Important Dates:

- 7/19/18 - Rep. Gerrish Safety Event
- 8/6/18 - New Office Hours Starting
- 9/3/18 - Labor Day Office Closed

The Selectmen voted unanimously to slightly modify the office hours to improve efficient operations of the Town Office. The hours will go into effect on August 6th, 2018. The new hours are as follows:

**Monday:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
**Tuesday:** 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**Wednesday:** CLOSED  
**Thursday:** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
**Friday:** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Lebanon needs a Comprehensive Plan!! Creating a Comprehensive Plan is a necessary step toward many of things being asked for by the residents of Lebanon and is helpful in the ability to secure grants and other outside funding in order to accomplish many of the town’s goals and plans. A Comprehensive Plan should be written by residents from every income level and every walk of life. We need your voice! If you’ve been thinking about becoming more actively involved in town and would like to help shape the future of Lebanon, please consider joining the Lebanon Comprehensive Plan Committee. This is a volunteer position meeting on an average of once a month. For more information on how to be involved please contact Chair, John-Paul Cote at: john-paul.cote@lebanonmaine.org or 207-200-7762

Clerk’s Corner

Discounted York’s Wild Kingdom and Fun Town/Splash Town Combination tickets are available from the Clerk’s Office. York’s Wild Kingdom tickets are $13 each and the Fun Town/Splash Town Combination tickets are $30 each.

- Applications for the 2018 Tax Club will be available on the Town Website in August or stop by the Clerk’s Office to fill one out.
- Notice from the Tax Collector: 30-day demand notices for unpaid 2017 taxes will be mailed in July, and if unpaid after 30 days, liens will be placed on the properties.

We would like to welcome our new Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector Marybeth Pordon! Marybeth comes to us with extensive work experience and will be a great asset to the office and our residents. Please give her a warm “Lebanon Welcome” the next time you’re in the Town Office.

Historical Society

Through the years the Lebanon Historical Society has established monuments to those men from Lebanon who served in the Civil War, Revolutionary War, World War II and Korean war. These monuments are located in different sections of Town. The Society is sponsoring a Fund Raiser to create a monument to those Lebanon Residents who served in the Vietnam War 1963-1974. The Society has a committee set up to obtain the names of those who served, check on the cost of a Bronze Plaque plus a stone to put it on and the cost of installation. If you are a veteran or know of one, please contact Nancy Wyman anyman@metrocast.net

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The Society is looking for help to accomplish this project by asking for donations. Those who donate will be acknowledged and thanked.

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**DORCAS Society**

The Lebanon Dorcas Society continues to raise money to support a variety of Town needs such as: two college scholarship for Lebanon students, Food pantry, Caring Unlimited, Fuel Assistance, School Backpack Program. The Hackmatack Theatre owners in North Berwick are an important partner in our summer fund raising efforts. Hackmatack Theater continues to support Dorcas by generously donating one-half of the proceeds of tickets for this performance back to Dorcas! The play this year is “Dial M for Murder” on Saturday August 18th at 7pm. Made famous by the 1954 Alfred Hitchcock film starring Grace Kelly, you won’t want to miss this suspenseful end to the summer. The tickets are $30 ea., Seniors $25. Deadline to purchase tickets is Aug 8th. Please contact Chris Bozak at 457-1435.

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**Recreation**

Soccer is starting in August! If you missed sign ups please reach out to Georgie Allen at geoharley@metrocast.net

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**Fire and EMS**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for it’s overwhelming support for the Fire and EMS Department at the elections. I’m happy to have had some conversations with residents who didn’t understand why a new ambulance was needed or had questions regarding the budget items and the Capitol Improvement Fund. After the votes were counted on June 12th, all the department projects and the budget passed! Without the help from the community, we wouldn’t be able to move forward into the future.

The Capital Improvement funds are grouped into categories to ensure the funds are going to the proper accounts. Each account is designated for a specific item I.E: Vehicle Fund, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Fire and EMS Gear (fire jackets, pants, boots, etc.), Communications (radios), and general equipment. This will enable us to have better accountability of where the funds go. When I bring purchases to the Select Board, there is a reason it is needed by the department. I will fight for what I believe the department needs over what the department wants. When I started in Lebanon back February, I had an idea of what I would like to accomplish, which includes safety of the members, providing a great service to the citizens, being transparent to everyone, having the right equipment for the job and be more involved within the community.

To accomplish this, it meant everything needed to be evaluated. We started with purchasing 4 sets of new fire gear to replace older sets, vehicle replacement, vehicle maintenance to upkeep the equipment we have and mandated record keeping for Maine EMS, National Fire Incident Report Systems, Maine Bureau of Labor Standards and Insurance Organization for Standardization (ISO), which rates the Fire Department in your community which affects your homeowner’s insurance. As a department we do our best to help you in your time of need and also where you may not realize, in your homeowner’s insurance.

Within the next few months, you will see us out with the fire equipment testing dry hydrants, truck pumps and hoses. This is an annual process and along with record keeping, is required for the ISO ratings and the safety of our personnel.

We have also started to meet with our neighboring mutual aid communities to see how we can help each other out, when responding to emergencies. In these discussions, we have focused on manpower, apparatus, equipment that we both bring to the table and training. We have been invited to partake in training with another community on equipment that we currently do not have, but is available to us if we need it.

Another area the department has been focused on is education. I am a proponent of continuing education for each member to a level that they can succeed and then challenge themselves to the next level. With each level that the members accomplish, not only does this give them the confidence in themselves but give other department members confidence in that member and has a better understanding on how they can help the members of the community as well.

The department has also started to become more community involved by going out and interacting with everyone, plus see the needs of the community and surrounding ones as well. This involvement helps with relations to organizations and to see who we are.

If you have and concerns or questions, please feel free to contact the department.

Thank you, Chief Steve Merrill

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