

TOWN OF CARTHAGE

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Dear neighbor

Darcy Berry has resigned from the position of Animal Control Officer effective January 1, 2026. The Town extends its sincere appreciation to Darcy for over a decade of service.

The Town has secured the services of Christa Powers and Eric Giroux to provide State of Maine required Animal Control Officer duties for us. They are both certified by the State of Maine to provide this service. Christa is the Animal Control Officer for the Towns of Jay, Wilton, and Livermore. The procedure to report a domestic animal issue is to call the non-emergency telephone number with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, (207-778-6140).

As previously communicated, one Selectboard position is open for re-election this year. At present, incumbent board member Sherman Bradeen has expressed interest in seeking re-election, and Bobby Weston has indicated his intention to be nominated for this three-year term. There are two school board positions approaching expiration (one that is a two year term and one that is a three year term). The incumbents, Brad Dwyer and Rachel Boyd, have expressed their interest in being nominated and re-elected.

The annual town meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday evening, April.27th at 6:00 PM. The Town has received the short version of the 2024 audit report by the Town Auditor. The report will be included in the annual report booklet. The booklet should be available to the public for review by April 15, 2026.

The Selectboard is actively working on bringing online a Town web site. We are reviewing hosting and designing companies to launch the web page. We will notify the Town when the web page will be online.

Two centuries ago, in the early years of our young nation, a small but determined community carved out a home here among the hills and forests of western Maine. In 1826, Maine itself was only six years into statehood. The settlers who founded Carthage faced long winters, very hard labor, and uncertain futures-but they also carried hope, resilience, and a deep belief in building something that will last.

For 200 years, Carthage has been more than a spot on a map. It has been a place of families, farms, schools, churches and neighbors helping neighbors. Generations have grown up along the river and on the nearby hills, where they have worked the land, harvested valuable timber, and shaped the character of this community. Through times of prosperity and times of challenge, Carthage has endured-not because of the buildings or the boundaries, but because of the people who preceded us, and because of the caring people who reside here today.

Let us honor those who came before us, the founders in 1826, the families who remained and flourished, the leaders who have served this community, and those who cared enough to invest their time and hearts into serving this community. Their legacy is the community we enjoy today.

As we celebrate this bicentennial, we also look forward. Just as those first residents could not fully imagine what Carthage would be like in the year 2026, we cannot fully see what the next 200 years will bring. But if the past is any guide, the future of Carthage will be built on the same values that carried our little town this far: perseverance, community, and pride in our community.

Happy 200th birthday, Carthage. May the next century be as strong and spirited as the last two.

We will continue to update you in the coming months

*** Select-Board Meetings are held at 6:00 P.M. on the first and third Mondays at Town Hall office. ***