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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 ..... 12pm - 2pm  
Thursday ..... 3pm - 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 Oct. 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

The Selectmen would like to summarize the outcome of the meeting held on September 17, 2012 regarding the change in waterfront values. The selectmen, assessor's agent, and the contractor hired to perform the re-evaluation were present to hear your concerns and share the methodology used to determine waterfront values.

The way we assess waterfront property has not changed. The only thing that changed was the value assigned to that first acre of waterfront property. We understand that most of you are not happy with the significant increase in waterfront values.

We will be looking at all properties that were assessed as waterfront and that are also in tree growth. With that one exception, the only way for your value to change is for you to file an abatement application and each one will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

The State of Maine Bureau of Taxation will be back in New Portland in January looking at 2012 sales to perform their annual sales ratio analysis. We will keep you updated when this study is complete.

As always you are welcome to all selectmen's meetings.

*Submitted: Andrea Reichert*

### MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR AUGUST 20, 2012

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Doug Archer; Present: Kristen Seeley, Ken Whitney, Rick Poulin, Ray Poulin, Marilyn Gorman, Ed Boyer, Janet White, Duane Ricker, John Leveque, Floyd Cook, Sheila Hoyt, Earl Hoyt

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Doug reviewed and accepted the minutes from August 7, 2012. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

There were some townspeople who had attended to find out why their taxes have gone up so much from the previous years. There were many questions and concerns that were voiced.

Doug spoke about how they were going to set up an informational meeting for the first of September, but the Selectmen have not heard back from Clyde Dyar regarding the setting of a date. Doug did give everyone the option that was at the meeting to put their names and numbers on a piece of paper, so that they can be informed when the informational meeting is to be set.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

*These minutes are just a draft summary and were approved at the September 4, 2012 Selectmen's meeting.*

*KMS*

## MINUTES FOR THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING: SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Joy Earle, Jack Bailey, Marilyn Gorman, Terri Lamontagne

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Andrea reviewed and accepted the minutes as written from the August 20, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes. Wayne seconded.

Kip updated the board on his findings regarding the replacement of the radios.

Ed Boyer spoke about the conditions of the door to the Community Room. Ed reviewed with the board members regarding the condition of the culverts on his property. Photos were provided for the Selectmen to review. Ed requests that the culverts be replaced because of safety reasons. He would like 35 feet of culverts, rather than the original 30 feet.

Andrea spoke on Gary Agren's behalf concerning paving an apron on the dirt end of the Wire Bridge road, where it has been hard to keep the potholes under control. He wants to do it this fall. All were in agreement.

It was agreed to put an ad for the grader in the *Uncle Henry's*, the MMA website, and on Craigslist for \$14,500.00 or best offer.

Andrea made a motion to go into executive session with Terri Lamontagne pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personal Matters at 7:10pm. Exited executive session at 7:54pm. No decisions were made. Andrea motioned to adjourn at 7:55 pm. All were in favor.

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## Town Manager

**October 3 and 4** the Town Office will be **closed** to allow the staff to attend workshops.

**October 8** the Town Office we will be **closed** for observance of Columbus Day.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Town Clerk

Greetings New Portlanders!

I just wanted to give you all a few updates. First hand, I will be changing my hours here at the clerk's office due to some unforeseen issues. I apologize for the inconvenience. My new hours will be Tuesdays 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Wednesdays 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Thursdays 3:00 – 7:00 pm and the first Saturdays of each month 8:00 – 11:00 am pending it is not a holiday weekend. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience, and I will do my best to meet everyone's needs.

Next, dog licensing for 2013 will start October 15. The 2013 licences go from October 15 to January 31. The fee for a fixed dog is \$6.00 and not fixed is \$11.00. Please remember that I will need to have verification that your dog is up to date on his/

hers rabies vaccination. There are a few ways this can be done. You can either have your vet fax a copy over at 628-4440, we can call your vet as long as you provide me with the number, or you can just simply bring in the rabies certificate for me to verify. I would also like to thank everyone who has come to license their dog(s) and to those who have brought their licenses to current status. I look forward to seeing you all come to license for the 2013 year!

