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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

PHONE: 628-4441
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The Town Office hours are as follows: (effective July 10)

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett Ext. 1

Deputy Town Manager: Alicia Wills Ext. 0

Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses

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

Town Clerk: Alicia Wills Ext. 2

Vital statistics & dog licensing

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

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 July 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

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

Town Clerk

Greetings New Portlanders!

There are to be some upcoming changes in the Town Clerk's office. As most of you know, I am also currently the Deputy Town Manager, but unfortunately due to unforeseen family issues, I will be resigning from that position. However, I will be keeping my position as your Town Clerk, but the hours will be changing. As of July 10, my clerk office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday 2:00 - 7:00 pm and the first Saturday of each month 8:00 - 11:00 if it is not a holiday weekend. I hope, this can work for everyone, and I sincerely apologize for the unexpected change. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully...

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

Selectmen

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR MAY 21, 2012

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Brian Rundlett, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Stacie Rundlett, Karen Pease, Jean Antonucci, Judi Wills, Terri Lamontagne

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Selectmen reviewed minutes from meeting of May 1. Andrea motioned to accept the minutes with a correction to be made; just removing a duplicate word.

There was a discussion regarding a correction of the bid acceptance from April 16 tax-acquired property of 761 Bog Road. The person that was awarded the bid, Ryan Delaney, was for a different property. So, following protocol the next highest bidder would be awarded the property, which was Randy Grover in the amount of \$2200.00. Andrea motioned to accept Randy Grover's bid and authorized Town Manager to draw up a quitclaim deed to Randy Grover, and Doug seconded, all were in favor. Selectmen signed the quitclaim deed which the Town Manager had already prepared for them.

Terri Lamontagne, Assessor's Agent, addressed the board regarding a Tree Growth violation that was previously issued to a resident. She had a discussion with Mike Rogers from the State of Maine and briefed the board of her findings. There is not enough of a paper trail that was issued by the previous Assessor's Agent to back up the Tree Growth violation. She asked the board to allow her

to properly notify the resident of the violation, and if the resident does not comply within the allotted time, then she could confidently support the Tree Growth violation. The board agreed that proper procedures should be followed, and all were comfortable with allowing Terri to make sure that happened.

Judi Wills discussed with the board with regards to options for the menu of the Holiday Dinner that is held later in the year. The board members were all in agreement to split the costs of a prime rib dinner with the board of recreation, after donations were sought for the Holiday Dinner. She also inquired if the board members were still willing to help serve residents at this meal and they responded yes. Judi also updated the board on the completion of projects and upcoming projects of the recreation committee.

Jean Antonucci, resident on Chick Road, discussed with the board members her concerns of the wood grinding that has been done at Enviro-Mats in the old Brochu property on Route 27. Jean asked if a report was available regarding the decibel levels of the noise being made was available. Stacie stated no not at this time because of an error with using the proper equipment. There was a discussion with the Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Dunphy, as well as the board members regarding the noise levels from this work being done. Jean described the excessive noise and the times that they had occurred. She expressed to the board members that this was an intolerable noise and in violation of the Commercial Development Ordinance. She asked that the board members address this issue. There was a lengthy discussion among the board members and the code enforcement officer regarding any and all options. Robert discussed with the board members one option being a cease and desist order until they apply for a permit to operate the wood chipping for a day and a proper test can be done to see if they are or are not in compliance with the ordinance and the noise levels. Andrea motioned to authorize CEO to send letter of cease and desist to Enviro-Mats of chipping on the site until they can schedule an independent testing coordinated with the code enforcement officer to take sound readings and run tests of the noise levels and provide certified results at a selectmen's meeting prior to any future chipping. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

There was a brief discussion regarding communication equipment at the town office and some of the difficulties that everyone has been having. The matter is being looked into.

The board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrant. Stacie asked the board to make a decision regarding the installation of a new office door. The selectmen asked who the quotes were from and if there was a deadline. Andrea motioned to go with Michael Wales in the amount of \$210.00. It was seconded and all were in favor.

