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# **Business After Hours**



**Business After Hours:** A great place to network and market your business. Business After Hours host/co-hosted by chamber members in our region and is one of many benefits we offer our chamber members. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and other beverages are available, or you could win the 50/50 raffle and fabulous door prizes donated by area businesses. Make sure to bring your business cards!

### Please join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

February 28:TD Bank 182 Main Street, Waterville

March 20: Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services 19 Colby Street, Waterville

April 10: Humane Society – Waterville Area 100 Webb Road, Waterville

May 15: Mbingo Mountain Coffee 7 Silvermount Street, Waterville

## Welcome New Members

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# **Ribbon** Cuttings



Congratulations to Central Maine Equipment & Motorsports Ribbon Cutting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 6 56 Garland Road, Winslow Sponsors: SEACOAST















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## **Business Breakfast**

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Grow**Smart** Maine

es Thursday, Jan. 11 7:15-9 a.m.

### Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville



Nancy Smith, CEO of GrowSmart Maine, will present on creation of more housing choices, and the policy options keeping municipal budgets stable. She will also speak about protecting productive farmland and open space, while fostering economic and

Nancy Smith

community development. Hear about statewide policy and

community technical assistance where you live and work. Come prepared with your questions and take this great opportunity to start the year off right and network with other business leaders.

February 8: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel Part 2:What Can Be Done in Our Communities and In<br/>Our Workplaces to Embrace DEI? Panelists will<br/>include: Winslow Town Manager, Ella Bowman;<br/>Career Success Navigator, Maine Department of<br/>Education, Karen Morin, and Thomas College<br/>Professor of Education Dr. Richard Biffle

- March 14: The AI Phenomenon—Its Advantages and Cautions: Director of the Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Amanda Stent will speak on the courses offered in this present day development. She will share the benefits of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in businesses, given the growing AI proliferation.
- April 11: Quality Child Care: A Vital Component of a Community's Economic Structure. A panel of Early Child- hood leaders, including Chief Operating Officer KVCAP/Educare Central Maine, Tracye Fortin; Educare School Director Rhonda Kaiser, and a Parent Ambassador to be determined, will share data and strategies to increase quality early childhood programming across Maine.
- May 9: What Happened? How Did Electricity Get So Expensive? Public Advocate William Harwood will address the underlying reasons why electricity prices are unusually high and what can be done to lower them. Specifically, he will focus on the unpredictability of Standard Offer prices



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### on the unpredictability of Standard Offer prices, the option of selecting a Competitive Electricity Provider, the benefits provided to reewable energy developers, the rising cost of restoration of service after major storms and, finally, the need to provide financial assistance to low income ratepayers.

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