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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a most joyous holiday season!

As 2018 comes to a close, I am pleased to say it has been a very productive and successful year for town business. Many public works projects were completed to improve our roads and all came in under budget. The Town Landing is almost complete and will be ready for a grand opening next summer.

Each year I am more pleased to see how this vibrant community comes together to support the various events we put on. Carmel Days has become a spectacular festival for all to enjoy and be proud of. My vision for that event is vast and we won't stop improving as long as the community continues to support it. The 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the local businesses, families and civic organizations for helping make that the biggest and best of its kind in the region!

We are in the 3rd year of what has become a very enjoyable holiday tradition of placing a large Christmas tree in the front lawn of the Town Office and having the students of Carmel Elementary School come down to help us decorate it! It is enjoyed by the entire town to view throughout the holiday season and is an important symbol of the community.

I am anxious to report on the state of the Town in the Annual Report which will be published in February. Please look for a copy of that in your mailboxes.

Stay safe and warm, be nice to one another and I look forward to seeing you around town!

Kevin Howell - Town Manager

Mark your calendars....

December 24th: Christmas Eve - Office Closes at 1pm

December 25th: Christmas Day - Office Closed

January 1st: New Year's Day - Office Closed

January 2nd: Nomination Papers for Selectman and School Director are due at the Town Office
(made available on Nov. 21)

January 21: - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed

February 18th: - Presidents Day - Office Closed

March 2nd: - Municipal Election (Fire Station - 8am-4pm)

March 4th: - TOWN MEETING - 7PM - Elementary School Gym

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

DOGS: Licenses are available for the 2019 year; remember, it is state law that your dog be registered by the end of December for the following year. Perhaps a nice new shiny tag would be a great Christmas gift for your four-legged friend.



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 first copy and each additional copy purchased at the same time is \$6.00.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

MISSY, KIM AND JENN



FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

2018 was another very busy year for new construction. I will be reporting on year-end totals in the Annual Report being published in February.

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

Have a GREAT DAY!

Kevin Howell
CEO/LPI



A Message from Senator Stacey Guerin

Dear Friends,

It was a pleasure to get to meet many of you during the campaign season. I thank you for your support and am honored to be your representative in the Maine Senate. My role in Augusta is to serve as your voice, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 249-0472 or email Stacey.guerin@legislature.maine.gov.

Carmel is a special town. Many of your town activities remind me of a Hallmark Movie's ideal American town. I hope that you have time to reflect on our blessings, spend time with family and friends and enjoy the peace this season represents.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Handwritten signature of Stacey Guerin in cursive script.

Stacey Guerin
State Senator

CARMEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Again this year, the Carmel Historical Society joined with the Simpson Memorial Library to host the Tree lighting. The weather was not very Christmas-like, but a few residents did attend. The singing was held inside the library lead by Sarah Holt after she sang a couple of solos which were enjoyed by the group. Everyone peeked out the windows and front door as Bill Senter lit the Christmas tree that was donated by Puckerbrush Tree Farm.

Hot cocoa and cookies were enjoyed at the Paul Haskell House, which was nicely decorated. It was a very pleasant evening of music and conversation.

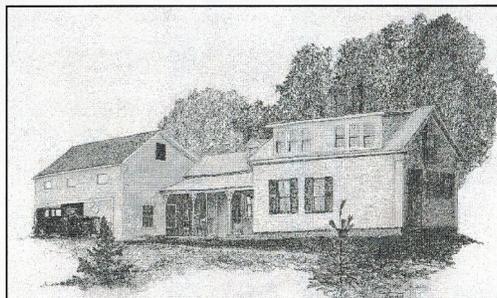
The Society is discussing the option of having daytime meetings. If anyone would like to weigh in, we would love to hear from you. It would make it possible for those who can't or don't like to drive at night to come; stay-at-home moms could come while the kids are in school, etc. It also brings up the option of staying open during the winter. We could also do a combination of daytime and evening events. Please, call Julia (848-2407) or other members you may know with your thoughts on this subject or a program you would be interested in.

I'm still working on my 90-plus-year-old list. I'm a little behind on this project but hope to finish it off soon. Please call to let me know or to check to see if someone is on the list or needs to be on the list.

