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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

PHONE: 628-4441

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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

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR DECEMBER 4, 2012

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett. Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Sue Luce, Rose Hendrix, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Terri Lamontagne, Alicia Wills

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2012, minutes with changes. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea made a motion to amend the minutes from the November 19, 2012 to fix the last sentence. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Alicia gave the appointment papers to the Selectmen for them to sign, regarding Gabe Clark joining the Planning Board.

Kip talked about a new service that is being offered called E-Dispatch. There was discussion about it. No decision was made.

Tabled Abatement Requests from November 19, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting: Steve Trudell/Andrea motioned to table. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Maynard Handrahan/Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor. New Abatement Request: Alan Hewett/Andrea made a motion to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Supplemental Tax Warrants.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the November 19, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting with changes.

KMS

New Portlander article submission deadline is February 22 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.

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING FOR DECEMBER 17, 2012

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Doug Archer, Wayne Rundlett. Present: Stacie Rundlett, Lorie Agren, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes from December 4, 2012 as written. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Tabled tax abatement requests from the December 4, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting: Steven Trudell/Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Maynard Handrahan/Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Alan Hewett/Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Stephen Rogers \$89.04/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Lorie updated the board regarding residents licensing their dogs. Lorie said that she is going to meet with Alicia to talk about who needs to still have their dogs licensed. Andrea reminded Lorie that her term was up in March, and Lorie said that she would like to run another term as Animal Control officer.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie and the Board of Selectmen talked a little bit about the budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the December 4, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting with changes.
KMS

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

The January meeting was called to order with 14 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master's Report: Kendall reported that he had received word that both grant applications had been accepted by the state. People have been out cutting brush and putting up new signs. Kendall wanted to remind members that if you do do any trail work to keep track of the amount of time that you were out and to submit the hours to him. Thank you to Lewis and everyone else for the time that they have put in on maintaining our trails. Another thank you goes out to Brad Bucklin for getting some of our new trail maps laminated. You will see them out on some of the trails.

A club ride has been scheduled for February 9. People interested in going on the ride should meet at the church parking lot in West New Portland, at 10:00 am. The group will eat lunch at Claybrook Lodge in Highland (plan on \$10 - \$12 per person) and then continue on from there. Any questions contact Janine White at 680-0000.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting in February 16 at the fire station meeting room, starting at 6:30 pm.

Remember, unless you have permission, the roads and people's fields are not the place to be riding. Stick to the marked trails. Ride safe!

Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library - (Petrina Bearor): Activity Night will be February 13 at 6:30 pm. at the library. Kay Michka will share basic aromatherapy principles and guide in making sachets, bath salts, body lotions and body oils for women and men. Just in time for Valentine's giving! If the weather is stormy, check our Facebook site or call 628-2014 for cancellation information. Winemaking 101 was cancelled in January but will be rescheduled at a later date.

100 Club winners for December include the following: Jennifer McNamey, Jim and Jane Heichel, Trantens (twice), Tim Kannally, Jordans, Camden National Bank, Deb Clague, Anna Boucher, Kay Michka, Nan Berry, Anon., Petrina Bearor, Betty Brown, and Linda De Wolfe. Congratulations! The library board will be sending renewal letters to current members in February. If you aren't a member of the 100 Club and are interested, please contact Petrina Bearor at 628-3061 or the librarian when the library is open. We could really benefit by gaining some new members this year. Thanks to those of you who have always been loyal supporters.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 10:00 am. February 14 and 28. Bring your handiwork and join us!

The library will be sponsoring a middle school and high school poetry writing contest with prizes. Watch for posters, Facebook notices on the New Portland Community Library page, and the March edition of the *New Portlander* for more details.

From the Librarian - (Shelby Newell) Did you know that we checked out over six times as many items last year as just two years ago? Close to 2,000 books, movies, magazines, and audiobooks were borrowed in 2012. We are growing and being used by more and more people every week. If you haven't stopped in for a library card, be sure to do so. We have a lot to offer!

If your group or organization is looking for a place to have your meeting, the library has a conference room available. The library has a Building Use Policy and a form for people to sign up to use the space. We also have an LCD projector and screen that can be used at the library when a group is doing a presentation. Talk with me at the library for more details.

