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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

PHONE: 628-4441

FAX: 628-4440

The Town Office hours are as follows:

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 nwprtld@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
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:**
Mon, Wed, Sat, and Sun 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- **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

Selectmen

Please note that the town office will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2012 to close the books for the end of the year.

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Special Town Meeting Warrant

State of Maine
November 26, 2012
County of Somerset

Greetings:

To Stacie Rundlett, Warden, a resident of New Portland, the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of New Portland, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Community Room of the Fire Station, on Tuesday, the fourth of December at six-thirty (6:30 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 01. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 02. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from Surplus to compensate the Assessor's Agent for additional work performed in connection with the Town re-evaluation.

*Selectmen Recommend YES
Budget Committee Recommend YES*

The registrar of voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters in the Community Room, at the Fire Station at 6:15 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS THIRD DAY (26th) OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE (2012).

Town of New Portland
Board of Selectmen

A true copy of the Warrant:

Douglas Archer, Chairman
Andrea Reichert
Wayne Rundlett

Stacie Rundlett
Town Manager
Warden & Constable

New Portlander article submission deadline is Dec. 23 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'S MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2012

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Jamie Eck, Thomas Dexter, Donald Browne, Jack Bailey, Ed Boyer, Terri Lamontagne, Marilyn Gorman, Linda Del, Judy Bailey, Ken Whitney, Janice Whitney

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Andrea motioned to accept the minutes from October 2, 2012 with minor changes. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Doug made a motion to rescind the abatement of \$487.96 made on October 2, 2012 for Patricia White. After Terri met with the Poulin's it was determined that she does in fact own the property. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

The following are the tabled requests from the October 2, 2012 Selectmen's meeting:

- Donald Browne/ Andrea motioned to table. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Alfred Bolduc/ Andrea motioned to table. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Thomas Dexter \$739.35/ Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

The following are the new abatement requests:

- Muriel A. Handrahan \$349.80/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Linda M. Dellarma-McKenney Heirs of George \$241.68/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Judith Mallett and Jack Bailey/ Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Chad Parker \$136.74/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Lorie Agren \$642.36/ Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Donald Emery \$912.66/ Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Allan Medici \$763.22/ Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Steve Norton \$195.57/ Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Steve Norton \$318.00/ Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- James A. & Mary Carter- Tree Growth Property \$591.48/ Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Kenneth R. & Janice Whitney/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Ray Poulin/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Earlin Hoyt/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Brian updated the Board of Selectmen on the Fire Department's trucks. There were three tested and only 1 passed. The two trucks that did not pass are being worked on.

Andrea motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) Personnel Matters with Terri Lamontagne at 8:35 pm. Doug seconded. They exited at 8:50 pm. There was a decision made to search for money for Terri.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Kendall Knowles

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Doug made a motion to accept the minutes with the change. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Gary talked about Tim Martin offering to buy the grader from the town for \$10,000.00. Andrea motioned to accept the \$10,000.00 offer. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Gary said that he will contact Tim Martin to see if he is still interested.

Stacie is going to call Nancy Lovejoy and tell her the culvert can be put in, but she will be responsible for the materials for the rest of her driveway and it will not be able to be done this year.

Stacie is going to email Kip all of the Selectmen's email addresses, so that if he needs to communicate with the Selectmen he can do so through email.

There was some discussion of an action plan from MMA regarding town owned properties.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

- David Bubier \$287.79/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Steve Norton (School Street) \$165.36/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Steve Norton (Bog Road) \$313.23/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Dawn Foss \$505.62/ Andrea motioned to deny. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Frank Pride \$534.24/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
- Keith Morrison \$84.42/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
- Kendall Knowles-Calvin Knowles-Becky Redlevske \$241.68/Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are draft summaries that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the November 6, 2012 meeting. KMS

Town Manager

The town office will be hosting a Giving Tree for Christmas. We will have gift tags hung on our Christmas tree in the office that will list items for people of all ages that will be distributed to our New Portland residents who could use a helping hand this holiday season. So if you are feeling that giving spirit this Christmas season, please stop by the office to choose a tag to help someone out. The fire department will assist the office staff with distributing items before Christmas day.

Neighbors helping neighbors! (Thanks Leisa for the jingle!)

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Town Clerk

Seasons Greetings New Portlanders!

I have a few reminders for you all... Please remember to license your dog(s)! I am very flexible as far as how this can be done. You can mail a check to the town office along with a copy of your rabies vaccination and I can mail your tags out to you, or you can stop in during my office hours to license. If you happen to come in while my office is closed, you can leave your info in my box and I will process it and mail everything out the very next day I come in. If you can't find a copy of your rabies vaccination, I can check my files here to see if you are current, you can have your vet fax over a copy at 628-4440, or if you provide me with your vet's phone number I can simply call them to verify. Even though the dog licences expire December 31, you legally have until January 31st to license your dog without having to pay late fees. Late fees WILL BE enforced on February 1. The fee for a fixed dog is \$6.00, not fixed is \$11.00. The late fee for a fixed dog is \$31.00 and not fixed is \$36.00.

The following seats are up for re-election:

Selectmen - Three (3) year term

School Board Member - Three (3) year term

If you are interesting in taking out nomination papers for either of these seats, you can do so starting December 6. Please keep in mind that they have to be returned with at least 25 New Portland registered voters' signatures, and I have to have those signatures returned to my office by January 15. NO LATER!

Onto the next note... Because my family and I do a lot of traveling during Christmas, my office will be closed on December 25, 26, and 27. Please keep in mind that my office hours do not reflect the front office! My office will re-open on

January 2. I apologize for the inconvenience. If you happen to mail in information for dog licenses or anything else, please do not worry, everything will be processed when I return, and you will not be charged late fees because everything will be done before that time frame hits. Also, if you mail a check in while my office is closed, the ladies will keep your money in the safe for protection until I return. If you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 628-4441 ext 2 or email me at nptownclerk@gmail.com. Have a safe and happy holiday season!!!