Stacie updated the board regarding a dog bite incident that happened in April. Andrea asked why it had not been brought up before. Stacie stated that at the May 1 meeting she and Alicia were in hopes that the Animal Control Officer

would have attended and brought it to the Board's attention, but she was unable to attend. Stacie acknowledged she could have brought it up at that time but did not remember until after the fact. Andrea asked that when Stacie was aware of situations that the board members should be aware of, regardless of if it should come from department head or not that she notify the board members so they are at least aware of any incidents.

There was a brief discussion regarding the phones and the provider issues we have been having. Stacie notified the board that she has been trying to work with current provider and is trying to have other options for the town if issues can not be resolved.

The board members reviewed a request for the waiving of a Tree Growth violation for Edward Goodrich. After reviewing the letter from Mr. Goodrich the board members did not feel comfortable with waiving his violation and asked Stacie to notify him that he still owed the penalty and his options for paying the penalty.

Andrea motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters, Doug seconded and all were in favor.

At 7:39 pm the board entered into executive session for interviewing.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 05, 2012 meeting as written. smr

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR JUNE 5, 2012

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Marilyn Gorman, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Stacie Rundlett, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Brian Rundlett

Doug called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the Selectmen's meeting on May 21, 2012 and Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Gary Agren updated the board about the tree cutting, putting some gravel down on the Middle Road where there are some soft places. There was some discussion about culvert projects on the Hancock Pond Road. There was a brief discussion about the grader, and we have not received any offers yet for it.

Kip reported that there were no issues.

Stacie briefly discussed about changing phone providers and also briefly discussed the snowplowing contract. Stacie spoke about the Selectmen's meeting that is scheduled for July 3, 2012 and how it is so close to a holiday, if they could reschedule. The Selectmen agreed on July 10, 2012 for the rescheduled date. Stacie informed the Selectmen that there was a meeting scheduled for 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 31,

2012 for a second volunteer to do some painting projects. She also said that Mike Wales was supposed to be in on Friday June 8, 2012 to install the front door to the Town Office. Stacie announced that the Town Clerk was getting ready for the primaries. Stacie has informed Lorie Agren that more people have come in to get their dogs licensed, and she has made sure that Lorie has received a list of people who have never licensed their dog before as well.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 5:30pm, and Wayne seconded it, all were in favor.

These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the June 18, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting as written. KMS

Recreation Committee

RECREATION MEETING, MAY 16, 2012

The members of the committee reviewed events that have been discussed for the rest of 2012. Plans and ideas were discussed

Playground work is ongoing. The success of the playground shows with just how many children are using it. The signs for the rules of use are posted at the corner of the entrance to the play area. A picnic table has been purchased and will be added to the area. We ask that everyone pick up whatever they bring in or use. Adults must be with children at the playground. No bikes in the play area and no use of the playground after 8:00 pm. These rules are for the safety of the children.

The basketball court has been used. You must bring your own basketball. We are in the process of putting a fence between the basketball area and Route 146/River Road. This will hopefully prevent players from running after a ball and possible going into the road.

The Wire Bridge area will have a clean up day on June 9 at 9:00 am; we will meet at the beach area by the Wire Bridge. The picnic tables at the area will be fixed and a new table that we purchased from Maynard Handrahan will be added. Trash cans and a can for recycled bottles will also be added to the area. We ask people to pick up after themselves; what you take in, you take home. The maintenance is all volunteer, so please consider yourself a volunteer and keep it clean.

The committee is in the process of organizing the events for the rest of the year and posting the dates early. The committee consists of four people, so we will keep events to what we can do and make them worthwhile. We will be having a Fall Festival again with a Scarecrow Contest, and many other activities that are still in the planning stage. In December, we will do the carol singing and wagon ride, followed by the Community Dinner. All these events are free and all citizens are welcome.

Submitted by Judi Wills

RECREATION MEETING, JUNE 20, 2012

Members present: Jessi Atwood, Stacy Rundlett, Judi Wills

The meeting was started by reviewing all the work that has been done to complete our projects.

