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## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office hours are as follows:

**Town Manager:** Stacie Rundlett 628-4441

*Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday .....	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday .....	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
First Saturday of each month .....	8:00 am - noon
(except Holiday weekends)	

**Town Clerk:** Becky Taylor

*Vital statistics & dog licensing*

Monday .....	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursdays .....	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Marilyn Gorman

Monday .....	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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**CEO:**

First and third Tuesday .....	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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**Assessor's Agent:**

Every other Monday .....	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
or call to schedule a meeting	

### Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**  
1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm &  
3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- **NP Community Library Hours:**  
Mon, Wed, Thurs ..... 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Saturday ..... 10:00 am - noon
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- **Planning Board Meeting**  
1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Water District**  
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- **School Board Meeting**  
1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm
- **Wire Bridge Thrift Shop** open every Saturday
- **Firemen's Auxiliary**  
2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

### New Portlander deadline is April 25 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

**Dallas Landry • PO Box 34, North New Portland, ME 04961  
phone 628-4201 • email: [bigd@tdstelme.net](mailto:bigd@tdstelme.net)**

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the New Portlander, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID FOR TOWN OF KINGFIELD

The Town of Kingfield, Maine will receive sealed bids for the following: "Compactor and Slab Bid", "Compactor Only Bid", "Slab Only Bid", "Electrical Bid" and "Complete Bid, Compactor - Slab - Electrical" until Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 pm at the Kingfield Town Office, 38 School Street, Kingfield, ME 04947, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be based upon the price available to and used by the bidders as of April 2011. Further, anyone submitting a bid shall agree thereby to pass along to the Town of Kingfield any discounts, rebates or subsidies available as a result of abnormal or seasonal market conditions.

Contract documents, specifications and instructions to bidders are available for pick up and are on file at the Kingfield Town Office, located at 38 School Street, Kingfield ME 04947 Phone # 207-265-4637.

Dated: March 17, 2011.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Marble  
Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen

### Town Manager

I would like to apologize publicly to Kenneth and Wardy Atwood for not proofing the annual Town Report better and allowing their names to be printed under the Delinquent Real Estate Taxes for 2010. They actually did pay all of their property taxes in full, but because of an error within our cash receipting system and my lack of noticing their names on that list, it went to the printers. I am truly sorry if this error caused either of you any embarrassment. I have since corrected this issue within our system. If any other residents suspect that their names may have been listed incorrectly, please do not hesitate to call me and we can look into the matter.

*Respectfully...*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

### Selectmen

#### Selectmen's Meeting January 4, 2011:

Selectmen Present: Doug Archer, Chair, Lorie Agren, Wayne Rundlett; Department Heads Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Becky Taylor, and Gary Agren; Present: Dallas Landry, Ken and Janice Whitney, Ken White and Rick Poulin

6:30 pm Doug called meeting to order.

No items by the public.

Gary discussed with the board how it would be less costly for the Town to replace the six year old grader rather than to keep repairing the old grader. The selectmen had suggested to Gary to figure the cost of replacing and repairing the grader then present it to the board so they could see the cost difference. There was discussion regarding upcoming projects that will need to be done in the near future: Tannery Bridge Road bridge work to be done; Hancock Pond Road, culvert and road work to be done; Middle Road, culvert work to be done. He stressed to the board that these were all projects that the State of Maine has brought to his attention that need to be addressed.

There was a brief discussion about the cost of the *New Portlander* costs going up and also allowing a five page letter that was put into the *New Portlander* in 2010. Stacie stated that something to look into was to offer local businesses to put an ad into the *New Portlander* for a small fee to offset the cost to the Town. Dallas stated that he was unsure if it would be worth it for local businesses to spend money due to the *New Portlander* only going out to about 400 people. Stacie stated the *New Portlander* is also on the web site. Stacie also stated that she had a local person come in and inquire about why there are trees on the front of the *New Portlander*. Why not the Wire Bridge that is on the web site? Dallas stated that when he started publication of the *New Portlander*, he had asked for ideas on what to put on the front page. He had not received any ideas so he went with the trees, but he would be open to any other ideas. There was also some discussion regarding submissions made for the *New Portlander* and guidelines that are followed. There was also discussion about the Citizen's Corner.

Stacie received two quotes on the Annual Town Report: one from Carrabassett Marketing & Printing for \$1,027.00 and the other from Skowhegan Press for \$812.00, if color front page as it was last year \$837.00. Stacie stated that both quotes include 350 copies of the town report. The town did use Skowhegan Press last year; Stacie stated that she would look into a third quote.

