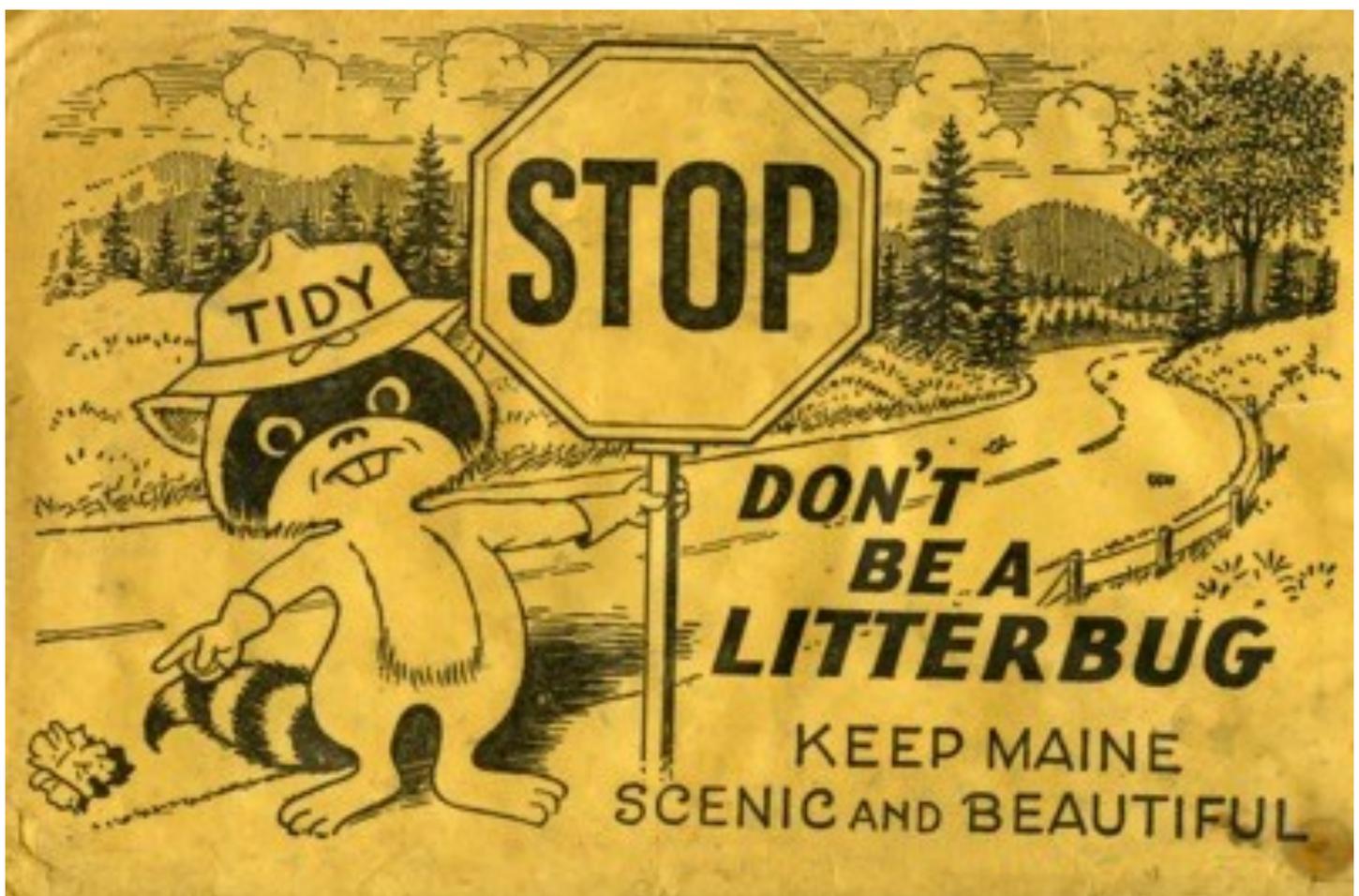
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- **Maine has 3,478 miles of coastline** - more than California (3,427), and over 5,000 miles of coast if you include all of the islands as well. Only Florida and Louisiana (mostly bayou) have more miles of coastline.
- **Maine has 3,166 off-shore islands.** Only about 1,200 Maine coast islands have an acre or more, 600 comprise 95% of the island acreage.
- **Maine has over 6,000 Lakes and Ponds.**
- **The Vikings** are believed to have discovered Maine 1,000 years ago.
- **Maine State Capital:** Augusta - Population: 18,560
- **Maine State Population:** 1.3 million
- **Maine State Bird:** The Chickadee
- **Maine State Tree:** The White Pine
- **Maine State Fish:** Landlocked Salmon
- **Maine State Cat:** Wild Coon Cat
- **Maine State Animal:** The Moose - Maine has more Moose per mile than any other state, over 75,000 moose, second only to Alaska.
- **Maine State Insect:** Officially - Honeybee (unofficially - the mosquito on the coast and black fly in the mountains)
- **Maine State Nickname:** Vacation State or Vacationland
- **Maine's Highest Mountain:** Mt. Katahdin at 5,268 ft. elevation



