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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. 2

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: Annette Folco Ext. 3

Monday Noon - 4pm

CEO: Robert Dunphy Ext. 5

First and third Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne Ext. 3

Every other Monday 10am - 2pm

(or call to schedule a meeting)

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin Ext. 4

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 June 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

SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR MARCH 19, 2012

Selectmen present: Doug Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Gary Agren, Mark Smith, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Terri Lamontagne, Brian Rundlett, Beverly Francis, Lorie Agren, Ken Burke, Clyde Dyar

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

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

Mark Smith updated the board about the recent and upcoming school board meeting. Mark stated that the overall school budget currently stands about \$5,500 in overall new spending over last year school budget. Mark said that the state is cutting the portion of funding that is provided to the school district, and there will be a loss of about \$147,000 in federal stimulus funds that will disappear for a total of about \$600,000 in lost revenues. There was a discussion on this. Mark said the next meeting is Wednesday, March 21 to discuss budget cuts. Andrea stated that based on the 2011 evaluation the \$45,000 amount is roughly .75 a thousand on everybody's tax bill. Mark asked Andrea if the roughly ¾ mil rate increase could be taken out of surplus. Andrea stated that the selectmen would have to wait and look at everything once the county bill is done before the selectmen can make any commitment just yet. Doug thanked Mark for joining the school board and keeping everyone informed.

Gary told the board he put a cone on the Hancock Pond Road and that he and Casey have been checking the roads and rock raking what they could. There was discussion about the grader financing. Franklin Savings was 3.65% for five years, Camden National was 3.25% for five years, and Skowhegan Savings was 2.75% for five years. Andrea asked Stacie if the credit union had contacted her back about an interest rate. Stacie told her they had not. Andrea made a motion to try contacting Franklin/Somerset Federal Credit Union to see if they could do 2.75% or better, if they cannot, then go with Skowhegan Savings. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Lorie had received a list of delinquent dog licenses from Alicia. There was a discussion on what steps would be taken to have people come in and license their dogs. Alicia stated that she will be putting information in the *New Portlander* and on the website about the dates for licensing dogs. Alicia asked Lorie about dogs that are in town that have been reported at times running loose that have never been

licensed. Lorie stated that she could hire a sheriff so they could go to the dog owners about the situation and the proper steps would be followed from there. Doug asked Lorie if she could come to the first selectmen's meeting in April for an update about dogs being licensed. Lorie stated she would be able to make it. Andrea made a motion for Stacie to sign the 2012/2013 animal control contract. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Terri gave the selectmen the supplemental tax forms to sign. There are a total of six supplemental bills for tree growth violations. Stacie informed the board that the supplemental tax bill warrant is for \$27,570.

There was a discussion with Clyde Dyar about the Town's evaluation. Both Clyde and Terri have a date set to get started with the evaluation on April 2.

Ken Burke spoke to the board about his concern with the late night loud noises coming from Enviromats. He stated that the noise is absolutely intolerable, and he was wondering what the status was for the situation. Stacie informed him that it was a chipper making the loud noise and that the difference was that it was not the chipper they have been using for the past year. It was a different chipper that was used by Mainely Trees with whom Enviromats are contracted with. There was more discussion on this. Stacie spoke with Brandy from Enviromats, and Enviromats told her that they would not be chipping at night. It has been brought to their attention the possible noise violation. Stacie had the Code Enforcement Officer go to Enviromats and speak with them. Stacie said after code enforcement spoke with the mother company in South Portland and the company here in New Portland, it was decided they would not chip at night. Enviromats offered to have someone come to selectmen's meeting to answer to any questions and concerns from the town.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Andrea made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A § 405(6) (A) to discuss personnel matters at 7:49 pm.

Motion was made to exit out of executive session at 8:00 pm.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm; Doug seconded and all were in favor.

THESE MINUTES ARE JUST A DRAFT SUMMARY AND WERE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 3 SELECTMEN'S MEETING AS WRITTEN. ADW

SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR MAY 5, 2012.

Selectmen present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The selectmen opened the tax sale bids. Foster Robinson put in a bid of

\$800.00, Randy Grover Sr. put in a bid of \$2200.00, Ryan Delaney put in a bid of \$3900.00, Scott Bubier put in a bid of \$1570.00, Colleen Mercier put in a bid of \$1600.00, Brent Davenport put in a bid of \$851.00, Jordan Excavation put in a bid of \$2100.00 and Travis Targett put in a bid of \$2053.00. Andrea made a motion to award the bid to Ryan Delaney for \$3900.00, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the selectmen's meeting on April 3, 2012.

