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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

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

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 6:30 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 July 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.

Notices

The Planning Board will be hosting an informational meeting only on Wind Energy Facility Ordinances during their regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 6, 2011. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm at the Community Room in the Fire Station. The public is invited, and anyone interested in learning or sharing information on Wind Tower Ordinances is encouraged to attend.

There will be a Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, July 5 at 6:30 pm, a Planning Board Meeting Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 pm, a Selectmen's Meeting Monday, July 18 at 6:30 pm, a Recreation Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES - MAY 16, 2011

Opening of Sealed Bids on Tax Acquired Property, Public Hearing on TIF Amendments

Selectmen Present: Doug Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Becky Taylor, Bertrand Dyer, Alyce Dyer, Alfred Bolduc, Marilyn Gorman, Mrs. Wulf, Jamie Eck

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Chairman Douglas Archer opened and read all sealed bids. First bid was from David Reed for Map 12 Lot 33 in the amount of \$4,100. Second bid was from Chris Williams and Sherry Callahan for Map 12 Lot 33 in the amount of \$3,500. The third bid was from Ryan Delaney for Map 11 Lot 5 in the amount of \$4,200. The fourth bid was from Diane and Randall Emery, Jr. for Map 12 Lot 33 in the amount of \$2,579.99. All bids met the requirements for the bidding process. There was a discussion regarding the 3 bids for Map 12 Lot 33. Doug motioned to accept David Reed's bid of \$4,100 for Map 12 Lot 33. Andrea seconded and all were in favor. Andrea motioned to accept Ryan Delaney's bid of \$4,200 for Map 11 Lot 5. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea motioned to accept minutes from May 5, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting as written. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Payroll Warrant #17 (\$940.87) was reviewed and signed.

The Board of Selectmen took a few moments to pass out information regarding the proposed amendments to the

Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) Development Program. The amendments are additional potential public improvement projects on which the TIF revenues can be spent. These projects were updated since the current Development Program only has four projects that were passed at the 2003 annual Town Meeting. There was a brief discussion.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen about the sale of the generator that was donated to the town from Somerset County. Larry Post from Somerset County emailed Stacie to notify her that the town was authorized to sell the generator if they so choose. There was a discussion about the worth of the generator and minimum amounts to accept once it went out to bid. It was suggested for Stacie to contact a company out of Scarborough, Maine that has inspected this machine before and ask them for a ballpark figure of what it might be worth. There was a discussion about getting this information to the Board members by email so that Stacie could finish an ad that needs to go into the June *New Portlander*. All Board members were in agreement to do this.

There was a discussion about the fence issue on the Middle Road that Gary had discussed with the Board at the May 3 meeting. Stacie had contacted the person who installed the fence and it was taken down on May 4.

Stacie asked the Board members how to proceed with the application and interviewing process for the Assessor's Agent position. Andrea discussed with everyone if they would be able to review the applicants individually and then email the top choices to Stacie to compare their choices. All members were in agreement to do this. They set a deadline of May 19 to get that information to Stacie. Then they would figure out schedules to set up interviews for the position. There was a brief discussion of time options to set up interviews.

Andrea discussed a question from the Planning Board on how the Selectmen wished the Planning Board to proceed with a Wind Tower Ordinance. Doug asked how the residents in attendance felt about such an ordinance. Bert Dyer felt the town did need an ordinance. Brian Rundlett, Planning Board member, shared with everyone some information the Planning Board learned about Wind Tower Ordinances at their last meeting. Andrea motioned to authorize or ask the Planning Board to work on a Wind Tower Ordinance for the Town of New Portland. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea spoke to the other Board members about the communication between the Kingfield Administrative Assistant and Stacie. All board members were in agreement that faxes from the Kingfield office were not considered collaborating with Stacie to cover administrative duties of the Transfer Station. Stacie stated that she has called the Kingfield office to speak directly to Doug Marble a few times

without success. The Selectmen were all in agreement to discuss this issue in more detail at the next Transfer Station Meeting.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

These minutes are just a summary from the meeting and were approved at the June 7, Selectmen's Meeting as written.
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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 7, 2011

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Dwayne Ricker, Ed Boyer, Stacie Rundlett, Kay Rand

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. The Selectmen reviewed the minutes from May 23 meeting. Andrea motioned to accept minutes as written; Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Kay Rand, a consultant for Central Maine Power, presented to the Board information regarding smart meters that will be installed in the New Portland area later this fall. She provided information packets for all present. She reviewed all the information with everyone and answered a few questions.