Stacie gave a good faith note to the board of selectmen from a property owner that is going to foreclosure, asking to pay \$100.00 towards the 2008 taxes. The board discussed and agreed to accept the good faith payment. Stacie also said that the property owner is aware that the property is still in foreclosure and the Town of New Portland will have to do a quit-claim deed once the 2008 taxes are paid in full even with the monthly payments of \$100.00.

Stacie had talked about setting up a "Meet the Candidates" night for the two candidates who are running for the three year term: Ken White and also Ken Whitney. The selectmen and Stacie agree to set "Meet the Candidates" night on February 9, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

There was also a discussion about Bobbie-Sue Crawford's School Board position that she took over for Dale Earle. Becky was unsure if Bobbie-Sue would finish up the remainder of Dale's two year position or if it would be the one year for which she had been sworn in. Lorie asked Becky to call MMA to find out for sure and then contact Bobbie-Sue to inform her if she would have to take out School Board nomination papers. Becky talked to the selectmen about getting four ballot clerks on Election Day to work 12 to 15 hours that day at \$7.50 an hour. Becky also talked to the board about Marilyn Gorman and herself going for training this coming year for the CVR. The selectmen agreed to allow \$300.00 for clerk training.

Lorie motion for the meeting to be adjourned; it was seconded by Wayne Rundlett.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

*These minutes are just a summary from the meeting and were approved at the March 21 Selectmen's Meeting as written. ARF*

*Submitted: Annette Folco, Deputy Town Manager*

## **Kindergarten Screening for Fall 2011**

MSAD 74 / RSU 74 (Anson, Embden, New Portland & Solon) will be holding kindergarten screening for all Pre-school children entering Kindergarten in the fall. Children must be five years of age on or before October 15, 2011.

The screening tool used will be the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL-III). Testing will be administered individually by a team of teachers on a variety of tasks. The information is used only to assist us in developing the best program for your child.

Screenings for all District children will be held by appointment only on Tuesday, April 5 at the Garrett Schenck School in Anson or Wednesday, April 6 at the Solon Elementary School in Solon.

Please call Bonnie Atwood at the Superintendent's Office 635-2727 Ext #3 for an appointment and/or any questions which you may have. Screenings take approximately one (1) hour per child.

If you know of other children ready to start school, please share this information.

We are now taking applications for the fall 2011 Head Start Pre-School Program. Please call Lee Ann Salley at 859-2520 for registration information.

*Submitted: Bonnie Atwood*

## **New Portland Community Library**

**Librarian Wanted:** The New Portland Community Library seeks an enthusiastic, energetic person to serve as the librarian. Having library skills is wonderful but training and support will be available. Close and friendly contact with the Library Board and members of the community is essential. There is freedom to create library programs, help with fund raising and expand the collection. We want a strong, creative person who is willing to "grow the job". There is a stipend. Please send a cover letter, resumé, and the names of three references to K. Michka, Box 182, Lexington Twp, Maine 04961

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

**Friends of the Library: Activity Night** – The date and time of the next Activity Night has been changed to April 27 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This time we are offering a SWAP night. The "rules" are everyone may bring up to six items. All items must be in great condition. No broken or dirty items will be accepted. No clothes or shoes allowed. Accessories are okay. Every one will get one ticket for each item they bring. The Library will be set up in "departments." When everyone is there and items are arranged the shopping will begin! If two or more people want the item, there will be a procedure in place to determine who gets the item. Refreshments will be available for a fee.

In May the Activity Night theme will be Appetizer Recipe Swap. The date will be May 18 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Plan to bring your favorite recipe and maybe a sample, too. This will be the last Activity Night until September.

The New Portland Community Library's annual Plant, Book, and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please remember us when you transplant or start seedlings. Your donations are very welcome. We will also have some new vendors, and Will Bonsall from Industry will be discussing heirloom seeds.

Children's Activity will consist of spring time fun and will take place on Sunday, April 10 at 9:00 am. Shelby Newell will be helping children decorate and paint eggs. Spring games will also be played. Join us for a "springtime" fun filled morning.

The Knitwits meet the second and fourth Thursday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the library. Bring your projects, enjoy great conversation, and some light refreshments.

*Submitted: Pete Bearor*

## Announcements

The Friends of the Highland Mountains will meet at the New Portland Community Library at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 3, 2011. This is the last meeting we will have before making an appearance before the LURC Commissioners at the Spectacular Events Center in Bangor on the April 6. To learn more about Highland Project or the other wind developments planned for this area, please join us. The public is welcome. For more information, visit [www.highlandmts.org](http://www.highlandmts.org).

