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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 11am - 5pm

Thursday 2pm - 7pm

First Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) 8am - Noon

Town Clerk: Alicia Wills Ext. 3

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11am - 5pm

Thursday 2pm - 7pm

First Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) 8am - Noon

Deputy Town Clerk: Marilyn Gorman Ext. 3

Monday Noon - 4pm

CEO: Robert Dunphy Ext. 5

First and third Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne Ext. 2

Every other Monday 10am - 2pm

(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 May 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
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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 FOR THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING APRIL 3, 2012

Selectmen present: Doug Archer, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Lorie Agren, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Mary Butler, Al Bolduc, Steve Smith, Joe Smith

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

There were no grader bids to be opened. Stacie told the board that the ad was in the *Morning Sentinel, New Portlander, Irregular*, on the MMA website and the town's website. Stacie mentioned that one person inquired about the grader earlier in the day, but that was it. Doug suggested to wait on Gary's input to see what to do next with the grader as far as advertising. There was a brief discussion on this.

There are seven CEO/LPI applications for the board to review. Andrea asked Stacie if she could make copies of the applications and put them in the selectmen's boxes for them to review.

Minutes were reviewed from the previous selectmen's meeting. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Doug seconded, and all were in favor.

Kip said that a battery needs to be replaced in one of the tankers. There was a discussion on options of different prices and batteries. Kip stated to the board he would like to put packs on the new tanker. Kip said he would like to use the funds to buy four refurbished packs to put on the truck, which would be cheaper than buying the new packs.

Lorie updated the board about the delinquent dog licenses. She stated she would like to give a few more weeks to people on the list in order to contact them and get them to come in and license their dog. Alicia told Lorie that a total of 13 people have been removed from the list, either by coming to license or they no longer have the dog. There was a brief discussion on fees and court summonses by a sheriff when the time comes. Alicia gave Lorie warning notices and follow up warning notices for her to disburse to people who are delinquent and choose not to license their dogs.

Karen Pease sent an email to the town regarding how much money was raised for the continuation of the *New Portlander's* delivery to Highland/Lexington residents. They were only able to raise \$255.00. As of right now,

those residents will still receive the *New Portlander*. There was a brief discussion about bulk mailing and the costs if Highland/Lexington could still receive the *New Portlander*. Stacie stated she would speak with Sharon at the post office about bulk mailing.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed. Stacie gave the selectmen a list of dates for a DOT training that Gary is unable to attend but felt the town would benefit if the selectmen went. Stacie updated the board that two of the three foreclosures were paid in full by the owners.

An anonymous donor donated some photographs and wanted to see if the selectmen would approve for them to be displayed in the community room. The selectmen agreed to let the pictures be displayed in the community room to decorate it.

Steve and Joe Smith came in to speak on Enviromats behalf to apologize for the loud noise at night from their chipping. They stated that the next time chipping happens, it will not be at night and they will notify the town. Doug asked if Enviromats could notify the town at least a week in advance, then they could notify a member on the planning board who has a decibel meter to come out and see if they are in violation with the noise ordinance.

Doug made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm; Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

THESE MINUTES ARE JUST A DRAFT SUMMARY. ADW

Submitted: Alicia Wills

Town Manager

It is that time of year again and we will be putting up the flags on the poles throughout town on Saturday, May 12. Volunteers are welcome to come and help with this project. We will be meeting at the Town Office at 8:30 am for those who can assist. Coffee and muffins will be offered.

The Town Office is accepting quotes for the installation of a new front door. The door is on order and we would like to get this installed during the month of May. If any contractors are interested in this project please contact Stacie at the Town Office for more details. We will be accepting quotes until May 10 and would gratefully accept any volunteer offers for this project.

Thank you,

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Clerk

Greetings New Portland,

The MSAD #74 School Budget Referendum Vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012. The polls will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the New Portland Community Room. We look forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully,

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

Animal Control Officer

I have a list of approximately 40 people who have not licensed their dog(s). Please go to the Town Office NOW to do this; it will cost you \$31.00 for fixed dogs and \$36.00 for non-fixed. If you do not license your dog(s), then I will have to come to your house with a sheriff and you will receive a summons to court. There is a \$100.00 fine that can be placed on each dog, plus the dog owner is liable for court cost. Please go in and license your dog(s) for \$31.00 or \$36.00, instead of \$100.00 or more!

If you are attacked by an animal here in New Portland, please call me because there have been confirmed cases of rabies in Somerset County. It is very important that the animal be quarantined and that we make sure the domestic animal has had its shots. Flea and tick season is here; make sure you check your pets!

I can be contacted at home after 3:30 pm at 628-2919 or reached on my cell phone at 779-7769. Any questions or concerns please contact me.

