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TOWN OFFICE HOURS PHONE: 628-4441

The Town Office hours are as follows:

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Ext. 1

Deputy Town Manager: Alicia Wills, Ext. 0

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, Ext. 3

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Monday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Deputy Town Clerk: Marilyn Gorman, Ext. 3

Monday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

CEO: Robert Dunphy, Ext. 5

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

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne, Ext. 2

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

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin, Ext. 5

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
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

New Portlander deadline is February 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

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 3, 2012

Selectmen present: Doug Archer, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; **Present:** Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Terri Lamontagne, Brian Rundlett, Frank Merrill, Karen Pease

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm.

Minutes were reviewed from previous meeting. Doug motioned to accept minutes from previous meeting.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed. There was a brief discussion on the warrants. The 2009 pending foreclosures were reviewed. There was a brief discussion about the foreclosures and what next steps would be taken. Andrea made a motion to approve a payment arrangement made by a citizen on that foreclosure notice. Doug seconded and all were in favor. Stacie said she would try to contact and send out another letter to the remaining five foreclosures in a last attempt to reach them. Doug explained that if the remaining people cannot be reached, then the selectmen would need to take the next step. Abatements were reviewed and signed.

Terri Lamontagne showed the Board a copy of the Town of Embden's shoreland zoning map and then showed them New Portland's shoreland zoning map so the town and selectmen could see the difference between the two. The selectmen agreed that Embden's map is very detailed and is much easier to read. Terri said that Embden's map was dated for 2008, and Embden paid roughly \$500 for their shoreland zoning map. Terri said it would make her job easier having a more detailed shoreland zoning map to read.

The selectmen reviewed the tentative 2012 budget.

These minutes are just a draft summary and were approved on January 13, 2012 by the Selectmen as written. ADW

Submitted: Alicia Wills

New Portland Community Library

Well, the birds that graced the walls of the library for the past three months have flown north, but you can see them in a new environment, starting with the first Friday Art Walk in Kingfield in February at the Old Schoolhouse Gallery. It is always a fun event. Back here in New Portland, Julieanne Reed's big and bold paintings that speak of the magic and mysteries

of nature beautifully complement the exhibit of American Indian artifacts and paintings that are on loan from Nowetah's American Indian Museum and Gift Store. Such a treasure we have right here in our town. Shelby has displayed lots of great Native American themed books from our collection to feature during this show, and we will have several related events for old and young alike during the next few months.

For a chance to meet Julieanne Reed, and Nowetah and Tom Cyr, please come to the reception for the show on Sunday, February 12, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and see familiar faces. Everybody is welcome!

Anyone for drumming away the winter blues? The library is always open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am – noon.

The Writers' Group has been temporarily on hold but it is hoping to start up again in March. If you are interested in a supportive, fun environment to share your writing, practice some new techniques, and learn from other New Portland writing enthusiasts, please contact Julia Bouwsma via Facebook, email (jb203@earthlink.net) or call her at 203-623-6172. She would love to find out who is interested and what day and/or time might be good for you. We are hoping to meet at the library once a month.

The NPCL Book Club was canceled due to snow in January so we have chosen to discuss Jon Kraukauer's *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* in February instead. If you need a copy, call Kay at 628-2014. Meet us on the February 9 at 6:30 pm at the library, next to the Town Office, and we'll have a lively go at it! See you there.

Friends of the Library will be holding a "Salsa Dancing Activity Night" on February 15th at 6:30 pm. Head to where the heat is...Good music, food and fun for those who want to kick up their heels. Kay Michka will be leading this activity of beginner dancing. Grab a friend and rumba on over or just come to feel the beat and tap your toes!

Looking ahead, if you are doing any spring cleaning now, you might want to pick out some items to bring to the Spring Cleaning Swap in April.

Did you know that by purchasing Shurfine brand products at Tranten's, the library stands to benefit from the Shurfine Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program which augments the charitable contributions made by their independent grocers? Thank you, Tranten's, for helping us out with a matched donation!

100 Club winners for the month of December: Lorie Hibbard, Mary Butler, Betty Cobb, Nora West, Joe LeBeau, Greg and Pat Drummond, Jane and Phillip Emery, Rev. James Taylor, John Bryant, Kenneth Atwood, Tom Kannally, and Barb Bruno. Congratulations to all.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet the second and fourth Thursdays starting at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome. See you on February 9 and 23.

Shelby the Librarian says... "Be sure to check out what is going on at the library on the New Portland town website. Also keep track of what is happening on our New Portland Community Library Facebook page."

We have an upcoming Children's Activity on Sunday, February 12 from 10:00 – 11:00 am. We will be decorating cookies and making valentines, so be sure to bring your children and join in on the fun!

Come in and check out our free access to Ancestry.com! It is a wealth of information at your fingertips. This site, if you were to pay for it on your own, would cost anywhere from \$12.95 to \$34.95 a month. At the library it is FREE! We've also rolled up our sleeves and done some early spring cleaning on the library's PCs, and they are running much faster and cleaner, just waiting for you to use them to look for jobs, keep up with friends, or research that homework assignment.