Andrea made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. with the Assessor's Agent at 6:37 pm. The selectmen and assessor's agent exited out of executive session at 6:45 pm.

Gary updated the board about the names and addresses he has gotten together to get permission to cut trees for ditching on New Portland Hill Road. He stated he has not made contact with them yet. Gary stated he would like to set all of the culverts needed on the Hancock Pond Road. The total for all of the culverts is \$8494.34 and Gary specified that was last year's price and he wasn't sure if the price would still be the same. The price list was for a total of 13 culverts. There was a brief discussion on this. Gary mentioned that calcium needs to be ordered. Stacie mentioned to Gary that it was \$10.00 more with Paris Farmers Union. There was another brief discussion on this. Andrea stated to Gary that she feels that the grader operator is doing an excellent job. Gary suggested finding a different location to advertise the grader which is for sale as the location on Atwood Hill Road is not really the best location to have people look at the grader.

Kip updated the board that he ordered packs for the trucks. Kip asked Stacie if he could get a copy of the fire departments total expenses to date because he would like to look into ordering new radios for the truck.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed. Stacie updated the board that she will be having a volunteer come in for a few weeks to help out in the office with assessing, filing, clerk work, etc. She is affiliated with the ASPIRE program through Goodwill Agency. Stacie spoke to the board about the bulk mailing permit for Highland/Lexington residents receiving the New Portlander. Stacie said she spoke to Joe Dunphy from Highland, and they were able to raise \$130.00 to put towards the postage for Highland. Stacie said she was going to talk to Karen Pease to see what her findings were for Lexington. There was a brief discussion on this.

There was discussion by the board about setting up interviews for the CEO/LPI position. A work session has been scheduled on May 21.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm; Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

THESE MINUTES ARE JUST A DRAFT SUMMARY AND WERE APPROVED AT THE MAY 21 SELECTMEN'S MEETING AS WRITTEN. ADW

Town Manager

To the Family of Bernard Morton,

Please accept a public apology from the staff at the Town Office for the publishing of Bernard Morton's name in the delinquent real estate taxes for 2011. It was brought to my attention that there was an error when a real estate tax payment was made in September of 2011. His name, which is listed on the real estate account, should not have been on that list because the taxes for that property were paid in full before the due date.

Respectfully,

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Clerk

PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

Polls open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Location of Voting Polls is 911 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961 in the Community Room at the Fire Station.

Notice of Primary Election and Sample Ballots are located at the following sites: Town Office - 901 River Road, Post Office - 186 Meadow Brook Road, Tindall's Country Store - 7 Long Falls Dam Road, New Portland Community Library - 899 River Road.

Greetings New Portland,

As most of you know, I am going to be out for maternity leave. My last day will be May 8 and I will be returning back on July 9. Annette Folco is my Deputy Town Clerk and I also have Stacie Rundlett and Marilyn Gorman as my assistant clerks to help out while I am on leave. They will be able to assist you with dog licenses, birth/marriage certificates, absentee ballots, etc. Please bear with all of us for this short change. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 628-4441 ext 0. Thank you, and I hope you all have a great summer!

Respectfully,

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

Animal Control Officer

Please check your animals for ticks. There are a lot of reports of ticks! If you are not sure if you have licensed your dog, please call me 628-2919. I will be out in June with a sheriff to have summons served on people who have not yet done this!

You can license your dog at the town office anytime it is open!

Submitted: Lorie Agren, Animal Control Officer

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian - Special thanks to Doug Archer for his generous donation of \$500. We will be using the money from Doug to sign our library up for the Download Library. By the end of the summer, patrons with devices for e-books will be able to access some books electronically. Stay tuned for more information when this is up and running!

Plans for our Summer Reading Program are in the works. The program will encourage everyone to read through the summer. Did you know that children who read through the summer have more success in school? Ever heard of the "summer slide"? When children are not using the skills they have learned in school, they often lose some of that knowledge and have to catch up again in the fall. Reading and enjoying books as families helps children value literacy. Being lifelong learners unlocks many doors and reading is the key. Our summer program will run through the whole summer, and we'll also have weekly activities on most Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Bring your children in and sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program, and your child will receive a free voucher for a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game. Shelby will have a schedule available for you when you sign your child up.