Kip briefed the selectmen about the pump tests that have been done on the fire trucks recently. Stacie shared with the board and Kip a brief discussion she had with one of the insurance agents regarding claims submitted in the past. Kip reviewed with the board the fire truck that is for sale that would meet the departments' needs. He also reviewed the additional costs for airfare to get to Florida, which is where the truck is located. There was a brief discussion about the truck. Andrea motioned to authorize Kip to negotiate the purchase of the fire truck in Florida, not to exceed \$40,000.00 without coming back to the board. Funds to come from the sale of the 1988 White Mack, the Fire Truck Replacement account and the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account. The additional costs to go to Florida if the sale goes through will need to come back before the board before they will authorize the expenditures for that.

Gary reviewed with the board costs of culverts that need to be replaced. He reviewed with the board that he is waiting to hear back from Broad Cove Associates on the costs of the slip line that he needs for Middle Road project. He reviewed the roads that have been graded. Dwayne Ricker asked about the length of time it takes for grading work. Gary explained several reasons why it takes a longer time than most people expect to do road grading. There was a brief discussion about the subject. Gary discussed with

the board that he is considering having the aprons of some roads paved this year.

There was a brief discussion about the old fire station in the West Village and the windows that needed to be fixed.

Stacie presented to the board the payroll warrant and accounts payable warrant for them to review and sign. She also discussed with the Board that she would like to move forward with the Board's decision to make changes to the website.

Andrea asked if it would be put on the agenda for the July meeting listing that the funds will be spent for this from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account. She still supports the previous decision to go ahead with the changes but wanted it made aware to the public where the funds to do so would be coming from.

Andrea pointed out a road sign that was missing.

Stacie shared with the board the list of items that she will be sharing with Doug Marble from Kingfield to help with the administrative duties for the Transfer Station. She also shared with the board that she would be having an additional meeting with Doug Marble and Peter Gardner to address three more issues at the Transfer Station.

Andrea asked to have time sheets attached to the payroll warrants in the future.

The board reviewed with Stacie a recent decision made by the Somerset County Commissioners dealing with an abatement denial the Town of New Portland's Appeals Board had made with a property owned by Ronald Pinkham. The County Commissioner's requested that the Town of New Portland reduce the valuation of the old Central School property that is now owned by Mr. Pinkham. From all the information that was provided to Stacie because there was an Appeals Board the County Commissioner's had no authority to make a decision regarding this matter. There was a brief discussion regarding the valuation of the property. Andrea motioned that Stacie write a letter in reply to the County Commissioner's request informing them that they did not have the authority to act on this matter because the Town of New Portland did have an Appeals Board that did meet twice regarding Mr. Pinkham's abatement request. Andrea stated that to her knowledge the next step would be for Mr. Pinkham to take the town to court regarding the matter, not request that the County Commissioner's to act on the matter. There was a brief discussion on this matter and the condition of the building in question.

Stacie reviewed with the board the times of scheduled interviews to be conducted on Thursday, June 9.

There was a brief discussion about Transfer Station expenses and options for the town of New Portland.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting; Andrea seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

These minutes are just a summary from the meeting and were approved at the June 20th, Selectmen's Meeting as written.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA - JULY 5, 2011, 6:30 PM

Roster: Selectmen: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett

Call the meeting to order:

1. Review minutes from previous meeting
2. Department Heads: Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Becky Taylor, Bert Dyer
3. Manager Items
 - a. Payroll and A/P Warrants to be signed
 - b. To see if the Selectmen will authorize funds to be spent from the Tax Increment Finance account to update the Town's website (this is an approved project for expenditure of funds)
 - c. InfoME-Rapid Renewal; discussion to see if the Selectmen will authorize the Town Manager to sign the town up for Rapid Renewal authority through the Maine.gov website
 - d. Municipay- discussion to see if the Selectmen are still in favor of offering credit card transactions
 - e. Discussion to see if the Selectmen are still in favor of changing the mailing address from a Post Office Box to a mailbox at our Town Office location.
4. Items by the Board of Selectmen
5. Items by the public

Meeting to adjourn

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Manager

TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Search Reopened

The Town of New Portland is accepting applications for the position of part-time Deputy Town Manager/Administrative Assistant (23 hours per week). This employee is appointed by and directly responsible to the Town Manager and shall perform those duties whenever the Town Manager deems necessary.

