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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 - 5:00 pm

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Deputy Town Clerk: Marilyn Gorman

Monday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

CEO:

First and third Tuesday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Assessor's Agent:

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

E-mail for town business: nwprtln@tds.net

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\$1000.00 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for recent burglary, vandalism, and theft at camps on the Middle Road in New Portland.

If you have any information, you are asked to call the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, attention: Detective Mathew Cunningham at 207-474-9591. All information will be held strictly confidential.

New Portlander Notice

The *New Portlander* deadline will be February 24 at 4:00 pm due to the short month. The *New Portlander* sends out a monthly deadline reminder via email on or near the fifteenth of each month. If you would like to be added to this monthly reminder, please submit an electronic address to bigd@tdstelme.net indicating where you would like the reminder sent. If you are currently on the list and want to be removed, again send a message indicating you would like to be removed from the current mailing list.

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 Feb. 24 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

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

Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2010

Selectmen Present: Lorie Agren, Wayne Rundlett

Department Heads Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett,

Kip Poulin, Becky Taylor

People Present: Ken and Janine White, Rick Poulin, David Reed, David Kouistra, Dale and Gloria Walker, Dianna Savage, Jamie Eck, Richard Parker

Guest: Annette, Allie and Jim Tindall

Meeting started 11 minutes late waiting on Doug Archer, Chairman was unable to attend the selectmen's meeting. 6:41pm Lori calls meeting to order.

A summary of minutes from November 15, 2010 was reviewed by all the board members. It was motioned by Lorie Agren and seconded by Wayne Rundlett to accept the minutes as written. All in favor.

Becky discussed about replacing old safe with a new fire proof safe. Lorie wanted to know where the new safe would go and how much it would cost also from where the money would come. Becky stated that the safe can cost from \$2700.00 to \$3400.00. Lorie made a motion on spending \$3000.00 on the fire proof safe, money to come from the micro film account; it was seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in favor. Becky also stated that there are open seats to be filled. One selectmen, one school board member and five MAC seats to be filled. Any nominee can pick up applications as of December 16, 2010 at the town office. Paperwork needs to be returned no later than Jan 20, 2011.

Kip was concerned about the lights on the town buildings not working, Stacie stated that she has already had someone to look

at the lights, and they are going to double check the lights as to why they are not working.

Lorie is looking to fill three (3) member seats on the Appeals Board. She has two but there needs to be five (5) people on the board. The Appeals Board needs to meet Thursday, December 9, 2010 to review the assets and the taxes on a property; this is the second meeting in ten years. If the town of New Portland doesn't have an Appeals Board, it will be handed over to the County Commissioner. Richard Parker, Dale Walker and Jamie Eck have volunteered to be on the Board of Appeals.

Discussion about Deputy Town Manager's position, Stacie informs the selectmen that she has received three applicants and has done three interviews. Stacie also stated that she received one more applicant and has word that another person is coming into the town office to apply also. There was only one of the applicants from New Portland. Stacie welcomes any input from the selectmen on the applicants; Lorie informs Stacie that the selectmen will look over the applicants after the meeting.

Lorie informed everyone that the town office will be closing early at 5:00 pm on December 9, 2010 due to Stacie, the town manager, has an appointment that day.

The selectmen reviewed and signed warrants.

A brief discussion was held about the generator. Lorie talked to a gentleman at the county office; he informed Lorie that the mechanic that did handle all repairs no longer works there. Lorie stated at budget meeting the selectmen need to look into a cost of repairing the generator or the cost of a new one.

As town manager, Stacie welcomed Jim, Annette and Allie the new owners of Tindall's Country Store & Dam Diner previously known as the old Morton's Store. There was a brief talk about when the store will be opening; Jim stated that they have been doing a lot of work in the store with the help of Ken White and his sons, and also with Brian and Wayne Rundlett's help. Jim and Annette stated that they are working to open Tindall's Country Store & Dam Diner during the third week in January or first week in February of 2010.