Our Patron of the Month for December was Abigail Engel. Thanks for being such a faithful library user!

If anyone out there is interested in volunteering to do a Story Hour once or twice a month, please contact Shelby at the library at 628-6561.

Submitted: Lolly Phoenix, Julia Bouwsma, Kay Michka, Pete Bearor and Shelby Newell

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with eleven (11) members present.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master: Lewis Wills told the club that he had been out with the groomer breaking out trails and clearing blowdowns. Lewis also reported to the club about the bridge work that had been done and that the club had hired an excavator to fix some rough places in two trails. Kevin Bixby said that he wanted to personally thank Lewis for all of the time that he puts into maintaining the trails and the groomer. Club members are reminded when they are out brushing the trails to remember to look up high for limbs which might be in the groomer's way.

Social Director: Janine suggested that the club create a Web page to post upcoming events. She said she knew someone who could create a web page for the club. Judi is going to

check the status of an old Web page that had been created for the club years ago and report back to the club. Janine is going to look into the cost of having some sweatshirts, hats, etc. printed with the club's logo on them. She will report back to the club next meeting about her findings. She is also planning an event in March but will give us more details next meeting.

New Business: A thank you note was read from Morgan Taylor, last year's recipient of our club scholarship. Barry Turcotte came to the meeting to show us the map of the club trails which he has put together. He asked the club members to look it over and make any necessary changes. When the maps are printed, the club will be selling them.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be held on February 18, 2012.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

This Valentine's Day give your loved ones a kiss... a kiss cookie that is!

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/3 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
24 Hershey's® Kisses



Heat oven to 375° F. In large bowl beat butter until smooth. Add peanut butter. Beat until combined. Add brown sugar. Beat until combined, scraping side of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg yolk and vanilla until combined.

Add flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat until combined. Using 1 level tablespoon dough for each cookie, form each into a ball. Toss in sugar to coat. Transfer to cookie sheet and flatten slightly.

Bake 13 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and place a kiss on each one. Cool on cookie sheet 5 minutes. Remove to cooling rack to cool completely.

Enjoy!

Announcements

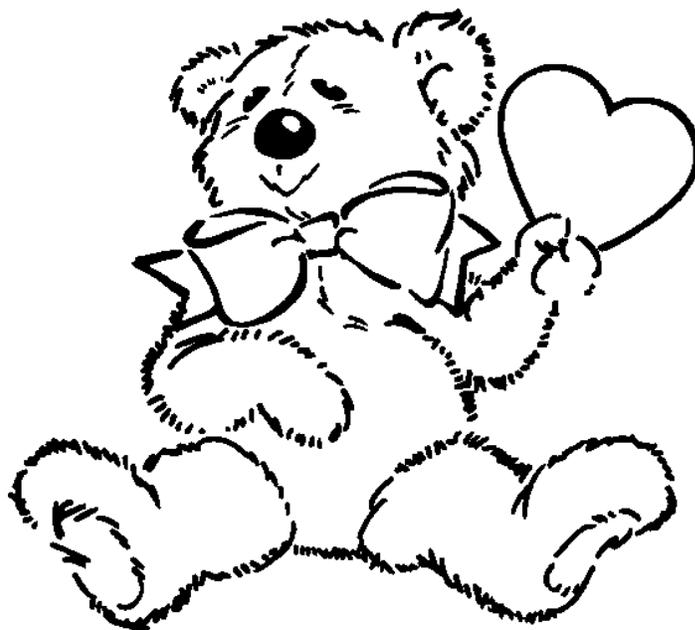
Requesting your support: I would like to be your town clerk and am asking for your vote and support. I bring to the office a lot of experience that will help me step into the job. I have been a candidate for Maine's House of Representatives which has allowed me to learn about Maine's election laws and to work with many town clerks in House District 88 and with Maine's Secretary of State office. My four years in the Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division has given me a working knowledge of many state departments and a rapport with the people who work there. I make this promise to the town that if elected, I will write a column in the *New Portlander* to keep the town up to date on that month's activity. As your town clerk, I look forward to meeting everyone and achieving a mutual first name basis with you.

Submitted: John Bertl

The Good Shepherd Food Mobile will be at the New Portland Community Room at the New Portland Fire Station on February 8 between the hours of 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Food will be distributed to those who are in need. Please bring bags or boxes with you. This is a move to determine if there is a need worthy of establishing a food pantry in the New Portland area.

Submitted: Molly St. Pierre

Have a Beary Happy Valentine's Day!



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 School Board Mtg 6:00 pm Planning Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	2	3	4 Town Office Open 8 am - noon
5 North Village Church 11:00 am	6	7 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Food Mobile Community Room 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Water District Mtg 7:00 pm	9 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10am NPCL Book Club 6:30 pm	10	11
12 North Village Church 11:00 am	13	14 NPCL Board of Trustees NPCL - 6:00 pm Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Activity Night "Salsa Dancing" NPCL - 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Sno-Travelors 6:30 pm
19 North Village Church 11:00 am	20 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	22	23 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10am	24	25
SCHOOL VACATION - FEBRUARY 20 - 24						
26 North Village Church 11:00 am	27	28	29			