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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 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

First Saturday of each month 8:00 am - noon
(except Holiday weekends)

Town Clerk: Becky Taylor

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Monday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

1st & 3rd Thursdays 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

2nd & 4th Thursdays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

First Saturday of each month 8:00 am - 12:00 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

The Town of New Portland is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

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 Jan. 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**

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

Selectmen

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Selectmen Present: Doug Archer, Chair; Lorie Agren, Wayne Rundlett; Department Heads Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett; Present: Polly MacMichael, Robert MacMichael, Rick Poulin

6:30 pm Doug calls the meeting to order.

No items by the public.

A summary of minutes from the meeting of November 02, 2010 were reviewed by all board members. It was motioned by Doug Archer and seconded by Lorie Agren to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor.

Lorie discussed with everyone her findings about the generator that was given to the Town by the County. She stated that the person she did have a chance to speak with at the County was unable to provide her with any documentation that any work had been done to the generator. She had left her cell number and work number to be contacted about the terms which the generator was given to the Town. Stacie stated that the total cost so far to do the installation of this generator is \$783.68.

Stacie discussed with the board that having a second signature for town accounts has been put on hold, since her deputy had given her notice to resign. Doug stated that having one signature on the accounts is how the town has operated in the past anyways so we would not be doing anything different. Stacie stated that she was trying to follow through with the recommendation of the auditor by having a second signature added to the Town accounts.

Two real estate abatements were reviewed and signed by the Selectmen: Kendall and Roxanne Decker for \$84.00; Loyde Louiselle for \$22.32.

There was a brief discussion about taxes and a future plan for the Town.

The selectmen reviewed and signed the warrants. There was a brief discussion regarding the Dale Earle lawsuit and how it was finalized with the issuance of a check once the selectmen signed the warrant. There was a discussion regarding the amount of money that is in the Town's surplus account. There was a discussion regarding one of the invoices from Tranten's for the Fire Department for the amount of \$4.36. Stacie shared with the board that all outstanding taxes were caught up to what is required by the State of Maine being for the year of 2008.

Lorie informed everyone that she called the State of Maine about an animal control issue dealing with a complaint about a horse that is in really bad shape. She posted a 24 hour notice in two places on the property. She said the State should be contacting her within the next 24 hours and work with Lorie to take care of this issue. There was a brief discussion about a cat issue on Bennett Hill Road. Lorie was in hopes that when the State of Maine authorities came to address

the horse issue she could also get them to help with the cat issue on Bennett Hill Road.

Doug motioned for the meeting to adjourned it was seconded by Lorie.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

These minutes are just a summary from the meeting and were approved at the December 6, 2010 Selectmen's Meeting as written. sr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Manager

Due to many public statements and accusations that have been made recently about myself, the board of selectmen and the Town of New Portland's future, I would like nothing better than to clarify a lot of the confusion. But as some of you may already know most of it has been nothing more than small town gossip. It was brought to my attention that if so many residents were truly concerned about the town and its future they would go straight to the source to find out what was really going on. What is really disheartening is the way some people are representing their town and their public officials that they voted into office. Since starting here at my position I have been trying to emphasize to people the importance of COMMUNITY and TEAMWORK within our town and working together on issues. So I decided I would start the New Year off on a positive note in hopes that it might create a more positive energy within our town. I thought about how during the holidays so many of us are in the giving spirit and very generous, and then what? The holidays end and most people go back to their busy lifestyles. Why not try to carry some of the giving spirit and positive energy on throughout the whole year. So I decided to try a Food Drive to help assist New Portland's local Food Cupboard. During the month of January I have designated a drop off destination at the Town Office to collect canned food and dry goods. Any non perishable item would be a great help according to Barbara Santiago from the People Who Care Food Cupboard in Madison. This is where local residents are directed to go in a time of need. At the end of the month I plan on taking any items we have collected for this food drive to the Food Cupboard in Madison and visit the facility for the first time. We are presented with so many opportunities to volunteer or help others within our community and I wanted to do something I have not done before. Often times we purchase items that sit on our shelves for a very long time for whatever reason. Why not take those items and donate to a local Food Cupboard where there is such a great need. If all goes well for this first attempt I plan on doing it many more times throughout the year since Barbara has stated to me that during the warmer months of the year the donations decline, but the needs of our local residents do not. Won't you join me?

Happy New Year to all of you! May the year 2011 be even better than you had hoped.

Respectfully...

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library: Activity Night will be January 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the New Portland Community Library conference room. Come create a comfy, cozy craft. Enjoy some tea, coffee, or water and a homemade dessert. We know it's cold outside, but you'll leave here comfy and cozy inside.