Lorie motioned for meeting to adjourned; it was seconded by Wayne Rundlett. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

These minutes are just a summary from the meeting and were approved at the December 29, 2010 selectmen's meeting as written. *arf*

Submitted: Annette Folco, Deputy Town Manager

Town Manager

I want to first thank all of the residents who participated in our Food Drive in January. We received a lot of items which I am sure the People Who Care Food Cupboard in Madison will appreciate.

For the month of February I would like to do a Supply Drive for the animal shelter in Farmington. I spoke with Heidi the executive for the shelter who told me that they would very much appreciate any donations of paper towels and 39 gallon trash bags. They work with a pet food supplier for the food they use at their facility, but the shelter uses an extreme amount of paper towels and trash bags doing a daily cleaning of every square inch of the building. So for the month of February, I am asking for just that, paper towels and 39 gallon trash bags that at the end of the month I can take to Farmington's animal shelter with whom New Portland contracts. Just drop off any donations at the town office during business hours.

The selectmen have scheduled a MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT, for February 9 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. We will have all candidates who are running for selectmen and school board present to share a little bit about themselves and why they are interested

in running for the position they have chosen. Refreshments will be provided, and we hope to see you there.

The town office has on file a Notice of Intent to File-Highland Wind, LLC that is available to the public at their request. Respectfully...

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Clerk

There is a change of hours:

Marilyn Gorman will be from 12 noon – 3:00 pm on Mondays

Becky Taylor will be in from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursdays

Greetings Everyone: Looks like a spell of cold weather is upon us, not that we shouldn't expect it, after all, it is January! Hopefully, all of you winter sport enthusiast will get enough snow to enjoy the season's activities. Get out there and ride those sleds, wet the fishing lines, ski, make snow sculptures or whatever your choice may be.

Be kind to your animals make sure they have a place to get shelter from the winter elements. Even if you don't spoil them by letting them sleep on your bed, the couch or even take over the recliner, they deserve a warm dry place to stay too. Also as of February 1, a late charge of \$25.00 per dog will be added to the regular licensing fee. All of this money goes into the municipalities animal welfare account, along with the \$2.00 fee from all fixed dogs. This money helps pay the animal control officer's expenses. 85% of your dog's license goes directly to fighting animal cruelty right here in Maine! The clerk keeps a \$1.00 fee per dog and the rest goes to the state. Please, do your part and license your dog or dogs.

We will be voting for town officials on March 4 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the fire station. Positions will be a three (3) year term for selectman, three (3) year term for school board member, and a one (1) year term for school board. We also are in need of a Municipal Advisory Committee which consists of a seven person board, five members to be elected and two members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. There isn't an Appeals Board at this time either, this is a five person board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Anyone interested in an appointed position should let your Board of Selectmen know, or call your town office to leave your name with Stacie. For elected positions you may come to the office to pick up your papers from the town clerk.

Submitted: Becky Taylor

Candidates

My name is Ken Whitney and I am running for one of the selectmen's position for the town of New Portland.

I am very concerned about the direction our town is taking. We need to reduce the spending and work to lower our taxes.

Everyone who knows me knows I will represent all of the people of New Portland. Please come out and vote; your vote does count. Thank you.

Submitted: Ken Whitney, 265-4365

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Annette Folco. My fiancé Jim, my daughter Allie and I moved here from Cranston, Rhode Island in October of 2010 to reopen the former Morton's Store, soon to be Tindall's Country Store and Dam Diner. I also work part-time

at the town office as deputy town manager. My daughter Allie is in the eighth grade at Carrabec Community School.

I am a candidate for the position of school board member. I have been involved with Policy Council at Head Start from 1988 -2000 in Cranston, Rhode Island. Being part of Policy Council Team at Head Start, we would have to go over budget and administration personnel, also we have to help do fund raising events. I have also been involved in the Policy Council and Special Education Board from 1999-2010 in the Cranston Public School System where my children attended.