Thank you to Gloria and Douglas Small for the time they donate to the upkeep of the museum, and Ralph Harris for all his time on the genealogy project and organizing of the files. A big thank you to Paula Leavitt for taking on the secretary's job. To the rest of our little band, Ina Jarvis, Marvin Graves, Diana Wellington, Herb Dean, Clement Richardson and Gary Lowe, your dedication is the reason we are still operating. Thank you.

Julia Pike, President

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Paul Haskell House

FUN FACTS ABOUT MAINE...

Donut holes were invented in Maine.

The first donuts in America did not have holes. They were introduced by the Dutch who fried dough in hot oil but they often cooked unevenly with the center staying raw. Capt. Hansen Gregory, from Rockport, Maine came up with the solution of punching a hole in the center while working as a 16-year-old crewman on a lime-trading schooner in 1847.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 107

The Post will hold their Christmas party a week early on December 13th. There will be no meeting on our regular meeting night December 20th. The party will be at the Golden Harvest Grange Hall on Route 2. Pot luck supper at 6 pm followed by a yankee swap. Gift price between \$5 and \$10.

We are a small group, and everyone is getting tired. There are only 2 to 4 members that are available to work on any given project on top of their other obligations. If you are interested in helping support other veterans and your community, please call Don Candage at 848-5614.

Our most tenured and oldest member, Stanley Powell, is at the Veteran's Home in Bangor. He would love to hear from you or receive a visit.

Stanley Powell
Bangor Veteran's Home, Unit C Room 20
44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401 - Phone # 942-2333



Don Candage at Carmel's
Trunk or Treat



FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone is staying warm as winter quickly approaches. We are currently in full swing with basketball and cheering seasons beginning. We currently have over 100 participants between the two sports. Basketball games will begin December 8th and play through January 26th and a full schedule will be available on Carmel Recreation's Facebook page. Cheering will be working hard for the next 8-9 weeks learning their routines for the cheering show with a date TBD at the end of the season. Thank you to all our volunteer coaches for all their time and dedication.

We are excited to be hosting our first holiday craft project this Sunday, December 2nd at the Carmel Elementary School. For a small fee of \$25, participants will make 3ft decorative skis just in time for the holidays. What's even more exciting is we have 47 participants signed up! Be on the look out for more craft projects in the future by following Carmel Recreation Department's Facebook page.

On December 9th from 7-10 AM at the Carmel Elementary School, we will be hosting our second annual Breakfast with Santa event. Breakfast buffet will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage and fresh fruit. There will be free pictures with Santa provided with ticket purchase. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children (3-12 years old) or \$10 for a family of 4 or more. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle this year. Tickets can be purchased at the Carmel Elementary School and the Carmel Town Office prior to the event. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door the day of the event. You don't want to miss out on this event!

We are also excited to announce we will be doing the ski/snowboard program for K-adult again this year at Hermon Mountain. The program will be 3:30-5:30 PM on Wednesdays starting January 9th and run for 4 consecutive weeks. The cost of the program is \$125 which includes the 1-hour lesson and rentals. Adults can ski for \$17 during the free ski time of 4:30-5:30 PM. Bus transportation is provided from the school to the mountain only for an additional cost of \$20. Additional information and signups will be sent home and posted on Facebook.



Carmel Rec takes great pride in providing events and sports for our amazing community, but we can't do it without generous volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering for the Carmel Recreation Department, please contact me at recreation@townofcarmel.org or at 299-3932.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to hopefully seeing you all soon!

Deidra McIntosh

Carmel Recreation Director

CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carmel Elementary School began the 2018-19 school year with several changes. We welcomed several new staff members, said farewell to our grade five students, and prepared for another exciting Carmel Days kick off parade. Ms. AlLee Cookson joined our staff to teach Grade 2 and Mrs. Pangburn began as our Reading Recovery teacher. Mrs. Pangburn's Reading Recovery training is funded by a Cole Family Grant which was awarded in June, 2018.

Also joining the district was Ms. Thibodeau, art; and Mr. Shaeffer, physical education.

Ms. Thibodeau, along with Mrs. Middleswart (music) took the lead for organizing the Carmel Days parade this year. Floats were designed around 1980's movies and students worked on those designs during art classes prior to the parade. Mrs. Middleswart selected the music and directed the chorus at the town office at the end of the parade. It is important to the staff at CES that our students be a part of community events.

In June the decision was made by the RSU Board of Directors to move the grade five students to Caravel Middle School. This move provided needed space for CES classrooms. We reluctantly said good-bye to our grade five students and prepared for their transition to CMS. Returning students report that Caravel, "is the best school ever and not scary at all once you are there!"