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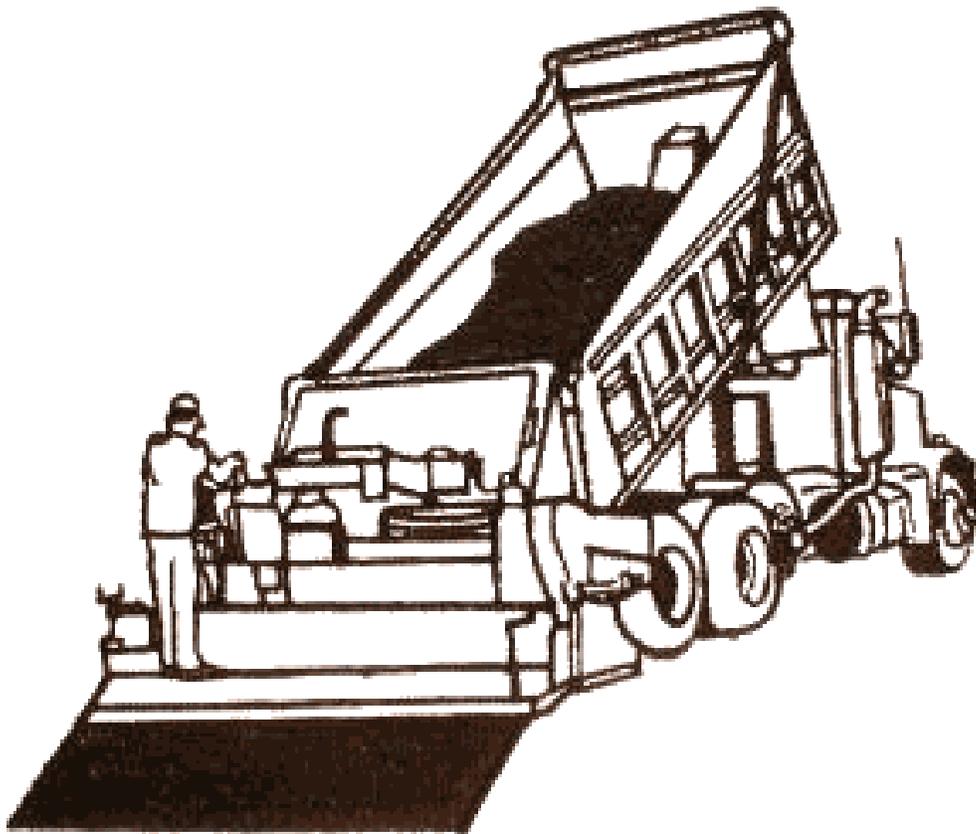
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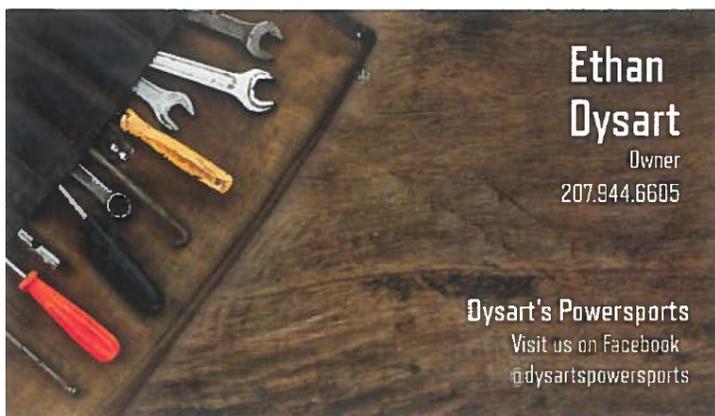
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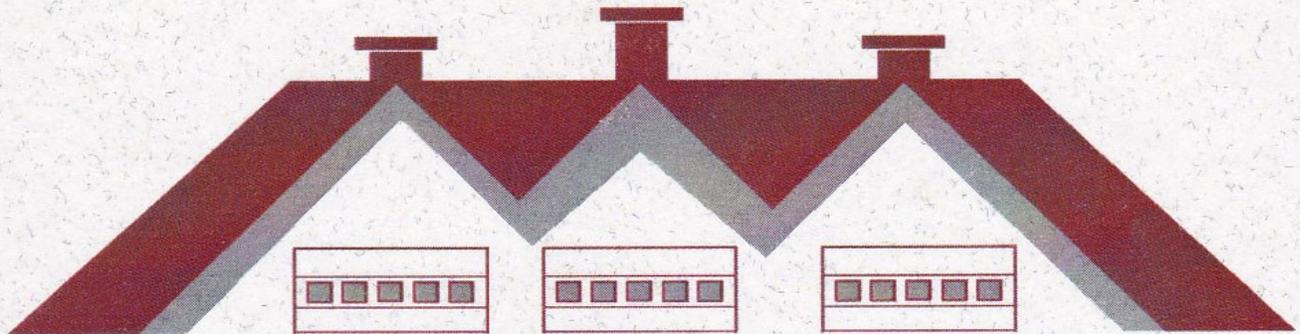
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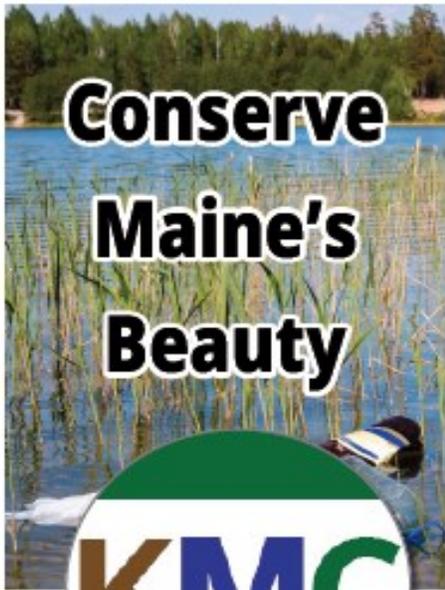
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### Town Office Hours