It is important to me to be involved in my community and also to be involved in my child's education and that is why I am running for school board. Thank you for your time

Submitted: Annette Folco

New Portland Community Library

Art Show: The New Portland Community Library was designed to show art as well as to house books, and we have been enjoying some wonderful work over the past few years with shows changing every three months. Last week, we hung 53 (that's right - 53) paintings by Sandra Stanton. Her dramatic and commanding goddesses, medicine wheels, and waterscapes are threatening to rock the building from its foundation! Please make a point of cruising over to see this amazing show. And there will be a reception for the artist on Sunday, January 30 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All are welcome. Please come by to see this show! The library is open from 1:00 – 6:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 10:00 am - noon on Saturday.

Submitted: Lolly Phoneix

Friends of the Library

Our next activity night will be February 16 at the library 6:30 pm. Shelby Newell is scheduled to help us with scrapbooking. This was a fun, informative night last year so hope to see many of you this year. Refreshments.

On February 13 at 10:00 am Shelby Newell will be holding our first children's activity at the library. She is planning a cookie decorating time and making a valentine. Please bring your children to the library and have some fun. You will also be able to sign up for a library card and take out books.

If anyone out there has, some ideas for activity nights, please contact Petrina Bearor 628-3061 or Stephanie Campbell 628-2072 or leave a message at the library 628-6561.

New Portland Knitters "Knitwits" meet at the library the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome. We knit, talk, laugh, help each other, and usually have a little something to eat.

Submitted: Petrina Bearor

Book Club: The New Portland Community Library will be reviewing Kathryn Stockett's novel *The Help* during its February 10 meeting at the library. We will be reading *Tinkers* by Paul Harding for our March 10 selection. We meet at the library on River Road, across from Town Hall, at 6:30 pm. See you there!

Submitted: Kay Michka

100 Club: New Portland Library 100 Club winners for December: Betty Cobb, Tim Parent, Ella Clague, Lorie Hibbard, Linda Taylor, Ed Jesteadt, Issac Boucher, Larry Andrews, Jean Antonucci, Cindy Atwood, Alison Thayer, Rosemary Drosky, Petrina Bearor, Mary Butler.

Submitted: Joye Earle

Announcement

ANOTHER PLEA TO THE FOLKS IN LEXINGTON! The New Portland Community Library is still seeking help from the people in Lexington to support the mailings of the *New Portlander* to each household. The library has paid for the Lexington mailings for several years and sadly can no longer afford to do so. New Portlanders and Highlanders have taken on the funding for their papers. Seriously, this paper is the best way to stay in touch and get the news from our towns. Anyone can submit an article! It would only take 13 people who are willing to pay \$10 each to cover these expenses! As of this writing, we have only had two people step up to the plate. As we struggle to maintain community spirit and connectiveness, this paper is a way to do that. Please help with the funding. Please don't let the mailings stop. If you can afford to do so, send a small payment. Remember, some of us who rely on the *New Portlander* might not be able to make any payments. So try to think of these neighbors and help to support them as well.

I, for one, would like to thank Dallas Landry for putting this newsletter together over the years. You've done a great job, Dallas, and I don't want to miss a single edition!

Send your donation to:

Pete Bearor, P.O. Box 184, New Portland, Maine 04961

We at the library; thank you in advance for your help.

Submitted: Dotti Carter

Concerned Citizen's Committee

Concerned Citizens address the Board of Select Person's at their 12/29/10 meeting

The Concerned Citizens Committee addressed the selectpeople at the December 29 meeting regarding the letter of concerns the selectpeople had received from the Concerned Citizens Committee from the November 8, 2010 meeting. Doug addressed the Concerned Citizen Committee members present at this meeting: Terry Handrahan and Bob Whiten.