Throughout the fall the CES staff has continued professional development. All new hires are required to meet monthly with the district administrators for a New Teacher Orientation class. The class covers a variety of topics and provides support to teachers entering the profession in our district. Classroom teachers are also required to take a year long graduate level literacy class which focuses on best practices in teaching literacy. Because we are a small rural district, access to high quality professional development is challenging. This year we have begun to use technology to bring professional development to CES. Recently we have used SKYPE and FaceTime to meet with national speakers in the area of mathematics and literacy.

With the holiday season upon us, students have made decorations for the town Christmas tree, which they decorated on December 3rd. Holiday concerts are December 4th and 11th and the Senior Citizens have been invited to join us for a special holiday concert on Monday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. Please join us if you are able!

We look forward to 2019 with anticipation and excitement for a great new year!

Respectfully, ***Principal Devlin***



LARGE CROWD ENJOYING THE PARADE AND CONCERT TO OPEN CARMEL DAYS!

Caravel Middle School

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2018 Holiday Hoopla!!

Once again, the students at Caravel Middle School are holding their Holiday Hoopla. Students in each grade have “decorated” a tree with great gift ideas and are selling raffle tickets. Tree themes are:

Grade 5: The Great Outdoors

Grade 6: Family Game Night

Grade 7: Let's go to the Movies

Grade 8: Game on! (Sports related)

If interested in purchasing some tickets, please contact any middle school student you know, or call the office by December 14th and we'll help you out! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Holiday Concert

Please join us at our annual Holiday Concert on December 12, 2018 at the Caravel Middle School at 6:30 PM. Students have been working very hard to prepare and will be ready to put on an outstanding performance!

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Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Simpson Memorial Library

The Board of Trustees and Ms. Becky, Library Director, would like to thank the citizens of Carmel and town officials for their support in the past year. We would like to express our appreciation to our many volunteers who have donated their time to help at our various programs and events. Many of the programs offered this year would not have been possible without the help of volunteers. Volunteers do many tasks from helping Ms. Becky run the summer read program, which had an average of 12-15 children a week, to baking for our monthly food sale and teen volunteers cleaning the library. We would also like to thank local businesses for supporting the library.

This year's summer read program, "Libraries Rock," guests included local musician, Robyn Dulac, who enthralled the children with her music and Ms. Jen and the Nutrition Detectives who had a rousing time with music, children and the parachute "popping popcorn" in the middle of the library. Ms. Evie thought we were a little loud that day. The library participated in the Federal Free Lunch program for the summer read children. Adult programs presentations had Maine authors, Kay Hardy with "Saudi Women; Change and Challenge" and Sandra Neily with "Deadly Trespass." Special thanks to Julia Soule, president of the Carmel Historical Society, for taking a group of adults on a "Cemetery Tour". It was a unique experience.

Ms. Becky wrote a grant for a story-walk. The grant purchased the books and paid for making the special holders to the book pages. Special thanks to town manager, Kevin Howell and the town for partnering with the library on this project. The entrance to the story-walk is located on the lower parking lot of the rec fields. During the winter the holders are-stored at the library and will be put out again in the spring, once snow is gone and the trail is dry.

In 2019 Ms. Becky would like to present programs for a health community, such as "Self defense and Situational Awareness for women and teenage girls," yoga, and guest speakers for summer read. If you are interested in any of these programs, please let Ms. Becky know.

As the year comes to a close and we look ahead to 2019, we the Simpson Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Ms. Becky, Director, wish everyone good health, joy and



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Story Hour: The theme on Sat. Dec. 8th will be gingerbread houses. Please call Ms. Becky and sign up. Dates: Sat. Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9.

Creative Corner for Kids: Tues. Dec. 18 after school till 6:30. Come make something for the holidays. Dates: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19.

Baby Story time: Baby Story time will begin on **Tuesday, Dec. 18, 10:30-11:00am**. This program is for infants up to three with their parents/caregivers. This is a fast paced 30 minute program with music, stories, rhymes, songs and playtime. Dates: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19.

Adult Coloring Program: Join us for a coloring event on Tuesdays **Dec. 11th at 6:00pm.** Bring your own pages and materials or use the library's. Dates: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12.

Crafter's group: the group meets 12:30pm and welcomes all ages and crafts.

