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## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**PHONE: 628-4441**

**FAX: 628-4440**

**The Town Office hours are as follows: (effective July 10)**

**Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1**

**Deputy Town Manager: Kristen Seeley - Ext. 0**

*Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday..... 11am - 5pm  
Thursday ..... 2pm - 7pm  
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) ..... 8am - 12pm

**Town Clerk: Alicia Wills - Ext. 2**

**Deputy Town Clerk: Annette Folco - Ext. 2**

*Vital statistics & dog licensing*

Tuesday & Wednesday ..... 3pm - 5pm  
Thursday ..... 2pm - 7pm  
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) ..... 8am - 11am

**CEO: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5**

1st and 3rd 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**

**Email for Town Manager** ..... [nwprtInd@tds.net](mailto:nwprtInd@tds.net)

## 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 Sept. 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](mailto: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

Notice: At the selectmen's meeting on September 17 at 6:30 pm, we will be discussing the results of the town wide re-evaluation. Many citizens have expressed a particular interest in the substantial increase in value of waterfront property. Our hope is to provide information and have an opportunity to answer general questions. Hope to see you there.

*Submitted: Andrea Reichert*

## MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR JULY 16, 2012

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett; Present: Gary Agren, Terri Lamontagne, Dallas Landry, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Bobby Dunphy, Brian Rundlett, Kristen Seeley

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Terri updated the Selectmen on how the assessing is going and brought up some mapping issues. She notified the Selectmen about Greg Stevens' property, where one half is in Embden and the other half of the property is in New Portland. Terri said that she believes that Chad Parker's property is in Embden, but said that that will be discussed at Embden's Selectmen's meeting later that night. Terri stated that there are some properties that are not even on our maps but are being taxed. Terri notified the Selectmen that she is not sure that she is going to be able to commit the taxes on time. Andrea asked if Terri could give an estimated time, and Terri said as soon as possible. Terri is going to talk with Clyde and let Stacie know a time frame in which to work with and for the committing of taxes.

The Selectmen have asked Bobby Dunphy to bullet point his activity in the town and to put it in an e-mail for them by August 7, 2012. The Selectmen have asked Bobby to attend the planning board meetings. Andrea talked to Bobby about the expectations of the board and whether or not they can be met. Bobby is still going to keep his hours of being in the Town Office the first and third Tuesday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Terri suggested placing a bigger penalty for people who build without permits.

Dallas Landry talked about the surfacing of the Hancock Pond Road. There was a brief discussion on the *New Portlander* regarding editing after printing and late mailings.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. Wayne seconded.

*These minutes are just a draft summary and were approved at the August 7, 2012 Selectmen's meeting with changes. KMS*

#### **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR AUGUST 7, 2012**

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Marilyn Gorman, Alicia Wills, Lorie Agren, Bill King, Ed Boyer, Petrina Bearor, Becky Taylor

Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Andrea reviewed and accepted the minutes with changes from the July 16, 2012 meeting. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Lorie gave the Selectmen a list of the people who have still not licensed their dogs this year and explained there are a couple people that are not going to be able to license their dogs because of not having the money. Lorie talked to Joy Dyar and was told that Kingfield does a rabies clinic once a month. The next rabies clinic is set for August 15. Lorie is having Joy call her back when she hears what the date is going to be for the rabies clinic in September. Andrea brought up the idea of maybe having a rabies clinic around the time of dog licensing in October, so that the townspeople can have their dogs receive rabies shots and licensed in one stop. There was some talk about as to what to do with the people who have not licensed their dogs. Andrea asked Lorie how many people there are that need to be summonsed for not licensing their dogs. Lorie said that there are twelve people who have not licensed their dog(s). Andrea motioned that Lorie will see the twelve people who have not licensed their dog(s) and give them a deadline of August 16 to get their dog(s) licensed.

Gary told the Selectmen that the culverts on the Hancock Pond Road are being set. When the culverts are done, then they are going to be doing the ditching on the Deer Farm Road and then random culverts are going to be placed throughout the town. Gary said that the grader is going to be out, while it is dry. There was some talk about a project that Gary has wanted to do on the Middle Road but has not been able to have the money for it.

Kip informed the Selectmen that he has been looking for some used radios for the fire department. Kip said that they have not replaced anything at this time.