Mailing Address for Town Clerk:

901 River Road
New Portland, ME 04961

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

The November meeting was called to order with ten members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master: Kendall reported that both grants had been sent in. There will be a trail work session on December 1. People will be meeting at 8:00 am at Meredith Knowles's on the Middle Road. If you have any questions, you can contact Lewis.

Social Director: Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas party. If you plan on coming, you will need to bring a gift (around \$5) to exchange in a Yankee swap. We will also be sharing snacks and goodies. The business meeting will start at 6:30 pm with the party immediately following. A date to remember is February 9; there will be a club ride (destination will be determined later). Mark it down on your calendar so you can join us. You can check out the club's Facebook account for upcoming events.

New Business: Insurances have been paid for the season. Maps of our trails have come back from the printers. We will be selling them for \$3. If you know of anyone interested in purchasing maps, contact either Judi or Joyce. Members of the club can have a free one for joining the club, you will just need to come to a meeting or contact Judi or Joyce to get your map.

The next meeting will be December 15. Hope you can join us.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian - (Shelby Newell)

Looking for something that helps share the spirit of giving? Do some people on your list have everything they need? Why not make a donation in their name to the library for the purchase of new books? I have a certificate on hand that you can present to them over the holidays to let them know that a

donation has been made in their name. You can also request that the money donated go toward children, young adult, or adult books. A special notation will be made in each book to show that it was donated by that person. A true way to give in the spirit of the holidays.

Some new books on the shelves are: *The Racketeer* by John Grisham, *Merry Christmas, Alex Cross* by James Patterson, *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich, and *Fairy Tale Interrupted: A Memoir of Life, Love, and Loss* by RoseMarie Terenzio, former personal assistant to John F. Kennedy, Jr. who shares the story of their professional relationship and close friendship, describing how she landed her job under less-than-ideal circumstances, Kennedy's political beliefs, and his untimely death.

The Library will be closed on Christmas Eve. Enjoy family, friends, and take time to appreciate all you have this holiday season!

Friends of the Library – (Petrina Bearor)

No Activity Night in December. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Let's toast the New Year with a Winemaking 101 class. Join Patty Cormier for tips on making your own wine. Refreshments will be available. Looking forward to seeing you at our first 2013 Activity Night on January 16 at 6:30 pm.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet December 13 and December 27 at 10:00 am.

October 100 Club winners:

- Agnes Dodd
- Bonnie Atwood
- Barbara Bruno
- Linda De Wolfe
- Ella Clague
- Bernard Newell

Book Club – (Kay Michka)

There will be no book club in December. We will meet again on January 10 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News: December already! December 2 is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is the beginning of the church year and a season of preparation for Christmas. The four Sundays preceding Christmas are the four Sundays of Advent.

Thanks to everyone who baked pies and bought pies at the Voting Day pie sale in support of the North New Portland Church. It was a very successful fundraiser.

November 15 was the final church supper of the year. A special thanks to all of you who helped out at the suppers and donated food items throughout the year. Suppers will resume again in

April; we hope to see you all there. Thank you for attending these suppers and for your support.

The Annual Christmas Sale at the West New Portland Community Church will be held December 1 and December 8 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity get your gift shopping done!

Service schedule and ministers for December are as follows:

December 2

Communion Sunday, First Sunday of Advent.....Doug Walrath

December 9

Second Sunday in Advent Dick Waddell

December 16

No Sunday Service. The congregation will be attending the Christmas music service at the Western Mountain Baptist Church on Route 27. Service begins at 10:00 am

December 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent Lloyd Leeman

December 24

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and CarolsDoug Walrath

December 30

Year End Joint Service with Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. Service at 11:00 am followed by a potluck lunch.

Church services continue at the West Church at 11:00 am. Coffee hour is before the service at 10:30 am.

Submitted: Nan Berry

Western Mountains Baptist Church: Our Christmas Musical Presentation is Sunday, December 16 during our regular worship service and again in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome. Please call the church at 265-2557 or email questions to westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

Regularly scheduled events held at the church include: Sunday morning worship services at 10:00 am. Sunday School for all ages (including adults) at 9:00 am. Children's Church and Nursery are available. Youth Group meets every Thursday evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Monday and Wednesday evenings 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm is the Ladies Fitness Class. Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm and the first Saturday morning of each month is a Men's Bible Study and Fellowship. A New Believer's Study meets Friday evenings at 6:30 pm. A Prayer Meeting is held Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

To get more information about any of the events held at WMBC or for information about events and studies held at the homes of members, please call the church at 265-2557 or email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

Happy Holidays!



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR DECEMBER 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<i>Additional activities for December 1...</i> • NPCL Children's Hour Ornament Craft & Decorate the Library • Craft Fair - Fire Station - 9:00 am • Annual Christmas Sale - West NP Community Church - 10 am - 2 pm				1 TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
2 West Village Church 11 am Caroling & Community Dinner Community Room Caroling at 4:00 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm	3	4 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	5 School Board Mtg 6 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm	6	7	8 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open Annual Christmas Sale West New Portland Community Church 10 am - 2 pm
9 West Village Church 11 am	10	11 Library Board Mtg. - 6 pm NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	12 Water District 7 pm	13 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am	14	15 Sno-Travelors 6:30 pm Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
16 West Village Church 11 am	17 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21 Last Day of School before the Holidays!	22 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
23 Deadline for <i>New Portlander</i> entries - 4 pm West Village Church - 11 am 30	24 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED 31	25	26	27 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am	28	29