Doug started with:

1.) The selectpeople will not make any salary/compensation increases without following proper procedures already in place: budget committee and town meeting. ***Doug's view ~ We hear what you are saying and will do our best to carry this thought forward to future selectpersons. As you are well aware as administration changes, things get forgotten or lost in the shuffle. But we (selectpersons) had full authority to do what we did for our hardworking, dedicated Town Manager. Refer to Maine Revised Statutes Title 30-A §2633 Term, Compensation, Removal, Suspension.**

2.) Lack of attendance of the selectpeople, Doug agreed to going with a five member select board to try and correct some of the issues of tabling items. ***Doug's view ~ It does not matter to me (Doug), when or how I receive my stipend. Pay per meeting really needs more thought. Being a selectperson is not just about attending meetings, but rather you are on the job 24/7/365 days a year. Yes, it**

is important to attend meetings, but things do happen. This is where a five member board would be more efficient because you could be missing up to two members and still have a quorum to do official business. Also, there would be better representation of the citizens.

3.) Selectpeople will be required to attend Elected Officials Workshop and a Freedom of Information Act Class ASAP after appointment. ***Doug's view** ~ I (Doug) have done both of these. I have also completed the NIMS IS700 for Emergency Management. Lorie felt that this should be made a policy for New Portland.

4.) Establish a \$15.00 stipend for the Municipal Advisory Committee. ***Doug's view** ~ Referring back to item 1; this probably should be brought forth to the Budget Committee then at the annual town meeting. But it needs to be decided as to how many people will be on this committee and any/if there will be any requirements for attending meetings. Aren't the Concerned Citizens Committee and MAC pretty much one and the same? I believe, MAC was formed from previous concerned citizens.

5.) Request the selectpersons to have MAC research the Town's Charter, TIF and Comprehensive Plan. ***Doug's view** ~ We have done much research with the State and so far have found nothing for a charter for New Portland. Our town manager has been doing extensive research on the TIF, and it's still ongoing. Because of this research, this is how we found out that we need to start using it or lose it and pay taxes on it. For unknown reasons the Comprehensive Plan that we had submitted to the State fell through the cracks. It was never accepted by the State as it was written; they had made some recommendations on changes and we are just completing this process and it's being resubmitted.

6.) Request that the selectpersons look into and research the implications of a five member selectboard. Doug will be looking into this request. ***Doug's view** ~ Not only should we consider a five member board, but we should also look into changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th because our largest budget item is the school budget, and we set our municipal budget without knowing how much we need to allow for the school budget. By going to a fiscal year we would have the school budget in hand when we do the municipal budget.

7.) Asking the selectpeople to determine the mechanisms to spending the surplus in the best interest of the town, so that the citizens of New Portland might possibly see a reduction on their next year's property taxes. ***Doug's view** ~ I believe, this is all ready being done. We need to keep a certain amount of monies available just to run the town and pay bills. And with the snowplow contract lawsuit in question, we did not feel that it was wise to use monies out of surplus. And with the bad economy, we also felt that maybe there would be more people delaying in paying their taxes, which puts a financial burden on the town and without a good surplus we would have to take out a tax anticipation note, which we have not had to do for a number of years now. As a rule of thumb, a town should carry at least 25% of its total budget including the school portion, for a surplus.

8.) The citizens of New Portland ask that the minutes in the **New Portlander** be formal minutes and not a summarized version as they currently are. It is all so suggested that all select persons sign off on the written minutes. ***Doug's view** ~ Having the minutes formal would make the **New Portlander** too large, especially when the meeting lasts for three hours. They are recorded and people can come to the office to listen to them, and we're in hopes that we can get them uploaded to the town's web site. But the best avenue would be to come to the meetings in person and be involved in your town.

9.) For the selectboard to follow protocol and contact MMA first for all legal issues and follow through with MMA recommendations. ***Doug's view** ~ This protocol is nothing new, it's what we all ready do. We do not get lawyers involved just for the fun of it.

10.) We, the citizens of New Portland, ask that the select people respond to these issues in writing. The correspondence should be addressed to the Concerned Citizens Committee of New Portland and the **New Portlander**. ~ **Response:** Doug stated that he felt this was his response and no further response would be taken.