The Selectmen opened the two sealed bids for the snowplow contracts. There was a bid from Adams General Construction for \$198,000.00 per year, but there was no surety bond and GR Taylor and Sons bid \$205,000.00 per year. There was only one complete bid. Andrea motioned to award to GR Taylor and Sons. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Stacie spoke about how the loan process was going. Stacie said that there were two bids, one from Skowhegan Savings

Bank and one from Franklin Savings Bank. Skowhegan Savings is offering a 1.85% interest rate and Franklin Savings is offering 4%. Stacie advised the Selectmen that they need to have bond counsel before getting a loan. Andrea motioned to retain Bernstein Shur for the bond counsel and accept the proposed vote that Lee Bragg wrote for authorizing the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board to sign the necessary paperwork for the loan. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Stacie requested that a meeting be set up to discuss what the mil rate is going to be, so that taxes can be committed. The meeting is set for Sunday, August 12 at 9:00 am.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Wayne seconded.

*These minutes are just a draft summary and were approved at the August 20, 2012 Selectmen's meeting. KMS*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manger*

## **New Portland Lions Club**

It is time for the New Portland Lions Agriculture Fair and Craft Festival once again. We are having our third annual George Beane Memorial Lumberjack Competition, fireworks and a "Big Truck" event. Miller Amusements will once again be on our midway. It is the New Portland Lions 80th year of putting on this fair. We strive to have a small but family-orientated fair. There will be a petting zoo. Fireworks will be on Saturday evening and the "Big Truck" event will be on Saturday and Sunday. This event is new and the big trucks will be available so that anyone can climb aboard and check them out. We will also have the popular ATV pulls, truck pulls and demolition derby again. Don't forget "Kid's Day" is Sunday, and we will be having the pig scramble and the new frog jumping contest that was introduced last year. Come see the oxen and horse pulls that will be going on each day. We have a New Portland Lions website where info can be seen at [www.newportlandlionsfair.com](http://www.newportlandlionsfair.com) Take a look and watch for flyers in local stores! Hope to see you at the fair.

*Submitted: Catherine E. Horne*

## **Recreation Committee**

#### **MINUTES FOR THE RECREATION MEETING AUGUST 15, 2012**

A review of the work that has been done to finish the playground. It was decided signs needed to be ordered to direct people where to park their vehicles while children are using the playground. Parking on the pavement area near the playground can cause possible problems with the fire trucks if an emergency occurs. An area off the pavement that is graveled is where vehicles should park. Signs will be installed so people can be directed to park in this area.

October 20 will be our Fall Festival Event. Events on Saturday will include pumpkin carving, face painting, a bounce house/slide, and other activities for all ages, which are still in the planning stages. We thought it would be interesting to get some of the great cooks in New Portland involved. So, we will also have an apple pie contest. So come on guys and gals, show everyone what good ol' apple pie should taste like. More information will be available as the plans are finalized.

The other fun activity is a horse drawn wagon ride. Mr. Kendrick Charles will give rides, leaving from the parking lot of the Community Building. This is a great family fun event. We hope to offer pictures if people would like one of them riding. We will have refreshments available.

We will hold a scarecrow contest again this year. The scarecrows will need to be in place and ready by October 13. Rules and entry forms will be available in the *New Portlander* and at the town office. Judging will be done and the results will be announced at the Festival on October 20. We hope more people plan to enter this year.

In December we will be having the carol singing and wagon ride, followed by a community dinner. The date will be Sunday, December 2, 2012.

If you have any suggestions that you would like to see added to this event or ideas for other events, please call one of the recreation committee members. Members at this time are Jessi Atwood, Cindy Atwood, Stacie Rundlett, and Judi Wills. The next meeting of the recreation committee will be September 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## New Portland Community Library

**Friends of the Library** – Petrina Bearor; Thank you to everyone who attended our August Ice Cream Social at the library. Shelby's blueberry pie was very tasty. I want to personally thank everyone who helped set up, serve, and clean up the library. Also, thank you to the following donors of raffle prizes for our fundraiser: Jackie Carll, Tindall's Country Store and Dam Diner, Jordan Lumber, Marilyn Gorham, Arlene Newell, The Irregular, and Nancy Steuber.

Our first Activity Night will be held on September 19 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Shelby Newell and Tabitha Emery will be showing us some photography tricks for taking great fall and winter pictures. Come join us for an informative and enjoyable evening. Refreshments will also be available. October 17 Activity Night will be "scrapbooking" with Shelby. Don't scrapbook? No need to! Shelby always has something creative to teach us to make and take home. We have made photo collages to frame, note cards, and all sorts of other fun stuff.