Through our involvement with the Maine State Library, we have many valuable resources available to our community. Stop by and talk with Shelby about the "Learning Express Library." This resource offers a wealth of information. Within this are software tutorials, help with resume writing, skill-building support in reading, writing, finances, etc...

The New Portland Community Library has a great deal to offer, so come visit, get a library card, enjoy the artwork, use the high speed internet, and check out a book, magazine or movie. If you are interested in volunteering call Shelby at the library at 628-6561 or email her at shelby_newell40@yahoo.com. We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am - noon.

Friends of the Library - Activity Night, May 16 - Spiff Up for Spring. We had a wonderful time learning how to spiff up. Thank you, Kerri Poulin, for all the different hair styles. Nicole Lesperance with her Mary Kay cosmetics taught us some of the very latest techniques for applying makeup. We enjoyed everyone's company and shared many laughs. The refreshments were out of this world. Thank you Shelby and Tabitha. This was the last Activity Night until September. We will be planning for next year soon. If you have any ideas for us, please contact Petrina Bearor at 628-3061 or pbearor@tdstelme.net, Joan Moes at 628-5451 or the librarian at 628-6561. We are also on Facebook, so you can leave ideas there. Just enter "New Portland Community Library," then add your comments.

The Plant, Book, and Bake Sale was held May 19. The day was beautiful, and the black flies were hungry. The sale was very successful. Thanks to all who contributed books, plants,

and food. Your donations were greatly appreciated. We will be holding Ice Cream Socials at the Community Room July 13 and August 10, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

Knitwits meet the second and fourth Thursdays at the library starting at 10 am. See you June 14 and 28.

100 Club winners for April: Mary Butler, Anna Boucher, Sharlene Belanger, Ed and Bonnie Jesteadt, Bernard Newell, Ruth Arrington, Shelia Hoyt, Jean Antonucci, Jill Lattin, Laura Dunham, Caitlin Crawford

Book Club - The book club would like to host a community read again this year. It was well received the time we discussed *Arundel* by Kenneth Roberts in a community wide gathering at the library, complete with period reenactment by locals and period food and artifacts. We are soliciting suggestions about which book to read as a community project. We would like to choose a book that will interest locals, both men and women, and make for good discussion. Any ideas for activities related to your suggestion are also welcome, such as guest speakers or demonstrations. Please call Kay Michka at 628-2014 and leave a message with the title and author. You can also post your suggestion on the New Portland Community Library Facebook page. All suggestions must be submitted by noon on September 13, 2012, so we can vote that night at book club.

On June 14, we will be discussing *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. It is the nonfiction story of a poor female Southern tobacco farmer who had her cells taken without her knowledge and used for research that helped develop the polio vaccine, unlock the secrets of cancer and viruses, aid in vitro fertilization, study the affects of the atom bomb, and facilitate gene mapping.

We meet at the library at 899 River Road across from the Town Office at 6:30 pm. Bring your suggestions for the summer/fall reading selection vote. Keep those pages turning and your mind churning!

Submitted Kay Michka

Community Churches

The North New Portland Community Church Concert Series will begin on June 10 at 7:00 pm with a performance by Denny Breau. The following excerpt from New England Celtic Arts describes the talents of the artist.

"Denny Breau's rhythmically flawless and dazzlingly clear style allows him to do amazing and stunning things with a six-string guitar. He first draws in an audience with a finely arranged melody and then slides effortlessly into scorching fingerwork that sets ears aflame. The lighting fast guitar lines that seem almost humanly impossible to accomplish are balanced with those that have a quiet intimacy and wrap tenderly around his carefully crafted songs. He mixes genres with ease — folk, Delta blues,

country and jazz — 'creating a totally accessible musical mélange that captivates as it entertains,' according to Lucky Clark writing for the Kennebec (Maine) Journal."

Masters Series Sunday, June 10, 7:00 pm

North New Portland Community Church
14 Hancock Pond Road, North New Portland

**Info: 207-562-4445 or www.necelticarts.com
Tickets are \$10 Adult - \$25.00 Family**

Concessions will be available at intermission. All proceeds to support the North New Portland Community Church.

