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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 September 26 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

The Selectmen met on 8/26/11 for the sole purpose of setting the 2011 tax rate so that bills could go in the mail.

We used \$50,000 from Surplus to lower the mil rate from 17.50 to 16.90 per 1000 in value. We chose not to use more than \$50,000 because we plan to look at debt during the next budget season and propose use of Surplus to reduce debt in 2012.

This will produce some more permanent tax relief.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Town of New Portland Board of Selectmen:
Douglas Archer, Chairperson
Andrea Reichert
Wayne Rundlett*

Selectmen's Minutes

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 20, 2011

Selectmen Present: Doug Archer, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Bert Dyer, Terri Lamontagne, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Richard Ames, Michael Kankainen, John and Karin Vetne, Donald Wright, Laura and Howard Dunham

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. She moved over opening of sealed bids for Mack truck and generator as there were none. Minutes from the previous meetings will be available at next meeting.

Bert Dyer and Terri Lamontagne discuss with the Board more detailed information regarding the Tree Growth violations that they brought to the Board's attention at previous meeting. Two of the property owners who were in violation were not aware that the property they purchased was in Tree Growth. Bert and Terri both recommended to the Board that John and Karin Vetne and Donald Wright, owners of two of the parcels in question, have their violations waived. Donald Wright and John Vetne both discussed with the Board members their concerns and opinion about the Tree Growth violations. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the properties owned by Vetne and Wright. Doug Archer arrived late and Andrea and Bert briefed him on the matter. Andrea stated to Vetne and Wright that the Town would be well within their rights to assess a penalty for the Tree Growth violation. But because they were not being taxed as though their property was in Tree Growth, she felt they should not be penalized. She motioned