Our next children's activity will be on February 9 from 9:00 - 10:00 am. We'll be decorating cookies and making valentines for family and friends. And don't forget to bring children in to spot "Mainerd," our visiting moose. He's been hanging out in the li-

brary. When you bring children in to visit, have them fill out their name, phone number, and where they spotted Mainerd. We'll be drawing names for prizes at the end of the month! While you're there, you can also grab a postcard that says, "I spotted Mainerd the Moose at the New Portland Community Library!" and you can send the card to a friend or family member.

New in Fiction: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, *This is How You Lose Her* by Junot Diaz, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis; **New Young Adult:** *The Fault in our Stars* by John Green; **New Children's:** *I Met a Moose in Maine One Day* by Ed Shankman, *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers.

Art at the Library - (Lolly Phoenix): 34 paintings by ten New Portland painters! Come to the library to see the works of Donald Albertine, Paula Anderson, Waleyah Black, Shirley Blood, Stephanie Campbell, Marilyn Gorman, Ann Hogan, Thirza Henderson Leavitt, Jimmy Tindall, and Nora West. So much talent in this town! The library is on Route 146, next door to the Town Office and Fire Station. Open M-W-TH 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – noon. 628-6561

Book Club - (Kay Michka): Well, we had a fine January evening discussing everyone's holiday reads...everything from presidential writings and related biographies to a story of a young farming couple to a classic Pulitzer Prize winning fiction novel with a twist. Joan's famous after-the-holidays cookies were a hit, as was Carol's chocolate bar! Both quite good with a toasty cup of tea.

The group present reviewed ten suggestions, and the following is the Winter 2013 lineup:

February 14 - (NOTE: Special time, due to Valentine's Day; we'll meet from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.) *This Life is in Your Hands: One Dream, Sixty Acres, and Family's Heartbreak* by Melissa Coleman. "This is the story of Melissa Coleman's parents, Eliot and Sue — a handsome, idealistic young couple from well-to-do families, who pack a few things into their VW truck in the 1960's and abandon the complications of modern reality to carve a farm from the woods. They move to a remote peninsula on the coast of Maine to follow the sustainable living practices of Helen and Scott Nearing, authors of the homesteading bible *Living the Good Life*. On sixty acres of sandy land, Eliot and Sue begin to forge a new existence, subsisting on the crops they grow and building a home with their own hands. While they establish a happy family and achieve their visionary goals, the pursuit of a purer, simpler life comes at a price. Winters are long and lean, summers frenetic with the work of the harvest. Then, one summer day when Melissa is seven, her three-year-old sister, Heidi, wanders off" and, well, you'll just have to read the story to find out what happens! (adapted from Amazon review)

March 14 - *Life Among the Savages* by Shirley Jackson

April 11 - Community Poetry Night - bring your own or someone else's to share.

May 9 - *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.
Everyone is welcome!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Animal Control

It is time to license your dog(s) for the year 2013. If you do it NOW, it will save you paying the \$36.00 for license fees and LATE charges. Any questions please call 779-7769. Thank you

Submitted: Lorie Agren, CEO

Citizen's Corner

I am still very unsettled about the increase in my land property value. Having reviewed some of the paper work about the assessments and the new revaluation, I still believe that waterfront property owners have been dealt a very bad hand by the Selectmen due to their lack of basic assessing knowledge. This drove me to ask the Selectmen to place a question on the town warrant at the upcoming town meeting on March 2 about taking some assessing course, just like Selectmen did a couple years ago about the Selectmen attending elected officials workshops. They denied my request so I have gotten signatures on a petition so the following question must appear on the town warrant.

"Each Selectmen / Assessor for the Town of New Portland must participate in at least one of the following per year; an assessing class, an assessing work shop, an assessing teaching video, or another form of learning to further assessing knowledge."

I have no idea why they would not place this on the warrant; to me it shows a lack of not caring for their citizens or a desire not to learn. I am sorry for this; it shows me we may have the wrong people sitting as Selectmen.

Please attend the Town Meeting on March 2, 2013, usually about 9:00 or 9:30 in the morning at the Fire Station. If you are upset by your high taxes attend, cut budgets and demand better assessing practices, let's get our taxes under control.

*Thank you
Submitted: Janet White*

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church 2012 Annual Summary

Again, this was a year of changes for the New Portland Churches. We are working, along with the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington, toward calling a new minister. Part of the process has involved a mission study to determine what we need (and what we can afford) in new leadership. We have just completed this study and will soon be moving forward with our search.

Rev. Robert Goodin, our interim minister, was a large part of our church life from May 2011 to April 2012. Due to budget constraints we were not able to keep Bob for a second year. We were sorry to see him go.