*Respectfully...*

*Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk*

## Recreation Committee

### MINUTES FOR THE RECREATION MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Members present reviewed status of activities scheduled for the October 20 Fall Festival Event. The time for this event has been changed to 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and signs will be posted in different locations in the town. Activities will include pumpkin carving, face painting, a bounce house and other activities for all ages. There will also be an apple pie contest for anyone to enter. Mr. Kendrick Charles will be giving horse drawn wagon rides for all to enjoy. This is a great family fun event, and we will be offering pictures if people would like one of them riding. Refreshments will be available compliments of the New Portland Fireman's Association.

We would like to remind everyone that we are again holding a scarecrow contest. 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 will be awarding door prizes at this event so please come, participate and sign up to win a door prize. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Also, we are reminding folks that the first weekend in December we will be having the carol singing and wagon ride which will be followed by a community dinner.

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 October 17 at 6:30 pm.

## New Portland Community Library

**FROM THE LIBRARIAN** – (Shelby Newell) Did you know that reading to your a child makes a world of difference? In our perfect world, ALL children have been read to since birth, 20+ minutes x 7 days a week and have been exposed to all kinds of books. Reading just 20 minutes a day, here's the math from Kindergarten to 6th Grade: Student A reads 20 minutes a night - 5 nights a week as is assigned by a teacher. Student B reads 4 minutes a night...or not at all. Student A reads the equivalent of 400 minutes a month - excluding weekends. Student B reads the equivalent of 80 minutes a month - or none at all. Student A reads 3600 extra minutes per school year - the equivalent of 10 EXTRA school days a year. Student B reads 720 extra minutes per school year - the equivalent of 2 extra school days a year - or none at all. By 6th Grade, if Student A and Student B continue on their same paths, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 EXTRA days in school. Student B will have read

the equivalent of 12. (US Department of Education, '99)

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY!

**DVDs:** *Wanderlust*, *Big Miracle*, *The Hunger Games*, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, and *Mirror, Mirror*; **YOUNG ADULT FICTION:** *Shiver*, *Linger*, and *Forever* (trilogy) by Maggie Stiefvater, *Between the Lines* by Jodi Picoult and Samantha Van Leer; **NONFICTION:** *Mindsight* by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., *The Whole-Brain Child: Twelve Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind* by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., *The End of Normal: A Wife's Anguish*, *A Widow's New Life* by Stephanie Madoff Mack; **FICTION:** *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn, *Zoo* by James Patterson.

Join us on Sunday, October 14 at 9:30 am for our "Book Launch". We received a grant from The Libri Foundation and have 66 new fiction and nonfiction books for children and young adults! We've been busy entering the new books into our system and getting them covered and ready to be read by the children in the community. Be sure to join us and be the first to check out one of the fabulous new selections!

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** – (Petrina Bearor) Activity Night at the Library on October 17 at 6:30 pm will be Scrapbooking with Shelby. Join Shelby and your neighbors for a simple scrapbooking project. Bring your photos, any materials you may have and your enthusiasm. Refreshments and conversation will also be available. Also, mark your calendars! November's Activity will be our ever-popular fly tying and floral holiday arrangement.

**100 CLUB AUGUST WINNERS** – Jim and Jane Heichel, Gerald Strickland, Lolly Phoenix, Bert Dyer (twice), Bernard Newell, Kenneth Atwood, Joan Moes, Jordan's, Tranten's, Anonymous, and Dallas Landry.

**BOOK CLUB** – (Kay Michka) The Community Read for November has been decided! It will be a great night to share a book the whole community has read. Come one, come all! We encourage everyone to stop by the library to pick up one of several copies of *Suddenly, the Cider Didn't Taste So Good: Adventures of a Game Warden in Maine* written by John Ford, Sr., who is a relative of New Portland's Roland and Jean Morang. Stories range from being shot at by prison escapees to tender animal rescues. The whole family will delight in his adventures!

