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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

**Assessor's Agent:** Every other Monday ..... 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
or call to schedule a meeting

## Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**  
1st Tuesday & 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
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**  
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am
- **Writer's Group (NPCL)**  
4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm

## Selectmen

The office will be closed for training on October 5 and 6 for training purposes. Town office will be closed on October 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

*Thank you.*

## Selectmen's Minutes

### MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR AUGUST 15, 2011

Selectmen present: Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert, Doug Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Bert Dyer, Terri Lamontagne, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Richard Ames, Michael Kankainen, Laura and Howard Dunham

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm.

Doug brought to the board's attention some information on the state statutes regarding tree growth laws. There was a discussion on the tree growth notifications. There was a brief discussion on the tree growth violation issue that happened in 2008. Terri discussed the law that complies with what had occurred regarding the tree growth violation in 2008. There was a brief discussion. Doug then reviewed the penalties written by the statutes. State statutes require that a minimal penalty has to be imposed.

During the discussion the board members questioned the assessor's agents about the changes to the statutes. Bert discussed with the board members the formula of what the minimal penalty would possibly be in this matter. There was further discussion on the penalties and which should be imposed. The board members and assessors agents both agree that there is no other option but a penalty for the violation. Board members ask about the minimal penalty and which formula to use. The town is required to impose minimal penalty that the assessor's agents have provided minus the taxes. Doug motions to assess penalty according to law, which is the minimal penalty for not complying with tree growth plan. Assessor's agents will figure the formula. Andrea seconds. All were in favor.

Stacie discussed that the culverts have been delayed due to the delivery of the culverts. They should be in by this week, and it will delay project due to the rain. Stacie notified the board members that the signage would be two to three days in advance of closure for the Gilman Pond Road. Board members were asked what they wanted Gary to do with the money that was set aside for Hancock Pond Road. There was further discussion on this. Paving projects, changes in Fine Line paving estimates. Quote was \$67, 200, now is down to \$64,400.

Quote includes all except Hancock Pond Road. Bruce Manzer quoted \$60,995 which did not include everything which changes Manzer's quote to \$63, 580, as the quote did that Fine Line had given. There was a brief discussion on this. Wayne motioned for Fine Line paving to do the jobs. Andrea seconded and all were in favor.

Kip updates the board on work that is being done and needs to be done on the fire trucks. Kip updated the board about parts they ordered for the department's generator.

Doug motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting on August 2, 2011. Wayne seconded it, and all were in favor.

Board members reviewed and signed all warrants.

Board members discussed Kingfield Water District's offer to purchase the generator. Doug motioned to accept Kingfield Water Districts offer of \$2100.00. Wayne seconded, all were in favor. Brian suggested that the board of selectmen consider reducing the amount of the generator to what they had invested in it so far. Doug rescinds his previous motion. Wayne seconded it. Doug motioned to reduce and sell the generator for \$800.00 to the Kingfield Water District. Wayne seconded it; all were in favor.

There was discussion on when to hold the next transfer meeting. Stacie reported to the board starting August 19, 2011 the Transfer Station is open Fridays from 12:30 to 4:30 pm, and the 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is set for Tuesday September 9, 2011 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There was discussion about the Town Clerk's office regarding reporting and upcoming training. Judi updated to board members on the playground project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

*These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the September 6th Selectmen's Meeting as written. ADW*

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert Present: Stacie Rundlett, Richard Ames, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Bert Dyer, Terri Lamon-tagne.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm.

Terri updated the board on who was contacted regarding the tree growth violation. Mike Rogers from the State of Maine reported to the assessors agents that Richard Ames has 120 days to be in compliance, and he was sent a letter on June 21, 2011; he has until October 19, 2011 to get in back into tree growth, or he will have to pay the full penalty. Richard Ames accepted what the plan is to be.

Kip updated the board about an offer on the white Mack. There was an offer of \$2500 for the white Mack. Andrea stated the bill of sale should specify "as is, where is and no warranties". Andrea motions to accept the offer for white Mack; Doug seconded; all were in favor. Kip asked if the money that came from the generator could go towards lettering the new fire truck. All were in agreement to that.