*Doug's views, not officially from the selectboard.

Concerned Citizen's Meeting; January 18, 2011; New Portland Community Library 6:00 pm

Committee Attendance: Danika Bates, Bob Whitten, Terry Handrahan, Bobbie-Sue Crawford, Mike Dentico; Absent: Alice Bixby, David Kooistra, David Reed

Update of the December 29 selectmen's meeting: Terry and Bob attended the meeting and asked for answers to the concerns submitted to the selectmen on November 24. Lorie claimed that she never received hers, thought that perhaps it may have been caught up in her SPAM filter at work. Wayne acknowledged his but did not comment, and Doug was willing to share his views on the items. Review of Doug's views (unofficial): discussed submitting them to the **New Portlander** for publishing and decided that we should ask Doug if he minds the committee doing so.

At this meeting, it was also mentioned by the selectmen that at their Elected Officials Workshop that they, in fact, do not have to keep any type of minutes for selectmen's meetings (recorded, written, or otherwise). The selectpeople did, however, say that they did not think this was a good idea.

Municipal Advisory Committee: After speaking with Judi Wills, this committee was not formed by concerned citizen's as Doug had made mention. The committee felt that MAC should most definitely be re-enacted, active in the community in gathering concerns, and act as a liaison between the residents of New Portland and the selectboard.

Budget Committee: Danika will find out definitely when the Budget Committee meeting is going to take place. Budget Committee Meeting tentatively for Wednesday, January 26 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. Bob mentioned that Stacie Rundlett as town manager appointed the Budget Committee this year. It was mentioned that the Budget Committee members are Jen Cooley, Brenda Stevens, Gene Hutchins, Bonnie Atwood, Judi Wills, Jamie Eck and Polly MacMichael.

New articles to go to the selectboard: The committee discussed openly other concerns and issues within the town, and it was mentioned that the Road Commissioner position is an indefinite position. After going back through the town reports and the **New Portlander** newsletters, we find that the Road Commissioner already has a three year term, which comes up for renewal in 2012, having been appointed in 2006 and 2009. All of the appointed positions but the fire chief have terms of two or three years. Important, however, for the town to pay attention in those renewal years, if there is dissatisfaction. Also, discussed was the fact that residents were under the impression that any work done for the town in excess of \$3000.00 was to be placed out to bid to the public. This question was raised at a selectmen's meeting by Maynard Handrahan; however, all of

the research done only shows that it applies to the roads in New Portland. To which, the Concerned Citizen's Committee would like to develop an article to amend the existing article to include all work done for the town. **"For the town's people to vote on placing all expenses in excess of \$3000.00 out to public bid in at least two (2) printed publications in addition to the *New Portlander*."**

Petitions for the articles: Articles that were already drawn up and printed where passed around for signatures. We are hoping to get 25-30 signatures before submitting to the town. Terry Handrahan was told at the December 29 selectmen's meeting that it was not necessary for the Concerned Citizen's Committee to petition for these articles to be listed on the warrant at the Town Meeting. However, the Concerned Citizen's Committee feels it is important to see this through. Since Terry Handrahan could not get a definite answer on how many signatures are needed, we are in hopes that 25-30 signatures will be enough to show the selectboard that we do have support for these and that people want the opportunity to vote on the items. If the selectboard does not follow through on their offer to list the articles on the warrant for the March town meeting, the Concerned Citizen's Committee will continue to get the signatures needed for the petition and will submit to the town; to which they will have to hold a special town meeting within 30 days for the town to vote on these articles.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for 6:00 pm February 2, 2011 at the New Portland Community Library!

Submitted: Terry Handrahan

Friends of Highland Mountains

On February 6, Friends of the Highland Mountains will be holding its biweekly meeting at the New Portland Community Center at 1:00 pm. FHM has been meeting regularly for over one year now, mostly in Highland Plantation. With the recent submission of Highland Wind LLC's revised permit application to LURC, and the growing prospect of several hundred turbines being placed in and around the local communities by other developers, we felt it was time to make our meeting locations more diversified and representative of the scope of the likely impacts.