*Submitted: Karen Pease*

Another call to Lexington Township. Folks: We are slowly accomplishing our goal of raising the money to pay for mailing the New Portlander to our homes. But we are not there yet. So PLEASE dig deep into your piggy banks and donate to cover this cost. Any amount would be wonderful! Send donations to Pete Bearor, Box 184, New Portland, Maine 14961.

*Submitted: Dotti Carter*

## Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 pm at the Community Room at the New Portland Firestation. Members present : Colby Atwood, Cindy Atwood, Jessi Campbell, and Stacey Rundlett.

Discussion about possible grants for playground development. Information was reviewed and the committee decided more information was needed to begin the process. More information will be available at the next meeting and discussion will continue.

The committee had decided to do a "Family Fun Time" in April. It will be a family movie, so adults and their children can spend time together with other families and have fun. The "event" will be Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Community Room at the fire station in New Portland. The Recreation Committee will have the area set up so parents and children can bring their favorite blanket, pillow or chair to watch the movie. Popcorn and punch will be available. There will be no charge, a free event to have lots of fun. This event will be posted on Facebook, so sign on to let us know if you will be attending or you can just show up.

We would like to do more things like this, so please send any suggestions to the committee. Contact Jessi Campbell or Judi Wills with your ideas.

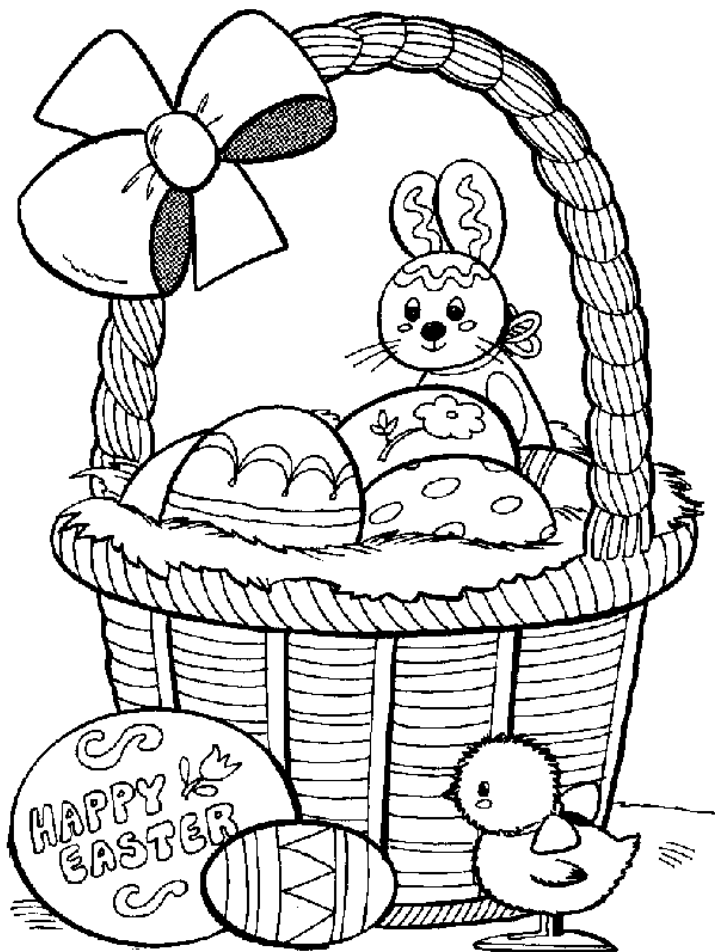
Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 pm at the Community Room in the fire station at New Portland.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## Thank You

I want to thank a few people who helped make food for the Town Meeting: Arlene Newell, Terry Handrahan, Stacey Rundlett and Judi Wills. The money raised was donated to the New Portland Town Library. Also, a thanks to the folks who purchased the food and helped with the fund raising.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*



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Annual Town Meeting  
 March 5, 2011  
 Community Room  
 1:00 pm



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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**APRIL 2011**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY!</b>	2 Town Office Open 8:00 am - Noon
Deadline for the <i>New Portlander</i> : April 24 @ 4:30 pm						
3 Friends of the Highland Mountains NPCL 2:00 pm	4	5 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Kindergarten Screening Garret Schenk School	6 Kindergarten Screening Solon Elem. School	7	8	9
10 Children's Spring Fun Activity 9:00 am NPCL	11	12 NPF 7:00 pm	13	14 Knitwits 10:00 am NPCL	15	16
17	18 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	19 NPF 7:00 pm	20 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 <i>Easter</i>	25	26	27 Activity Night: SWAP 7:30 pm NPCL	28 Knitwits 10:00 am NPCL	29	30