Gary updates the board on the road projects. The culvert on the Gilman Pond Road was done. The project ended up costing less than what he had anticipated. There was not any road damage from hurricane Irene, just a lot of surface gravel lost. To replace surface gravel throughout the whole town would cost approximately \$22,400. The roads that were highly damaged were George Cole Road, Atwood Hill Road, Bennett Hill Road, Freeman Ridge Road, Millay Hill Road. Andrea asked if there was any relief coming from FEMA for damages done during the storm. Gary replied no because Somerset County was not declared a disaster area. The grader has been going around starting some road clean up. There was a brief discussion about his budget. There was more discussion on roads and culverts. There was a discussion about the repairs that needed to be done on the Hancock Pond Road. Gary mentioned to the board about a grader for sale from Farrin Brother's, asking price is for \$90,000.

Stacie confirmed with the board members that it was OK for Alicia Wills to do the last couple of mowing jobs that are needed.

There was a brief discussion on the transfer station meeting. Andrea makes a motion to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2011 selectmen's meeting, Wayne seconded, all in favor.

There was a brief discussion about the playground.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm; Doug seconded; and all were in favor.

*These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the September 19th Selectmen's Meeting as written. ADW*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## **Town Manager**

The Board of Selectmen and I would also like the residents know that we have two topics for discussion at our next selectmen's meeting: 1.) The Town Clerk's position. Becky Taylor will not be running for another term in March 2012, and we would like to consider changing the position from elected to appointed. 2.) Wind Tower Ordinance. There is a draft version of a Wind Tower Ordinance to be discussed at the next selectmen's meeting.

A public hearing and special town meeting will be scheduled for the near future at the next selectmen's meeting regarding both of the topics above.

We will also be organizing another holiday dinner in the month of December and will be looking for volunteers. This will be a FREE holiday dinner for ALL New Portland residents. A date will be scheduled and announced in the November *New Portlander*.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## New Portland Community Library

After much deliberation, the Writing Group has decided to meet monthly. We will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Hopefully, this will make it easier for people to join us. We hope to see you there!

Thanks to the people who donated to our Children's Book Fund. So far we've raised \$70 for some new books. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Anyone wishing to contribute can send donations to the library, and Shelby will be sure to send you a tax deductible contribution slip.

We've added some new books to our collection. Stop by and check out the latest James Patterson novel, or if a book on CD works better for you, we have a few new selections available.

Sheila Atwood and Abigail Engel checked out the most items during the month of August which makes them Patrons of the Month!

Friends of the Library Activity Night was held September 21. The theme was decorate a bra for Cancer Awareness month, October. What a fun evening it was! The bras are on display in the library conference room. Come view the masterpieces during library hours. You'll be impressed with all the creativity.

The next activity night is scheduled for October 19 at the library starting at 6:30 pm. We will be showing an Alfred Hitchcock movie in honor of Halloween. Popcorn and beverages will be available. Dress up in costume, if you want.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet the second and fourth Thursday at the library starting at 10:00 am. Hope you had an opportunity to enjoy all the knit and crochet items on display at the New Portland Fair. Thank you, Marilyn Gorman for using our group as the theme for the New Portland Historical Society's display this year. We certainly welcome any new people into our group. Refreshments, conversation, laughs, and lots of knitting, crocheting or other handwork will be waiting for you. See you on October 13 and 27.

The NPCL Book Club will meet at the library at 6:30 pm. on October 13. We will discuss *The Country of the Pointed Firs*, a classic selection by Maine author, Sarah Orne Jewett. This novella has been called a unique look at what life in coastal Maine was like at the turn of the 20th century, as told by a writer living at a coastal Maine boarding house. Used copies are for sale during library hours for \$3.00.

Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am - noon. All ages, all views welcome.

*Submitted: Shelby Newell, Pete Bearor and Kay Michka*

## Recreation Meeting

Recreation Meeting was held on September 21, 2011 at the Community room in New Portland at 6:30 pm. Members present: Stacie Rundlett, Jessica Campbell and Judi Wills.

A discussion of work that has been done to the playground area was held. We had a small crew of people show to work, but felt pleased with the amount of work that was accomplished. Again, we want to thank all the volunteers that showed up. Ed Boyer who diligently worked with five women and never lost his temper, Richard Atwood who leveled the sand as it was hauled in and was our person to fix some of our mess ups. Lewis Wills for loading and hauling all the sand and the use of his bulldozer and Kubota. Brent Davenport for being able to pitch in after a long morning of work for him to help haul a few loads of sand. Thank you to Lori Agren, Cindy Atwood, Stacie Rundlett and Jessica Campbell for "following written directions" to assemble the swing set, which must have had over 1000 pieces. It was a very productive day and more work needs to be done; it will be an ongoing project.