Knitwits: Knitting or whatever handicraft will be meeting the second and fourth Thursday at the library 10:00 am. That's January 13 and January 27 unless the weather is unfavorable, such as a snowstorm. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Submitted: Petrina Bearor and Stephanie Campbell

100 Club winners for October are as follows: B. Cobb, M. Dunham, J. Edes, R. Whitten, I. Boucher, D. Archer, R. Arrington, R. Morey, M. Butler, P. Anderson and P. Bearor.

Winners for November are as follows: E. Clague, K. Michka, G. Cupples, R. Montagu, G. Cobb, B. Brown, J. Moes and J. Bryant.

Announcement

Notice to Lexington Residents!!! The New Portland Community Library is seeking help in funding the mailing expenses for the *New Portlander* to Lexington residents. For many years, the the New Portland Community Library has supported these mailings. Presently, the towns of Highland and New Portland provide money so that everyone in those communities may receive this important monthly newsletter. Folks from Lexington are asked to donate money so that they too can continue to get the news of our towns. I know that I read the *New Portlander* from cover to cover and would surely miss it. We need to work together to keep getting the *New Portlander* in our boxes. I'll start the donations. Send yours to Pete Bearor, East New Portland Road, New Portland, Maine 04961. We at the library; thank you in advance for your help. Have a wonderful New Year.

Submitted: Dotti Carter

Special Announcement

Alfie the Elf is alive and well: To all former staff and students of Central Elementary School. I wanted to let you all know Alfie the Elf visited me December 18. He decorated my front door with a red and gold garland. Then the little elf decided to have some fun and built himself a slide covered with snow. I am assuming he took a few trips down it before he left. I certainly enjoyed his visit. Maybe next year he will visit you. Hope this brings a big smile to your faces. It did mine.

Submitted: Petrina Bearor

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee had organized a *Tour of New Portland Light*; this was held on December 5. People were to gather at the North New Portland Church. We were fortunate to have Richard and Lisa Emery bring a trailer pulled with their tractor. Also, Kenneth and Wardie Atwood brought their trailer pulled by Kenneth with his pick up. Richard and Bonnie Atwood donated hay for both wagons. At 4:30 pm people started to gather and by 5:00 pm the wagons were full. The tour started in the North Village to Danielle Rawson where the group were treated to a great display. The tour then went back to School Street and was treated to lights and displays all the way to West New Portland. During the entire ride people sang, laughed and snuggled deep in their blankets. The singing and laughing could be heard thorough out the villages as we traveled. The tour then proceeded to the Community Room, where hot cocoa, coffee and cookies were waiting. Everyone talked and laughed and enjoyed the refreshments. The "Tour" was a great success, and we were asked to organize this again for next year.

On behalf of the committee a special *Thank You* to several people: Richard and Lisa Emery, Kenneth and Wardie Atwood, Richard and Bonnie Atwood, and all the members of the recreation committee for the cocoa, coffee, and cookies.

Next meeting will be January 19, 2011. Let the New Year bring peace, love and hope for the world!!

Submitted: Judi Wills

Thank You

I just wanted to thank all the people who took time and energy to decorated the villages. It is amazing to drive to work early in the morning after the town is first decorated and just see the lights and sparkles.

We do have very caring and dedicated people to do this. I would also like to thank the group that worked on the East New Portland Bridge. We were so organized and had such a good group of people it was it done faster than ever. Richard, Lisa, Joey and Sadie Emery, Brian, Stacy and Devon Rundlett, Robert, Marsha and Rachael Siviski and Lewis Wills. This year we were all treated to a brunch hosted by Ed Boyer. He wanted to restart our tradition of going to Greg and Liz Dowty's after decorating the bridge. Also, Jim and Jane Heichel for storing all our garland. It was a wonderful time and a BIG thank you to all once again.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

The December meeting was called to order with seven members present.

The secretary's minutes were read and accept.

Trail Master's Report: Both of the grants have been sent to the state. All of the trails are set to go with the exception of the trail into North New Portland. It still has not been decided exactly where to have that trail go yet.

Reminder: If you do any kind of trail work (signing, brushing, etc.), please keep track of your time and give it to Kendall so he can include it in the grants.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm. Our next meeting will be January 15, 2011 at the Fire Station meeting room, starting at 6:30 pm.

After the meeting, we enjoyed some delicious snacks, good conversation and had a Yankee swap. If you see a squirrel with underwear on, you can thank Secret Santa.

Hope that everyone has safe and happy holidays!

Submitted: Joyce Knowles



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Town Office Open 8 am - noon
2	3	4 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	5 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11 NPCL Board of Trustees 6:00 pm NPF - 7:00 pm	12 Water District Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Knitwits - NPCL 10:00 am	14	15 Wire Bridge Snow Travelers Meeting Room 6:30 pm
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19 Activity Night at NPCL 6:30 pm Recreation Committee Meeting	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 Deadline for the <i>New Portlander</i> 4:00 pm NPF - 7:00 pm	26	27 Knitwits - NPCL 10:00 am	28	29