As most people are aware by now, four separate developers have now proposed wind projects in ten different towns, plantations or townships, stretching from Highland eastward into Piscataquis County. One of these developers, Iberdrola Renewables, is the largest operator of wind turbine facilities in the world. Regardless of your feelings on wind development, the character of our community will be forever transformed if this level of industrial development proceeds. Friends of the Highland Mountains was granted intervenor status by LURC in the matter of the Highland Wind LLC proposal in Highland Plantation. Support for our organization has grown tremendously over the last year as we work to preserve our "quality of place" in central Somerset County.

If you are interested in learning more about the Highland development proposal or others in our area or would like to become more involved, we invite you to come out and enjoy a light, free lunch and refreshments. We will be happy to answer any questions and share what we have learned about industrial wind development in the last year. We will also be conducting our normal meeting activities during this time, and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

Submitted: Alan Michka

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The January meeting was called to order with seven members present. The secretary's minutes were read and accepted.

Trail Master Report: Two more bridges have been rebuilt, so we should be all set for the season now.

We need to contact the Kingfield club to check on the status of the Millay Hill Trail, on their end, to see if they are able to use the trail this year. Some signing needs to be done on the new section of trail on Route 16. The landowner said snowmobiles are still coming into his driveway, instead of using the new trail. Several trails need to have some brushing done; if interested, contact Lewis or Kendall for details. Trails have still not been groomed because of lack of snow. Hopefully, we will see more of the white stuff, so we can enjoy our trails.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. The next meeting will be February 19, at the fire station, starting at 6:30 pm.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Literacy Volunteers

Do you like to read? Do you know how it feels to go into a supermarket and not be able to read the labels on the cans and boxes?

There are over 100,000 adults in Maine who not only have trouble doing their grocery shopping but cannot fill out a job application, read the directions on a medicine bottle, read a notice their child brings home from school, read a bedtime story to their children, or just curl up with a good book on a snowy evening.

Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties is a non-profit, United Way supported organization which trains tutors to teach people to improve their reading skills. We are offering a 13 hour Basic Reading Tutor Training Workshop in Skowhegan this spring at the University of Maine Extension Office. It begins on Tuesday, March 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and continues on Saturdays, March 26 and April 2 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

To sign up call 474-7553, or 628-5451. There is a \$20 fee, but scholarships are available. We have students waiting in both counties.

Community Churches

Hoping everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and are looking forward to a new year with good health and happiness.

To update you on what is happening in the churches, we have been very encouraged to see what has been accomplished since October. Everyone has been very positive and there is a real community spirit. We are continuing to have visiting preachers coming to lead Sunday worship during the absence of a full-time minister. The committee to find an interim pastor has stepped up the frequency of their meetings now that the holidays are over. The recommendations of the Presbytery and the views expressed by individuals and the members of all three churches are being considered before any decisions are taken in regard to what kind of minister will be sought.

It is a long and thoughtful process, and we hope you will be patient with this time consuming time. Respectfully...

Submitted: Helen Atwood, Clerk

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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Deadline for Dog Licensing without Late Fee!	2 Concerned Citizen's Meeting 6:00 pm NPCL	3	4	5 Town Office Open 8 am - noon
6 Friends of the Highland Mountains Community Meeting Room 1:00 pm	7	8 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Meet the Candidates Community Room 6:30 pm	10 Children's Activity "Cookies & Valentines" at NPCL 10:00 am Knitwits - NPCL 10:00 am Book Club at NPCL at 6:30 pm	11	12
13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 Activity Night "Scrapbooking" at NPCL 6:30 pm	17	18	19 Wire Bridge Snow Travelers Meeting Room 6:30 pm
20	21 President's Day Town Office Closed Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	22	23	24 Deadline for the New Portlander 4:00 pm Knitwits - NPCL 10:00 am	25	26
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