Other concerts that will follow include Frank Ferrel on Monday, July 16 and Erica Brown and The Bluegrass Connection on Sunday, August 12. Put these great events on your calendar.

Also for your calendars: Sunday services will begin in the North New Portland Church on June 10. Please join us at 11:00 am for worship and coffee hour. June 17 there will be no worship service in New Portland. A joint service with Fairbanks Union Church is being held at Camp at the Eastward in Starks. BBQ will follow. For more information call 778-4507.

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the church Monday, June 25 through Thursday, June 28. The Amazing Wonders of Aviation begins at 9:00 am and ends at 11:30 am. For four days children will be involved in a great mix of Bible stories, games, food, music, crafts and fun. Thursday night there will be a closing program so the kids can show their family what they have learned during the week. For kids ages 3 up to 5th grade. For more information, call Annette at 684-4477 or the church at 265-2557 to leave a message. Someone will return your call.

June 9 at 8:00 am, the monthly Men's Breakfast will be held at the church. Call Jean Boucher at 265-2698 for more information or show up Saturday morning. All men are welcome to join in on a hearty breakfast, a Bible study and friendship.

The Ladies Fitness Class continues to meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. All fitness levels are welcomed. Call Linda at 265-4628 for more information or join us at the church.

Church services are held every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:00 am. To learn more about Western Mountains Baptist Church or to talk with someone about a prayer need, please call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802.

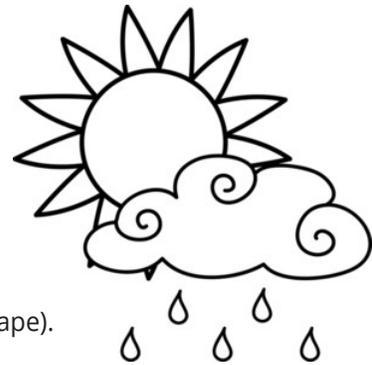
Submitted: Crystal Fitch

Some fun summertime activities!

Rain Sticks

Materials:

long tubes from gift wrap or paper towel
strips of cardboard
paper
tape
seeds or rice



Cut out two 4 inch circles out of the paper (trace a cereal bowl for the shape).

Put one over the end of the tube, and fold the sides down, and tape around the tube. Make sure it is well taped so that your rain stick won't leak!

Cut cardboard strips narrower than the tube (about 1 inch wide should work). Fold them back and forth like a fan. Put the strips into the tube. The first one should fall to the bottom of the tube. Keep adding strips until they reach the top of the tube.

Pour in 1/4 cup of rice and 2 tbsp of seeds (dried peas, popcorn, or lentils) into the tube.

Tape the other circle over the open end of the tube and tape in place.

Decorate the tube with markers, paints or by gluing on paper or ribbon.

How to make an old Treasure Map

Materials:

paper
pen
used tea bag
paper towel
cooking oil



Think about the map you want to make. It could be a path that uses landmarks, or it could be a verse that includes directions and distances. Make sure the start is easy to find, and the treasure is hidden somewhere where it won't be disturbed until the treasure hunters find it.

Use a piece of white paper and draw your map. Include the compass points and any verse or written clues needed by the hunters to find the treasure. Different colored inks work fine, some pencil crayons will work too.

Tear the edges off the page, to make it look like a treasure map.

When your map is finished, wipe the wet tea bag over both sides of the page. The page will turn a light brown color.

The page should be soaked through by the time you are finished.

Crumple it into a ball and let dry over night.

Gently open the map, and wipe both sides with cooking oil. Blot off the excess with paper towels.

By this point, your treasure map should look hundreds of years old! Use your map for a treasure hunt or as a list for a scavenger hunt at a children's birthday party.

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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon
3 North Village Church 11 am	4 NPCL Board Meeting 6 pm	5 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	6 Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm School Board Meeting 6:00 pm	7	8	9
10 North Village Church 11 am North New Portland Community Church Concert Series at 7:00	11	12 PRIMARY ELECTION Community Room 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Library Board Mtg, 6 pm NPFDP meeting 6:30 pm	13 Water District Mtg, 7 pm Cemetery Assoc. Community Rm, 6 pm	14 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club NPCL 6:30 pm	15	16
17 North Village Church 11 am	18 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24 North Village Church 11 am	25	26 NPFDP meeting 6:30 pm	27	28 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am	29	30