COMING IN THE SPRING: Special program for women and teenage girls. Limited space. Please Ms. Becky for more info. "Self defense and Situational Awareness for women and teenage girls."

BAKE SALES: Each month the library has a bake sale on the third Sat. starting at 9:00a.m. at Ye Ole General Store RT 2 in Carmel. The bake sales dates are Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and March 16. No bake sale in Dec.

LIBRARY CLOSING: Dec. 25th and Jan. 1, 2019.

Bottle Donations: The Library would like to thank everyone who has dropped off returnable bottles. The proceeds continue to help the library.

Computer Printer Cartridges: Citizens may drop off their empty computer printer cartridges. Please put them in a zip lock bag, or closed plastic bag, if placing in the book drop off. The library will take them to Staples. Donations earn the library points towards supplies.

Thank you to all our volunteers, bakers and those that have supported us throughout the year.

Considering giving to a nonprofit this year? The library is a 501 C3 qualified organization.

CARMEL SNOWMOBILE CLUB



Hello Carmel Residents,

The 2018-2019 season has kicked off in a very promising way, cold and snow has arrived early, and shows no signs of slowing down. This is the year for the residents of Carmel to take part in snowmobiling around town, as our club has made major improvements to our local trail system. With the addition of the track truck to our grooming arsenal, our trails have been widened and smoothed out providing for a more comfortable ride this season. Bridge repair has become a big focus for the club and we can report that some massive bridge repairs, have been completed and are all ready for snowmobiles. Trail maps have and will be provided again this year, at local businesses, for riders to carry with them.

The snowmobile club would like to thank one special group of people in town, our amazing landowners. Without them there would be no trails or support of local businesses that the sport provides. It is their generosity that allows this sport to continue and grow. The Carmel snowmobile club and all riders cannot say thank you enough.

The snowmobile club offers bingo every Tuesday night at 6:00. During the winter the fire place is going and it offers a fun night out and a chance to escape the winter blues for an evening. Come visit and see the renovations to the building that have happened over the last two years. New improved bathrooms, new floor tile, a second bingo board, larger monitors and last but not least, our current kitchen renovations. The kitchen is now able to provide a bigger food menu to select from. The snowmobile club can always be rented for any event for 150 dollars.

Hopefully you saw us at a couple of town events this year using our newest invention, our dough boy fryer. We took part in Carmel days and Trunk or Treat providing delicious dough boys for everyone's enjoyment.

If you see us out an about or at the club, stop by and say hello. We would love to hear any feed back from the town on how to make improvements to the trails or clubhouse or better yet come down and join us. We are always looking for people who want to help out as everyone is welcome. Just because we are a snowmobile club please don't think you have to ride a snowmobile to be apart of the group, just ask our club president, he doesn't ride a snowmobile and he hates the snow. The Carmel snowmobile club meets the second and fourth Monday's of the month.

Please be safe this year and with any luck we will be seeing you riding our town trails soon.

Carmel snowmobile club.



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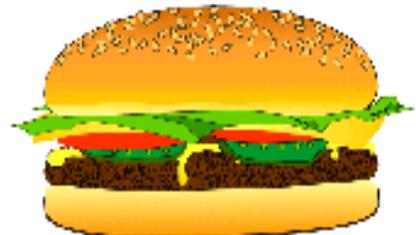
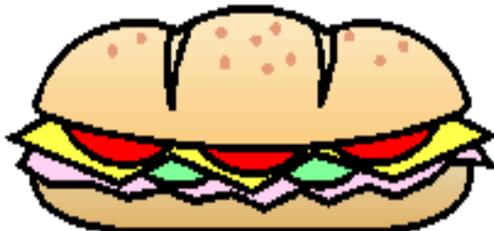
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- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



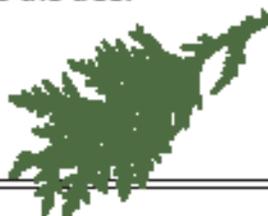
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.



Space Heater

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.



Fireplace

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 3 feet from your home.



Wood Stove

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.