The playground still has work to be done around the edges for redirecting water flow when it rains. Because of the rain over the past few weeks it has been put off until the ground is drier. A picnic table has been purchased and will be set up outside the fenced area. No food, drinks or pets are allowed into the playground so the ground area stays free of debris.

The basketball court area will have a fence put up between the road and court. This will hopefully stop any running into or towards the road while playing basketball. This should be installed by the end of June. The fencing will be purchased from Jordan Lumber and members of Recreation Committee will organize the set up time.

The Wire Bridge area had a cleanup day, Saturday, June 9; this was put into our article for the June edition of the *New Portlander* but had a problem with submission. Brian, Stacy and Judi raked the beach area and the pathways and picked up broken bottles. A picnic table was placed in the area. A trash can is now available for use. Signs will be posted to take all bottles and trash with you or dispose of properly.

We will be purchasing a plaque with the names of people who contributed to the playground development. It is our citizens who help in projects that make our community grow. Thank you again to all who helped. Because our notes did not get into the *New Portlander* last month, we would like to again thank Maynard Handrahan for the tables the recreation department purchased from him for our projects.

Discussion was held about our upcoming events. More planning will be done at the next meeting in August. So watch for dates of a Fall Festival, the community "sleigh" ride followed by the community dinner, which will be prime rib this year. Have a safe and happy summer.

Respectfully...

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library (by Pete Bearor) – Oops, I goofed last month. The dates I had listed for the Ice Cream Socials were last year's dates. Our first Ice Cream Social will be held July 18 from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Fire Station Meeting Room. Sundaes, banana splits, and strawberry shortcake will be served. Of course, we will have our own homemade chocolate and caramel sauces and real whipped cream. Please join us for an evening of delicious treats and good company. We will have a selection of good used books for sale and will also have a raffle ready. On August 15 we will hold our second Ice Cream Social.

We are still planning fall and winter Activity Nights. If you have any thoughts about what needs to be offered, please call, jot a note to the library or contact a board member. The phone number is 628-6561 and address is 899 River Rd., New Portland ME 04961.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet at 10 am on July 12 and 26 at the library.

100 Club Winners for May: Jennifer McNanny, Nora West, Linda DeWolfe, Barbara Bruno, Tim Kannally, Arlene Newell, Nan Berry, Stacie Rundlett, Robert Whitten, Ezra Pease, Lorie Hibbard.

From the Librarian (by Shelby Newell) – Stop by the library and check out a great book for the summer! We have lots of great books for children and adults. Maybe a movie to mellow out is what you need? We have those too! All free with a library card!

Our **Summer Reading Program** is off to a super start! We have three activities scheduled for July. Bring the children to the library at 9:30 am on July 5, 12, and 19. Activities will wrap up by 11:00 am. We'll have a different topic each week, so get your children involved in reading this summer! If you are not able to come for the activities, you can still get the children involved by stopping by the library and getting a form to keep track of the books your children are reading. I'd love to get the whole community involved in reading! Wouldn't it be great to see how many books we could read this summer? You can e-mail me at shelby_newell40@yahoo.com or call the library at 628-6561 and let me know your name and the title of the book you have finished. You can also come in and tell me what you have read! I think, we would be amazed at how many books we read as a community!

Book Club (by Kay Michka) – We wanted something humorous and easy to read for the summer, so we chose *In Stitches* by Anthony Youn. At 6:30 pm on July 12, tickle your funny bone with us as we discuss this memoir of a skinny kid with "Coke-bottle glasses (and) Hannibal Lecter headgear" who survived his awkward teenage years growing up in the mid-west with a protruding jaw that eventually needed surgical correction. From that surgery, he found his calling, and finally brought out the best in himself when he brought out the best in others as an oral surgeon.

We are receiving some very good suggestions for the Community Read Project. Please phone your suggestions to me, if you happen upon a good book that you think would appeal to men, women and young adults. Local settings or characters are always a plus! Suggestion deadline is noon on September 30. 628-2014 (Leave a message, if no answer).