The resilient churches of the New Portlands continued on through the year with all their regularly planned activities and a few extras as well. We are blessed to have so many excellent ministers to provide guidance on our Sunday mornings. It has been a very positive experience to share our services with ministers of different styles and perspectives. We also thank Doug Walrath for administering communion on the first Sunday of each month. We consider him a good friend and appreciate his dedication to our little churches.

One of the most important congregational meetings of the churches history was held on August 5, 2012 when the congregations of New Portland Community Church and the North New Portland Community Church met in a special joint meeting to vote on whether to join the congregations of the two churches. The motion passed unanimously.

We only had one work group stay at the church in the North this year. In July, right on schedule, we welcomed our faithful friends from Flemington, NJ. Every year this group runs Vacation Bible School that is well attended by area children. Also much work was done in the community by this group and others who came to the area throughout the summer.

Other activities we enjoyed this year: Our three concerts for the summer went very well. We went to Pierce Pond in August and enjoyed a lovely lunch by the lake. We had a picnic on Gilman Pond at the end of September and enjoyed a lovely day of colorful foliage and good company. We also had a lovely lunch up at Drummond's Claybrook Lodge (thank you Pat and Greg, pats to Sally the Dane). We enjoyed mostly monthly breakfasts at Tindall's. Of course, we can't forget the April - November monthly church suppers and the very successful voting day pie sale. Thanks to all who contributed time and donated goods to those events.

The Wire Bridge Thrift Store annually supports Memorial Scholarships in the names of three local residents; Ivy Anderson, Viola Turner, and Tom Landis. These three scholarships are awarded to Carrabec High School students who are going on to college. For 2012 all three scholarships were won by Sudie Myers. We congratulate her and wish her well in her future studies.

Don't forget that the thrift store is open Saturday mornings for that extra winter wear you might be needing.

We have many people to thank for keeping the church in good shape. Bert Dyer and Floyd Cook make sure the church is opened and closed properly, checking for leaking pipes and fixing any maintenance issues that arise. A special thanks goes out to Roger Belanger for keeping the grounds tidy and attractive and to Bernard Newell for plowing the driveway all winter. Ken and Kevin White are much appreciated for keeping the walkway and steps shoveled off. Members and friends of both New Portland churches are always willing to be involved when

there are tasks to be done. That has kept the churches going in the past and will continue to see them through, God willing, for years to come. God bless our churches and our communities in the coming year.

February worship schedule:

Feb. 3	Rev. Doug Walrath (communion)
Feb. 10	Jazz Service — Joint service held at 10:00 am at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. Come enjoy the music!
Feb. 17	Rev. Tom MacNaughton
Feb. 24	Rev. Stan Wheeler
March 3	Rev. Doug Walrath (communion)

Services are held at 11:00 am unless otherwise stated. Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am.

Respectfully...
Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church meets Sunday mornings at 10 am for worship services. There are Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Attendees are welcomed to attend both opportunities or attend one.

New this year is an additional service offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Those who attend are finding this a convenient time to meet during the week if they were unable to attend the Sunday service or to be encouraged by God's Word in mid week. Turnout is smaller and the program is less formal for this hour-long service.

There is a Friday evening Bible study held at the church. Currently, the group is studying the book of John. New folks are welcome. The study begins at 6:30 pm.

Women meet the second Saturday of each month for a Women's Breakfast. The potluck begins at 9:00 am. Bring a friend to enjoy the company of other women for food and fellowship.

The monthly Men's Breakfast meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am. All men are welcomed for breakfast and fellowship. Bacon seems to be the food of choice at this potluck feast.

For more information about these church activities or to learn more about the various activities at the Western Mountains Baptist Church please call 265-2557. If you leave a message, someone will return your call. You may also email the church at westernmountainschurch.com with your questions or with prayer requests.

Stay warm!!

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 TOWN OFFICE OPEN 8am - Noon Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
3 West Village Church 11 am	4	5 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	6 School Board Mtg 6 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm	7	8	9 Valentine Children's Hour 9 - 10 am Sno-Travelors Club ride 10 am Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
10 West Village Church 11 am	11	12 Library Board Mtg 6 pm NPFD Mtg. - 6:30 pm	13 Aromatherapy Activity Activity Night 6:30 pm at NPCL Water District Mtg 7 pm	14 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club at 5:30 pm	15	16 Sno-Travelors 6:30 pm Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
17 West Village Church 11 am	18 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22 Deadline for March <i>New Portlander</i> submissions by 4 pm	23 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
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