**100 Club Winners for July:** Anna Seguin, New Portland Lions Club, Mary Butler, Joe Le Beau, Tranten's Store, Laura Dunham, Camden National Bank, Shelby Newell, and Shelia Hoyt.

**Knitwits and Happy Hookers** – Join us for knitting or any hand work hobby you would enjoy bringing, chatting, laughing, and refreshments. September 13 and 27 at 10:00 am.

**Book Club** – *The Paris Wife: A Novel by Paula McLain* is the tale of the love affair between Ernest Hemingway and his wife, Hadley Richardson, woven into the fabric of a remarkable time period and era of avant-garde artists known as the Lost Generation. September 13 at 6:30 pm.

Please call 628-2014 and leave a message if you would like to suggest a book for the "community read" in November. Suggestions are due by the evening of September 30. We are looking for ideas for a book that would appeal to local young adults, women, and men; preferably one that includes a Maine setting or characters.

**From a Volunteer Librarian** - Kay Michka; The volunteers booted Shelby out of the library for a little vacation time before she begins her school year. She always gives so many extra hours to the library, above and beyond what is required that we took it upon ourselves to cover a few of her shifts. It has been fun to see all the patrons coming through the doors. Shelby has done such a good job adding a welcoming glow to our community's library. She is a jewel in our midst. Thank you to Joye Earle for coordinating the volunteer coverage and being ever-present at the library this summer.

The library is located at 899 River Road across from the Town Office. It is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am - noon. We offer high speed Wi-Fi (accessible from the parking lot 24 hours a day, too!) There are two PCs and printers available for patron use. Books, magazines, DVDs, books on tape, a community meeting room, local art displays, activity nights, children's story hours... You name it, the library has it!

We still have two computers for sale. They have been tuned up and are ready to go to good homes for \$25 each, including monitor and mouse and cords. One has a nice set of speakers for no extra charge. They would be perfect for basic school work, educational games, social media, and basic business set up. There are three desks for sale, too. Stop by and get all geared up with a family computer center before school starts.

Are you looking for a good read or movie? Check these out at the library.

### **ADULT FICTION AND NON-FICTION:**

*Summer People* by Elin Hilderbrand, *River-Horse* by William Least Heat-Moon, *Before I Go to Sleep* by S. J. Watson, *The Scottish Prisoner* by Diana Gabaldon, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer, *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron, *The Confession* by John Grisham

### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION AND NON-FICTION:**

*The Secrets of The Immortal* Nicholas Flamel series by Michael Scott, *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok, *Ida B* by Katherine Hannigan, *Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* by Jonathan Auxier and *A Taste-Berry Guide to Setting and Achieving Goals* by Bettie B. and Jennifer Leigh Youngs.

### **CHILDREN'S FICTION AND NON-FICTION:**

*Over in the Meadow* by Olive Wadsworth, *Nettie Jo's Friends* by Patricia C. McKissack, *If I Ran the Circus* by Dr. Seuss, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* By Jane Yolen and Mark Teague and *What the Moon is Like* by Franklyn M. Branley.

**DVDs:** *Did You Hear About the Morgans* starring Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker and *The Peacemaker* starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **New Portland Water District**

The New Portland Water District will meet September 19, 2012 at the New Portland Community Library at 7:00 pm. Please note the date change. Everyone welcome. Thank you

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman*

## **Animal Control Officer**

**RABIES CLINIC:** September 19 between 9:30 - 10:00 am at Webster Hall in Kingfield. Webster Hall is located right beside the Kingfield Town Office office. The cost for this is \$15.00 per shot.

Thank you to everyone who got out and licensed their dogs; there are still about five of you who are new to town that still need to license! I will be out to give those of you a second notice! Please get to the Town Office and license!

Starting October 15 you will need to start licensing your dogs for the 2013 season! I am going to be calling all of the people who were on my list of unlicensed dogs.

Any animal control questions please call me at 779-7769.

*Submitted: Lori Agren, ACO*

## **Community Churches**

Maine Masters Concert Series at the North New Portland Church was a great success this summer. We were pleased to have Denny Breau, Frank Ferrel, and Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection perform at the church during the summer. We hope to continue to bring great performers to New Portland next summer and for many summers to come.