Monday - 8AM - 8PM  
 Tuesday - 1PM - 5PM  
 Wednesday - 8AM - 5 PM  
 Thursday - 8AM - 5PM  
 Friday - 8AM - 5PM

All new Registrations must be in the Office 1/2 hour before closing.

**Figure your vehicle fee by logging on to [townofcarmel.org](http://townofcarmel.org) - Taxes - Motor Vehicle**

### Board of Selectmen

Suzan Rudnicki - 848-5656  
 Jared Fitts - 852-4164  
 Daniel Frye - 478-9756  
 Isaac Raymond - 949-4870  
 Douglas Small - 848-5167



### Town Manager

CEO/LPI

Road Commissioner

**Kevin Howell**

[ceo@townofcarmel.org](mailto:ceo@townofcarmel.org)

848-3361

### Planning Board

Meet the 1st Monday of the Month 5:30 PM (unless a holiday)

Please call or email **Kevin Howell** to be put on the agenda.

### Phone Numbers

**Town Office :** **848-3361**  
 Fax: 848-0839  
 Post Office: 848-3074  
 Superintendents Office: 848-5173  
 Carmel Elementary: 848-3383  
 Caravel Jr. High: 848-3615  
 Hermon High School: 848-4000  
 Library 848-7145

Sheriff Non-Emergency Phone # :

**947-4585**

For all Emergencies :

**911**

### Animal Control Officer

Jean Treadwell: **299-3251**

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