Check the New Portland Community Library Facebook page or watch for posters around town announcing the exact November date and any related activities. We really hope to have a good crowd. We might even be able to entice Mr. Ford to join us in person. Who knows? Copies will soon be available to share at the New Portland Community Library. A copy will be made available at Carrabec High School. Devaney Doak and Garrett Booksellers in Farmington carries it. Twice Sold Tales in Farmington may have a used copy or two. Other local libraries may lend to you, as well. You can find it on Kindle and at Amazon.com. Call me at 628-2014, if you need help finding a copy. We'll see you there! Let's pack the library and have some laughs. Food and drink, too, of course.

For October 11 at 6:30 pm, join us to discuss *How Georgia Became O'Keefe: Lessons on the Art of Living* by Karen Karbo. I am always happy to help you find a copy. Everyone is welcome.

The New Portland Community Library is located across from the Town Office at 899 River Road. 628-6561; M-W-Th 4:00 – 6:00 pm and 10:00 am to noon on Saturdays.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## Announcement

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Hi All,

I am going to be walking in the **Dempsey Challenge** to benefit the **Dempsey Center for Cancer, Hope & Healing** again this year. The walk is going to be held on October 13, 2012. This is the fourth annual Dempsey Challenge, and this will be my third year participating. The Dempsey Center is located in Lewiston and provides FREE services to cancer patients and their families. I would appreciate it very much if you would make a small donation at my personal fund raising web page:

[http://dempseychallenge2012.kintera.org/andrea\\_reichert](http://dempseychallenge2012.kintera.org/andrea_reichert)

If you would like to sponsor me but do not wish to go online, please contact me at 628-5411.

Thank you for your support.

*Submitted: Andrea Reichert*

## Animal Control Officer

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October 16, 2012 is when you want to go to the Town Office and LICENSE your dog(s) for 2013.

If you do it between October 16 through December 31, it will only cost you 6.00 dollars each for spayed and neutered dogs and 11.00 dollars each if they are not. This is a lot better than being charged \$32.00 or \$36.00 dollars because of late fees!

To all of the people who just licensed their dogs, this notice is for you also after October 16 it is time to do it again!

There will be a rabies clinic for your pets in Kingfield at Webster Hall on the following dates from 9:00 - 9:30 am on the following dates: October 17, November 7, and December 19

Any questions please call me 628-2919.

*Submitted: Lore Agren, Animal Control Officer*

## Community Churches

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Some info from Western Mountains Baptist Church

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited and welcomed to attend the Thursday night Youth Group held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church. The fun begins at 6:00 pm and goes until 8:00 pm. Games, snacks, Bible studies and activities are provided. If you want more information, please call the church at 265-2557 or email: [westernmountainsbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainsbaptist@tds.net).

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Study is beginning a new study on October 3, 2012. It will be on the book of James with a workbook and video by Beth Moore. Call Betsy 678-2328 for more information or show up at the church any Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

A New Believers Class is now meeting at the church on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm to study the book of John. For more information, please contact the church. To find a Bible study or another group meeting which may meet your needs, please call Pastor Tom at 557-3802 or send an email.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**OCTOBER 2012**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	3 <b>TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for workshop</b> School Board Mtg 6:00 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm	4 <b>TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for workshop</b>	5	6 <b>TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon</b> Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
7 North Village Church 11 am	8 <b>TOWN OFFICE CLOSED for Columbus Day</b>	9 Library Board Mtg. - 6 pm NPFDP Mtg. - 6:30 pm	10 Water District Mtg at NPCL at 7:00 pm	11 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club - NPCL 6:30 pm	12	13 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
14 Libri Foundation "Book Launch" at NPCL 9:30am North Village Church 11 am	15 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	16	17 Activity Night at NPCL at 6:30 pm Rec. Committee Mtg at Comm. Mg Rm 6:30 pm	18	19 <b>Rabies Clinic Webster Hall Kingfield 9-9:30 am</b>	20 <b>Fall Festival 12pm - 4pm</b> Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
21 North Village Church 11 am	22	23 NPFDP Mtg. - 6:30 pm	24	25 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Deadline for <i>New Portlanders</i> entries at 4 pm	26	27 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
28 North Village Church 11 am	29	30	31			Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open