The congregations of the New Portland and North New Portland Community Churches met in a special meeting after the

worship service on August 5 to discuss merging the congregations into one. Both congregations voted unanimously to merge into one congregation. As was mentioned in the August New Portlander, all the functions of the churches will remain the same (suppers, bake sales, Christmas sale, etc.). Services will continue exactly the way they have always been; in the summer services will be held in the North Church and throughout the rest of the year services will be held in the West Church.

As you may have seen there are new outside lights on the North New Portland Church. Thanks to the efforts of Floyd Cook, Bert Dyer and Tom Baker the doorways and steps of the church are well lit by several very handsome carriage lamps. Less noticeable, but very noteworthy, are the four antique oil lamps which now hang again in the sanctuary. These lamps had been stored in the church for many years and had lost many parts over that time. Floyd Cook spent much time and talent polishing brass, searching through antique shops and carefully restoring these lamps. They are beautiful, and we are proud to have them hanging once more in the sanctuary. A huge thanks to Floyd for this gift. To celebrate the new lighting at the church, both inside and outside, there will be an evening service of scripture and song. This will be a joint service with Fairbanks Union Church and will be held on September 30 at 6:30 pm.

The New Portland Church congregation is meeting in the North New Portland Church at 11:00 am Sunday mornings. Join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am. Communion will be celebrated on September 2. The following ministers will be serving during the month of September.

September 2 – Rev. Douglas Walrath (Communion Service)  
September 9 – Rev. Lloyd Leeman  
September 16 – Rev. Sherwood Anderson  
September 23 – Rev. Mia Dyson  
September 30 – Rev. Doug Walrath  
September 30 – 6:30 pm an Evening Service of Scripture and Song

Monthly Breakfast will be at 8:00 am on September 6 at Tindalls.

Session meeting will be September 13 at 5:00 pm at Fairbanks Union Church.

The monthly church supper will be held at the West New Portland Church on Thursday, September 20 at 5:00 pm. Please join us for a delicious pot roast supper. As always, feel free to eat in or take out.

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

## **From the Editor**

I continue to update my email reminders which are sent on or about the 15th of each month. If you are on this mailing and want to be removed or if you are not on this mailing and would like to receive this monthly reminder, please email me at bigd@tdstelme.net and I will see that you are added or removed as desired. Thank you.

*Submitted: Dallas Landry, Editor*



# SCARE CROW CONTEST

All entries must be on display for **October 13, 2012**. This will give the judges time to see them and make their choices. There is no theme, but we ask that you keep in mind this is a family/town display. The entry can be very scary, silly, funny - whatever you would like. There will be a first, second and third place prize given.

An entry form needs to be filled out and dropped in the box at the Town Office. If you are unable to bring it to the town office, contact a member of the Recreation Committee. Once the scarecrows and entries are done, numbers will be assigned. The judges will not know who belongs to what scarecrow. If you have any questions you may call Judi Wills, 628-4671.

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**NAME OF PERSON ENTERING SCARECROW:**

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**CONTACT NUMBER, TELEPHONE:**

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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**SEPTEMBER 2012**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPT. 19: RABIES CLINIC 9:30 - 10:00 AM WEBSTER HALL KINGFIELD. \$15/SHOT						1 TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
2 North Village Church 11 am	3	4 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	5 School Board Mtg 6:00 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm	6 Monthly Breakfast at Tindall's 8 am	7	8 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
9 North Village Church 11 am	10	11 Library Board Mtg. - 6 pm NPFDP Mtg. - 6:30 pm Selectmen's Mtg. - 6:30 pm	12	13 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club - NPCL 6:30 pm	14 New Portland Lions Club Fair at Fairgrounds	15 New Portland Lions Club Fair at Fairgrounds Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
16 New Portland Lions Club Fair at Fairgrounds North Village Church 11 am	17 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm Town Re-Evaluation Discussion	18	19 Photography Tips at NPCL at 6:30 pm Water District Mtg at NPCL at 7:00 pm Rec. Committee Mtg at Comm. Mg Rm 6:30 pm	20	21	22 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
23 North Village Church 11 am	24	25 NPFDP Mtg. - 6:30 pm Deadline for <i>New Port-</i> <i>lander</i> entries at 4 pm	26	27 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am	28	29 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
30 North Village Church 11 am						