Discussion was held as to what still needs to be done; a list was made and we are in hopes to finish this project in two to three weeks. The area for the basketball court has been paved. The poles and nets will be part of the ongoing work in the next few weeks. Thank you to all the people who sent donations for the recreation project. We will be putting up a sign with everyone's name on it who made a donation. Please take a few minutes to use the area, look at the work and read the names of the people who have supported this project.

Upcoming events were discussed and planned. Please write these on your calendar, so you can come and participate in the fun.

**October 22, 2011- October Festival.** This will consist of some games, such as apple bobbing, catch the donut, pumpkin painting and a few other activities. We will have refreshments and treats for all. We will also have the opportunity to have pictures taken and printed for some of the kids activities. Activities will be from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

**Scarecrow Contest** - We ask that people fill out a registration form (like last year) available at the town office or on the following page. Submit it at the Town Office before October 22. Stakes will be put up on the lawn by the Community Room. Choose one of the stakes to put your scarecrow on and enter that number on your registration slip. This will be how the judges will vote, they will not know the entry's name. Please plan on having your scarecrow entry

on display by October 19. We really hope we have many entries, the citizens of New Portland have commented in the past on the displays and love seeing them. Judging will be done on October 22.

**December 4, 2011- Sleigh Ride and Carols, followed by a Holiday Dinner.** Last year the "sleigh ride and carols" was so much fun. We will do that again. We will meet at the Community Room parking lot for the sleigh ride at 4:00 pm. More information in the November news letter. The Holiday Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Community Room, also on December 4.. We felt combining the events would allow people to enjoy a fun ride with singing and coming back to a hot meal. The meal is open to all citizens whether you go on the sleigh ride or come just for the dinner. The menu will consist of turkey, vegetables, rolls and dessert. More information will be in the November newsletter. The next meeting of the recreation committee will be October 19 at 6:30 pm at the Community Room. Please come or call one of the members with ideas or comments.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

**2010 SCARECROW CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to follow rules:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Place in **box** at **New Portland Town Office** or **mail to:**

New Portland Town Office  
PO Box 629  
New Portland, ME 04954

### New Portland Historical Society

You are invited to an open house at Chase Memorial Hall hosted by the Lion's Club and the Historical Society. Chris Hadsel, from Vermont, director of "Curtains Without Borders" will present a slide show and talk about the many stage curtains that they have restored and preserved. On August 15 and 16, the curtain that hangs on the stage at the hall was cleaned, patched and restored. Come and see our piece of history and learn about these beautiful curtains. October 19, 2011, at 7:00 pm and there will be light refreshments.

I would like to thank everyone that helped in any way in the preservation of the stage curtain that hangs in Chase Memorial Hall.

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, New Portland Historical Society*

### Western Mountains Baptist Church

The Western Mountains Baptist Church members have moved into their new building at 929 Carrabassett Road. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:00 am. The church services begin at 10:00 am. Nursery and children's church is provided during the service. Coffee, juice and snacks are available and all are welcome. Youth group for grades seven through twelve meet at the new church on Thursday night from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information about activities and events of the Western Mountains Baptist Church call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802 or visit our website at [www.westernmountainschurch.com](http://www.westernmountainschurch.com).

The Western Mountains Baptist Church cordially invites you to a Celebration and Dedication of our new church home located at 929 Carrabassett Road, Route 27, New Portland, Maine, on Saturday October 8, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Tours of the facility and light refreshments to follow. Please RSVP to [batdubois@tds.net](mailto:batdubois@tds.net) 678-2328 or [Meldrum5@tds.net](mailto:Meldrum5@tds.net) 265-4039.

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain."  
(Psalm 127:1)*

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

***New Portlander* deadline is October 25 by 4:00 pm.**

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:  
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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**OCTOBER 2011**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <b>Town Office CLOSED</b>
2 North Village Church 11:00 am	3	4 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	5 <b>Town Office Closed</b> School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	6 <b>Town Office Closed</b>	7	8 Western Mtns Baptist Church Open House 2:00 pm
9 North Village Church 11:00 am	10 <b>Town Office Closed</b>	11 NPCL Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Firemen's Auxiliary 6:30 pm Water District Meeting 7:00 pm	13 NPCL Book Club 6:30 pm NPCL Board Club Meeting	14	15
16 North Village Church 11:00 am	17 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Writer's Group - NPCL 4:00 - 5:00 pm	19 Scarecrows must be on display NPCL Activity Night Alfred Hitchcock movie 6:30 PM	20 Knitwits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	21	22 Scarecrow registration deadline
23/30 North Village Church 11:00 am	24/31 Transfer Station Meeting Webster Hall, Kingfield 6:30 pm	25 Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	26	27	28	29