Furnace

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



Kerosene Heater

- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
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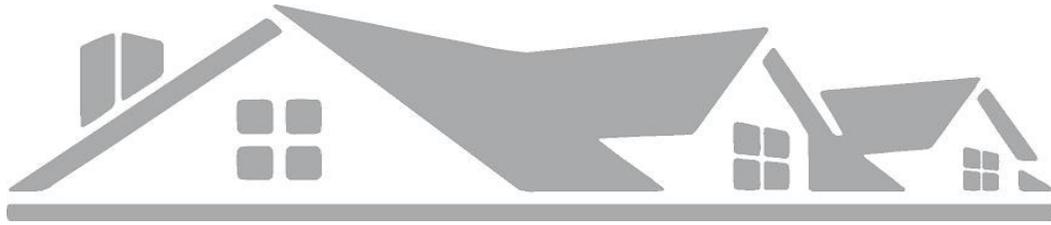
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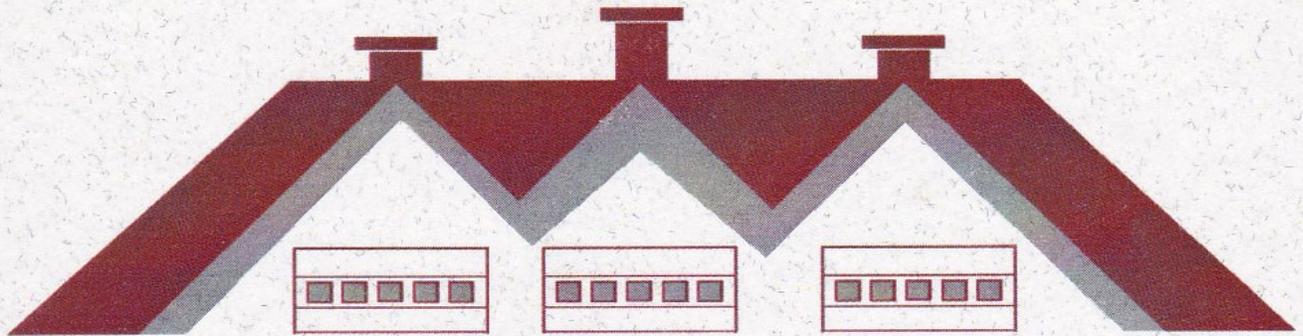
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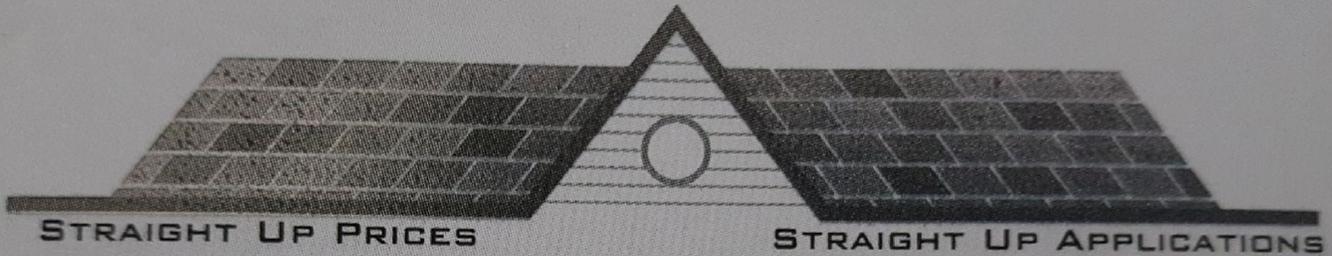
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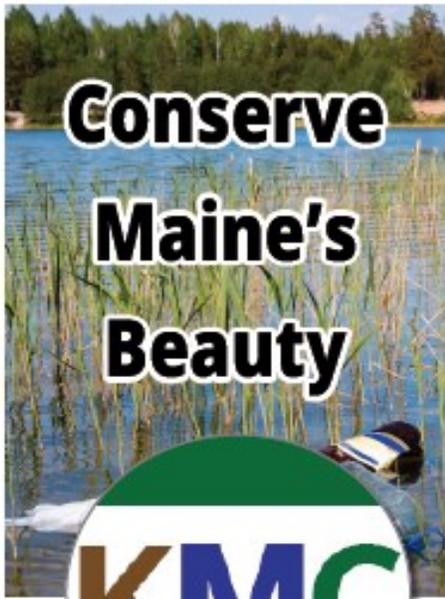
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Wednesday - 8AM - 5 PM
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Friday - 8AM - 5PM

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Selectmen meet each Monday (non holidays) @ 7:30PM

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Jared Fitts - 852-4164
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CEO/LPI

Road Commissioner

Kevin Howell

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.

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