Submitted: Lorie Agren, Animal Control Officer

New Portland Community Library

Watch for poster and internet announcements for summer activities such as Children's Hour, Summer Reading Programs for Children and Adults, Ice Cream Socials, and other community activities to be held at the library.

Make it a point to make weekly visits to the library a priority for the children in your care this summer. Did you know that the more a child or young adult reads, the higher his or her reading skills and math scores are? The library has so many books to offer, and it's a free boost for your child's education and future success. Our Summer Reading Program will help make reading fun!

Thank you to Russ Morey for adding the library mailbox to his new heavy duty mailbox stand. It will now sustain winter snow plowing. We are so grateful.

Come by to check out pieces of New Portland's past displayed at the library. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection. It's amazing how the old and the new seem right at home together in our community's beautiful library.

We were lucky to receive a storage unit from the Mr. Paperback in Farmington when it unfortunately went out of business. The unit is the new home of the expanding DVD collection. Just in, the DVD of *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* starring Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock. The novel by Jonathan Safran Foer that inspired the movie will arrive soon. The library now also subscribes to *The Irregular* and is stocking a few monthly magazines. An assortment of current magazines is regularly donated for all to share.

Abigail Engel is the Patron of the Month for March. Congratulations again!

See you at the library this spring and summer. Maybe we can even have a reading picnic on the sunny library lawn one day. You just never know what we might dream up!

Friends of the Library - Activity Night is on May 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and will feature Spring Makeover with Kerri Poulin and friends. Spiff up and learn tips to look your best; hair, makeup, and possibly more.

It's time for our **Annual Plant, Book, and Bake Sale** on May 19 from 9:00 am -1:00 pm at the library at 899 River Road, across from the Town Office. There will be a multitude of goodies to purchase! We could still use children's and young adult book donations right up until the sale. Drop off during library hours or call Pete Bearor to possibly arrange another time. Look for flyers around town and on the New Portland Community Group on Facebook for more detailed information about the sale activities and items offered. Mark your calendar, please.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 am. See you on May 10 and 24.

100 Club winners for March: Tucker Clague, Wright Pinkham, Lorie Hibbard, Jennifer McNanny, Kenneth Atwood, Rosemary Drosky, Joan Moes, Joe LeBeau, Ella Clague, Arlene Newell, Robert Whitten, Alan Michka, Anna Boucher, and 2 anonymous. We still need a few new or renewing members. Please contact the library (628-6561) or Petrina Bearor (628-3061) for more information.

Book Club - May 10 at 6:30 pm we will discuss *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko. The main character is a World War II veteran of mixed ancestry who has returned to the Laguna Pueblo Reservation. He had been held prisoner by the Japanese and is rejected by his own people upon his return, both leaving scars. The story is of the healing process he finds by immersing himself in the Indian past. This is a classic read from the 1970's.

The June 14 title to be discussed is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, and is based on a true story. Bring your suggestions for the next three months of reading selections.

*Submitted by Pete Bearor (628-3061),
Shelby Newell, at the Library (628-6561),
and Kay Michka (628-2014)*

The latest show at the New Portland Community Library could be called "The Good Ole Days" with some enjoyable costumes, posters of "coming" events, photos, certificates, and more from the local historical New Portland collection. The Lexington-Highland Historical Society has displayed a written story of how their town began. In the meeting room, Hank Moes has photos and a scrapbook from his days as a weatherman for the men who "flew the hump" into Burma during WWII, and lots of stories to tell. We will have a reception for this show on Sunday, May 6 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and share stories from the past. Dick Matthews will be here to speak about the book that he found and had published, which is about the men who "flew the hump" from India to Burma during the early '40's. We will certainly have refreshments and maybe even some live music from the good old days. Please come by for what promises to be a fine time.

Submitted: Lolly Phoenix

Recreation Committee

RECREATION MEETING, APRIL 24

Work that needs to be finished on the playground:

1. Sand needs to be hauled in and fill areas washed out.
2. The outer edge of playground area needs reinforcement. A bench will be purchased for the parents to sit on while children play.
3. Signs have been posted to show rules and time for the use of the playground.
4. Basketball nets have been installed.
5. A fence will be set between the basketball area and the roadway (River Road)
6. A plaque of names of the people who made donations to build the playground will be made and be displayed in the Community Room.
7. Trash cans will be purchased.

Community Clean Up Day:

1. School was contacted about Student Community day, someone will be calling Stacy with information and times.
2. Picnic tables will be made/purchased to put along the bank at the Wire Bridge.
3. Trash cans/recycle cans will be put in the recreation area at Wire Bridge.

4. Research to find a business to collect the trash on a regular schedule.

Future Plans:

1. Fall Festival, pumpkin carving, pumpkin decorating other activities, scarecrow contest and display.
2. Tour of lights and carole singing, followed by a community dinner. Menu to be announced.
3. More ideas may be posted later, or citizens can contact a member of the committee to suggest an event they would like to see held.