This position is a challenging and highly responsible position involving first line of customer service to citizens. Candidates should possess good organizational and communication skills, excellent customer service skills, computer knowledge a must,

and person should be capable of multi-tasking with minimal supervision. Major duties include but are not limited to motor vehicle registrations, sport licensing, recreational vehicle registrations and tax collection. Training will be provided and necessary certifications will be a requirement.

A minimum of high school education or equivalent with advanced training in accounting procedures with ongoing training in municipal accounting is required.

To obtain an employment application and a copy of the job description along with other information, please contact the Town Manager's Office, PO Box 629 New Portland, Maine 04954 or by calling 207-628-4441. **Applications are due in the Town Manager's Office on or before 7:00 pm, July 14, 2011.** The Town of New Portland is an equal opportunity employer.

THE TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND IS INVITING BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- One 1988 Mack R688ST Truck, VIN # 1M2N187Y6JW025167, White in color. Mack 350 9 speed manual transmission. Current mileage is 0930. Front two seats only. The minimum bid for this vehicle will start at \$5,000.
- One 2003, Onan Generator, Model # 47GGFE with 43 hours of operation. The minimum bid for this machine will start at \$5,000.

Both the 1988 Mack and the 2003 Generator can be seen at the New Portland Fire Station, around the back side of the building. If you have questions please call Stacie at (207) 628-4441 ext. #1 during regular office hours, which are Monday through Wednesday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Each bid must include the bidder's name, mailing address and phone number and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified check or money order, in an amount equal to or greater than 10% of the bid price. Each successful bidder's deposit will be credited to the total purchase price for that item. Deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Any bid which does not contain the proper deposit will be rejected. All sales will be as is where is.

Each bid may be for one item only. Any person wishing to bid on both items must submit a separate bid for each item. The Board of Selectmen must receive all bids no later than 5:00 pm on July 14, 2011. Late bids will not be opened or considered.

In the event that a successful bidder fails for any reason to complete the purchase in the time stated, the bid acceptance is void and the bidder's deposit shall be forfeited to the Town. The Board of Selectmen may thereafter ne-

gotiate a sale of the property with any or all unsuccessful bidders.

**Send sealed bids to:
PO Box 629
New Portland, ME 04961**

Mark clearly on outside of envelope "**Mack Truck bid**" or "**Generator bid**". **Bids must be received by July 14, 2011 at 5:00 pm.** Bids will be opened and read at the July 18, 2011, Selectmen's meeting to be held at the Fire Station in the Community Room at 6:30 pm. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Reminder Notice: This is just a reminder to all property owners in New Portland that a Building Notification Ordinance was enacted at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. This ordinance applies to any new structures and additions, including emplaced mobile and modular homes that are over 50 square feet or 500 cubic feet of volume. Before construction is started the owner shall complete an Intention to Build Notification Form. These forms may be obtained from the Town Office.. Residential Building Notification fee will be \$20.00 and Residential Accessory Building Notification fee will be \$10.00.

If you have any questions please call the Town Office.

NOTE: The Town Office will be CLOSED on Saturday, July 2, 2011 in observance of Independence Day.

Town Clerk

The Clerk's Office will not be open the first Saturday of July, nor will it be opened the week of July 11 - 15.

I want to wish you all a very happy and safe Fourth of July!

Submitted: Becky Taylor, Town Clerk

New Portland Community Library

Did you know that with one little yellow library card from the New Portland Community Library you can borrow books and DVDs, access the internet, gaze at the artwork of talented local people, and interact with people in the community? All free! How can you beat that kind of deal? Take five minutes to stop in and get a library card. You won't be disappointed.

We have several new DVDs including *The King's Speech*, *Life As We Know It*, and *True Grit*. Stop by and borrow a movie today!

Calling all creative teens, Julia Bouwsma will be starting a Writer's Group on Tuesday, July 12 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. All teens from fifth grade through high school are welcome.

Bring a notebook or journal, your favorite pencil and pen, and join us to let those creative juices flow.

Submitted: Shelby Newell

Thanks to everyone who supported the library "Plant, Book and Bake Sale" last month. We had such wonderful donations of great things to sell that we had plenty to offer all the hardy souls that came out for the day! Hooray for Karen Pease and her family for offering and assembling the large awning that helped shelter and expand the fund raiser activities. Many thanks to Jim Taylor of Lexington TWP for generously making sturdy signboards to advertise our events roadside. Thank you to Atwood Nursery for always helping us out. We appreciate the vendors and speakers who shared their talents and a percentage of their profits, and three cheers for the hard working volunteers who made the day possible. Most of all, we thank all the folks who showed up to take part and confirm the library is a valuable part of this community.

The Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 13 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Community Room across from the library on River Road. Ice cream with toppings and homemade strawberry shortcake are the featured attractions. The library will be open. Used books will be for sale. Raffle donations will be displayed that night, and ticket sales will begin. We'll sell tickets for a month, then draw at the second ice cream social planned in July. That's right. You can scream for ice cream twice this summer at the Library Ice Cream Socials!

The Spring Art Show, which brought so much color and vibrancy during those last shorter days in April will be coming down to be replaced with . . . the OFFSPRING Show! Seven family units will be showing their work throughout the summer, with a reception for the artists to be announced soon.

The Knitwits meet at the library the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 – 11:30 am. Bring your knitting, your knotting, your quilting, your quilling, your mending that's pending and join us!

The Book Club is taking a little summer vacation but we'll announce our upcoming selections soon.

Stay tuned for details about a Children's Summer Reading Program with Shelby and a writer's workshop group forming. Signs at the post office and library, the New Portland Community Group on Facebook, the *New Portlander*, messages on the 628-6561 library phone, and seasonal activity fliers are all good ways to keep up with the new things the library is offering!

Submitted: Kay Michka

New Portland Community Churches

Summer Services started at the North New Portland Church on June 12 and will be held there until early fall. Services are Sundays at 11:00 am. We welcome Reverend Robert Goodin to the pulpit. Please join us.

PLEASE NOTE: Posters and advertising for the North New Portland Community Church Celtic Concert series were in error. **There will be NO concert on July 5.**

North New Portland Community Church Celtic concert series had a successful start on June 6 with Irish flutist and singer Nuala Kennedy. Ms. Kennedy delivered a mix of traditional and eclectic Celtic music that was perfectly accompanied by Cape Breton, fiddler Andrea Beaton, and Maine guitarist Owen Marshall. The evening was a real treat for concert-goers, and we hope you will consider joining the fun for the next two concerts:

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 7:00 PM

Singer/songwriter Ian Sherwood and friends

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 7:00 PM

Ashlin, a five piece family band from Newfoundland

ADMISSION:

Adults - \$8.00

Children under 12 - \$5

Family - \$20

Concerts are held in the lovely North New Portland Community Church on Hancock Pond Road in North New Portland.

Submitted: Nan Berry

Announcement

New Portland has a new store!

Friday, June 3, we opened our doors for business with our community. We did not publish an opening date, so as to ease into day to day operations, this being to price merchandise, set displays, and establish daily routines. Plus we had missed our initial advertised opening date by four months. While there was no doubt the amount of time and material required would be costly, I believe, we were overly optimistic. Which is not a bad thing, since that same optimism led to increase our determination to get the doors open. With a good amount of paint, caulking, wood, electrical wire, plumbing fixtures, nails, and daily visits to Jordan's Lumber, we have been able to remodel and revive a town landmark. I hope to the approval and taste of all our town folk.

Annette, Allie, and I feel truly blessed to have come upon such a wonderful town and to have had the ability to provide a new store. We apologize that it took so long to complete but assure everyone that it was worth waiting for. We'd like to thank Jean and Gerry Morton for believing in us and for all their advice. We'd like to thank the many volunteers who made the store reopening possible. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Tindall's Country Store will stay committed to providing value pricing, a wide array of stock, and timely response to customer suggestions. We have stocked the store basically with everyday needs and plan to add additional items each week. We still need Gifford's ice cream, cough drops, Cascade...we'll get there. We hope to furnish and accessorize the store to compliment our town and impress all that pass through. We hope the store is one you can be proud of.

We will be opening a kitchen to the rear of the building and have designed this area "the Dam Diner." We'll be open for breakfast and lunch. Our menu will carry pizza, hot/cold subs, and many other goodies. We're currently in the process of acquiring bid submittals for the installation of propane and fire suppression for our exhaust hood in the kitchen. Hopefully, this will fall into place quickly.

Have a safe and happy "4th of July"! Hope to see you at the store!