Submitted: Kay Michka

A gift of \$645 was donated to the New Portland Community Library in memory of Gardiner Young. He would have been so pleased.

Submitted: Nona Young

Community Churches

Maine Masters Concert Series continues at the North New Portland Church with fiddler Frank Ferrel, Monday, July 16 at 7:00 pm.

Those of you who missed a fabulous concert by guitarist Denny Breau will not want to miss Frank Ferrel. Says the website of Great Meadow Music; "Frank Ferrel has been on the folk scene for a long time. Over the years, he has been recognized as an outstanding performer in several genres. His mastery of Cape Breton fiddling is well known, and he plays Celtic in Boston with the best. He calls his own compositions just New England fiddling. Lately, he has been very active in Contra."

Admission: Adults \$10, families \$25

A big thank you to Poland Spring for donating bottled water to the church to sell at these concerts. Proceeds from the concert tickets and concession sales help to keep this lovely church running.

The New Portland Church congregation is meeting in the North New Portland Church at 11:00 am Sunday mornings. Communion will be celebrated on July 1. Here is a list of ministers who will be serving for the month of July:

July 1:	Rev. Doug Walrath
July 8:	Rev. Lloyd Leeman
July 15:	Rev. Sherwood Anderson
July 22:	Rev. David Roquemore
July 29:	Rev. Doug Walrath

The monthly church supper will be held at the West New Portland Church on July 19 at 5:00 pm. Please join us for a ham dinner.

Submitted: Nan Berry

DAM DINER

at Tindall's Country Store
628-4564

SUBS

Meatball.....	\$5.50
Dynomite.....	\$4.50
Sausage, Pepper & Onion.....	\$6.00
Chicken Parmesan.....	\$6.00
Ham & Cheese.....	\$5.00
Turkey & Cheese.....	\$5.00
Tuna Salad.....	\$4.75
Chicken Salad.....	\$5.50
BLT.....	\$4.25
Grilled Cheese.....	\$2.50
PBJ.....	\$1.55

Steak Bomb w/ cheese, fried onions, peppers, & mushrooms.....	\$6.50 SM
.....	\$10.75 LG

"Real" Italian w/ Salami, Capicola, etc.....	\$6.00
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Club Sandwich any of the above & lettuce, tomato & bacon.....	\$6.00
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Dam Diner Burger.....	\$3.75
w/ cheese.....	\$4.25

Soup of the day.....	\$3.00 cup
	\$4.50 bowl

PIZZAS

16" Cheese.....	\$11.00
16" Pepperoni.....	\$13.00
16" Sausage.....	\$13.00

ADDITIONAL VEGGIES

ADD \$0.50 EACH

Onions • Peppers • Olives • Garlic
Tomato • Broccoli • Pineapple
Jalapeños • Banana Peppers • Spinach

ADDITIONAL MEATS

ADD \$1.00 EACH

Bacon • Meatball • Linguica
Chourrica • Sausage • Steak • Hamburg
Kielbasa • Anchovies • Chicken • Ham

CHICKEN STYLES

Buffalo • BBQ • Pesto

The Dam Pizza a little bit of everything.....	\$18.50
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10" Cheese Pizza.....	\$5.50
Extra meats \$0.50 each	
Extra veggies \$0.25 each	

Calzone (3 ingredients).....	\$5.50
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Spaghetti & Meatballs.....	\$7.50
w/ sausage peppers & onions.....	\$8.50
w/ Chicken Parmesan.....	\$8.50
(served with warm bread)	

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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
JULY 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Have a safe, happy 4th of July!	5 Children's Summer Reading Program NPCL 9:30 - 11:00 am	6	7 TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon
8 North Village Church 11 am	9 NPCL Board Meeting 6 pm	10 Library Board Mtg, 6 pm NPFDP meeting 6:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Water District Mtg, 7 pm	12 Children's Summer Reading Program NPCL 9:30 - 11:00 am Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club - NPCL 6:30 pm	13	14
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