Next meeting will be May 16, 2012.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

The April meeting was called to order with five members present.

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

Trail Master: Kendall reported the club grant was ready to send, and he would soon be starting to work on the municipal grant.

Old Business: Brad had sent an email to the club and said that he had checked with MDOT about crossing signs for Route 27. Because we do not have existing signs, we cannot get them for free, but we can purchase them through MDOT for \$75 a piece. The club decided to purchase some road crossing signs. Lewis had checked on a business that he knew of that prints t-shirts but found out that they are no longer in business. The club will need to discuss further at the May meeting about where to get t-shirts printed. Barry and Lewis are trying to find a printing company that prints on both sides so we can print our trail maps. The decision was made to sell advertisements on the back of the maps for \$25.00 each for a business card size advertisement. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone that might be interested in buying an ad, you can contact Joyce Knowles at 628-2521.

New Business: To reserve a site at the New Portland Fair for our booth we will need to send in a deposit before July.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Our next meeting will be held May 19. It will be for the election of officers so we hope that you can all attend.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Announcements

The annual meeting of the East New Portland Cemetery Association will be held on Thursday, May 10 at 6:00 pm at the New Portland Fire Station Meeting Room.

Submitted: Mike Malesky

Due to a Referendum Vote for the school, the CPR Class has been relocated. The CPR class will be at Webster Hall, in Kingfield, Maine. It will still be on May 8th at 6:30 pm. The course is free to all area town citizens. The Heartsaver CPR cards will also be free upon completion that evening.

The instructors have all donated their time to support our local towns. All you need is to arrive on time and be able to kneel on the floor. Hope to see many of you there. If you have any questions, call Judi Wills, 628-4671, leave a message and I will return your call.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Community Churches

Western Mountains Baptist Church

Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 am, there will be a "men's breakfast" held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church. In addition, men meet at the church on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm for a Bible study. All men are welcome - all the time. For more information call Jean Boucher at 265-2698 or just show up at the church.

Jeff Lecander is head of the Service Ministry at WMBC. He and his team of volunteers are looking for summer projects to help folks in our local communities. In the past, this eager group has helped with wood piles, moving furniture, replacing broken windows, cooking meals, yard work and small carpentry jobs. If you have a project and would like some help, please call Jeff at 246-2432 or leave a message for Jeff on the church answering machine at 265-2557.

The Ladies Fitness Class continues to meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. All fitness levels are welcomed, there is no cost and the class is open to new attendees. For more information, call Linda at 265-4628.

Sunday morning services at the Western Mountains Baptist Church begin at 9:00 am with Sunday school for all ages. Worship time and the weekly message begin at 10:00 am. Come early or stay after the service to talk and enjoy coffee and snacks. Pastor Tom is available at 557-3802 to offer more information and spiritual guidance. Messages can also be left on the church phone at 265-2557 for someone to return your call.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch, 684-3000

Memorial Day Word Jumble

Unscramble the letters to form a vocabulary word associated with Memorial Day.

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| 1. MYRA | _____ | 11. GFLU | _____ |
| 2. OSRPOT | _____ | 12. UORCYNT | _____ |
| 3. OYDMAN | _____ | 13. FOWSELR | _____ |
| 4. AVERG | _____ | 14. RAKEO | _____ |
| 5. FCREO | _____ | 15. EILDROS | _____ |
| 6. OORNH | _____ | 16. CEMORYEN | _____ |
| 7. AGLF | _____ | 17. SBAE | _____ |
| 8. WRA | _____ | 18. ECPAE | _____ |
| 9. EMEFORD | _____ | 19. YOEMRM | _____ |
| 10. EREYTEMC | _____ | 20. NEEFDD | _____ |

Army	country	grave	Monday
force	defend	gulf	peace
base	flag	honor	soldier
cemetery	flowers	Korea	troops
ceremony	freedom	memory	war

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!

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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
MAY 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	3 Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm School Board Meeting 6:00 pm	4	5	6 TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon Art Show Reception NPCL 4 - 6 pm
7 North Village Church 11 am	8 Referendum Vote School Budget, 10 am - 7 pm NPCL Board Meeting, 6 pm CPR course: Webster Hall Kingfield, 6:30 pm	9 Library Meeting, 6 pm NPF meeting 6:30 pm	10 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Water District Mtg, 7 pm Cemetery Assoc. Community Rm, 6 pm	11	12 Flags Decorating Town Office 8:30 am	13
14 North Village Church 11 am	15 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Activity Night "Spring Make Over" NPCL 6:30 pm Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm	17	18	19 Plant and Bake Sale NPCL 9 am - 1 pm Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors 6:30 pm	20 Sno Travelors Meeting 6:30 pm
21 North Village Church 11 am	22	23 NPF meeting 6:30 pm	24 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club NPCL 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 North Village Church 11 am <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31			