STORE HOURS:

Sunday, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

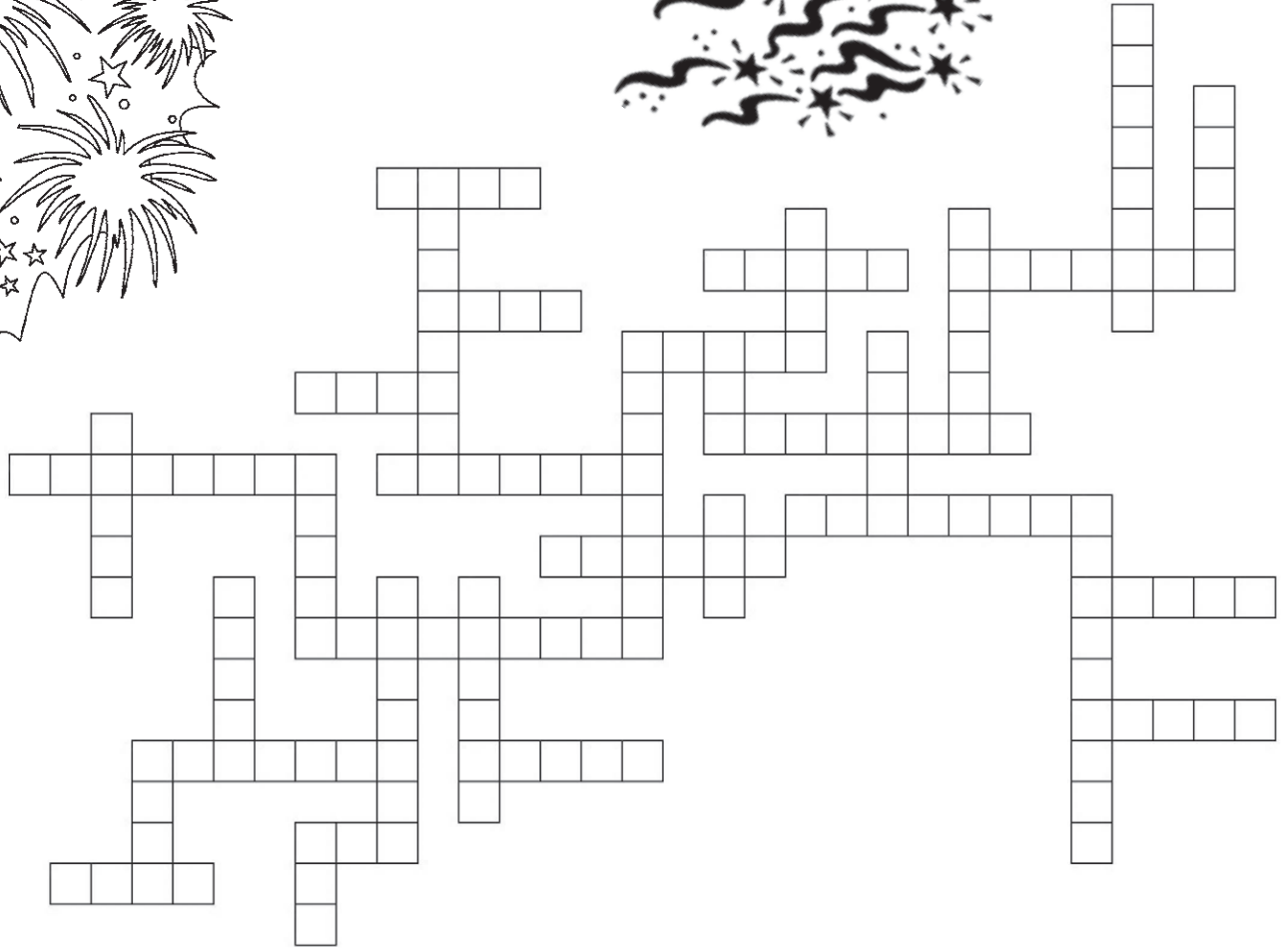
Monday – Wednesday 6:00 am – 9:00 pm

Thursday – Saturday 6:00 am – 10:00 pm

*Yours truly,
Annette, Allie, and Jim*



FOURTH OF JULY FILL-IN



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4 letter words

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home
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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
JULY 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Town Clerk Closed July 2 and July 11 - 15						Town Office CLOSED
3	4 Independence Day	5 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	6 School Board - 6:00 pm Wind Energy Facility Ordinances at Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Writer's Group - NPCL 5:00 - 7:00 pm Library Board - 6:00 pm NPFD - 6:30 pm	13 Annual Ice Cream Social Community Room 5:30 - 6:30 pm Water District 7:00 pm	14 Knitwits 10:00 am NPCL Deputy Town Manager's Applications due 7:00 pm Town Manager's Office	15 Mack Truck & Generator bid due at 5:00 pm Town Office	16
17	18 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Singer/Songwriter Ian Sherwood & Friend North Village Church 7:00 pm	20 Rec Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24/31	25	26 NPFD - 6:30 pm	27	28 Knitwits 10:00 am NPCL	29	30