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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

The Town Office will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, MARCH 2 so we can all attend the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING which starts at 9:00 AM in the Community Room

Selectmen

Minutes for the Selectmen's meeting for January 21, 2013

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

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes from January 8, 2013 as written. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Gary met with the Selectmen to discuss the projects that he has for this year. There were some estimates that were talked about regarding these projects as well. There was some talk on how much it would cost to repair the Tannery Bridge versus closing it.

The Selectmen and Stacie reviewed the budget worksheets.

A/P and Payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Abatement Requests: Maynard Handrahan/Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor; Alan Hewitt/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor; Maynard Handrahan/ Andrea motioned to table. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Andrea requested that Terri provide more documentation and a recommendation as well; Fred Arrowsmith/Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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

New Portlander article submission deadline is March 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

I would just like to remind everyone that we are now in the time frame of late fees for dog licences. The fee for a fixed dog is \$31.00 and not fixed is \$36.00. The only exception is if it is a new license, meaning you have never licensed the dog in this municipality before. Please keep in mind that I do not make these rules. These are enforced and set by Animal Welfare. You can still mail your info to me or you can drop it off at the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

On the next note, here is the time and date for the town's municipal vote for Selectmen [three (3) year term] and School Board Membership [three (3) year term]. The candidate running is Wayne Rundlett for Selectmen and a write-in candidate, and for School Board is a write-in candidate.

Town of New Portland Municipal Vote - Date: March 1 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland

Respectfully,

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

MSAD 74 / RSU 74

MSAD 74/RSU 74 (Anson, Embden, New Portland & Solon) will be holding kindergarten screening for all pre-school children entering Kindergarten in the fall. Children must be five years of age on or before October 15, 2013.

Screenings for all district children will be held by appointment only on Tuesday, April 2 at the Carrabec Community School in North Anson for all incoming kindergarten students.

Please call Bonnie Atwood at the superintendent's office, 635-2727 ext #3, for an appointment and/or any questions which you may have. Screening takes approximately 1 hour per child. More information will be given at the time of your call.

If you know of children ready to start school, please share this information with their parent.

We are now taking applications for the fall 2013 Head Start Pre-School Program. Please call Lee Ann Salley at 649-6570 for registration information.

Submitted: Bonnie Atwood

New Portland Water District

The annual meeting of the New Portland Water District will be held March 13, 7:00 pm at the New Portland Community Library Trustees, president, and clerk will be elected at this time. The regular trustees meeting will follow immediately after the annual meeting, additional officers and staff will be elected at this time. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers Meeting February 16, 2013. Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm. Members present: Dave Carey, president; Lewis Wills, vice president, Judi Wills, treasurer; absent Joyce Knowles, secretary, Kendall Knowles, trail master. Other members present: Linda and Rick DeWolfe, Ken White, Kevin Bixby, Brad Bucklin, Bill Cafarelli.

Secretary Report was not read.

Treasurer Report was read. A review of all the expenses since last meeting were noted: bridge planks, nails, fuel for groomers, drag repair and other materials. Report was read and accepted. A review of trails and conditions was read. It was felt the trails looked good; brushing is an ongoing event but is very good. Bill, Brad and Kevin have kept at the brushing.

Signs are in good shape. Well marked trails. New map signs have been laminated and mounted onto plywood backing. The signs have been put onto trails with marks showing where the "snowmobiler is located," when looking at the sign. The club has received many compliments on how nice our maps are. Discussion and review on other trail work, bridges. This season most of the bridges have been replanked. Last week the bridge off Parson Stream was repaired. One bridge still needs replanking and the club will look at doing that next spring/summer; this is on the Swamp Man Trail. All planks are bought, as well as pressure treated building material for future work.

Discussion on an electric saw that was being considered for trail work. Lewis had talked to Jonathan Jordan about the saw, and Jonathan stated he would be getting some in soon. Kevin Bixby picked up a saw and brought it down to Lewis, they tried it a little. Kevin took it and worked on trail brushing. He reported back that it was not really what the club was looking for. It kicked back a lot. Discussion by Lewis as to brush saws and pole saws that are stored in garage that belong to the club. We should try using them or sell them if not what we want. Bill Capparelli spoke that he had one and used it all the time and really liked it.

Lew spoke of work he has done on the groomer recently; one thing was to build up cleats on the tracks so the groomer

would climb hills with ice with less problems. He has taken the groomer out and had no problems.

Discussion on trying to do clearing on a trail in order to change or widen the trail. Lewis said he would talk to the landowner and get back to the club. Dave Carey stated he rode an old trail to get off the plowed road for woods trucks. It was decided to try to groom it and see if that could get machines off plowed road.

Ken White spoke for the Activity Director, the club ride was re-scheduled to Saturday, February. 23, 2013. Everyone meet at West New Portland Church at 7:30 am. Ride would be to Clay Brook Lodge for a meal. The ride would continue from that point. If you have any questions contact Janine White.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The trail that was discussed earlier in notes has been groomed. It is a nice ride. Brushing needs to be done, but it is in good shape.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian - (Shelby Newell) We are pleased to announce that the New Portland Community Library is now part of the Maine Download Library. Anyone that has a device that can be used for e-books can now borrow books electronically. This service is free to anyone that has a library card from NPCL. Stop by and talk to Shelby for more details. You can also e-mail her at shelby_newell40@yahoo.com if you have questions. She will do her best to answer questions and assist you in any way possible. Very special thanks to Doug Archer for donating the money so that we could add this service for our library patrons.

Bring the children to the library on Sunday, March 3 from 9:30 – 10:30 am for our Dr. Seuss Celebration. Please note that this activity is being held on Sunday, instead of Saturday, due to the Annual Town Meeting.

New books added to our shelves...*Life Among the Savages* by Shirley Jackson, *To the Moon and Back* by Jill Mansell, *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey, *A Natural Woman: A Memoir* by Carole King, *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore: A Novel* by Robin Sloan

Shelby has created a binder for Book Reviews. Anyone interested in writing a short review of a book from the library is welcome to come in and grab a form. The review requires the title, author, 5 star rating, and a short paragraph explaining your rating of the book. Hopefully this will help others find books they might be interested in reading.

Book Club – (Kay Michka) *Life Among the Savages* is the selection for our March 14 discussion. The author, Shirley Jackson, is well known for her short story "The Lottery." This humorous

memoir is about her family's transition from life in the big city to a small town in Vermont during the late 1940's.

April 11 will be our annual Community Poetry Night. Bring your own or someone else's poetry to read or recite.

The Book Club and Library are hosting a Poetry Contest for local middle school and high school aged students. First prize is \$25 and second prize is \$10 in each category. More details are available at the library or by calling 628-6561. Entries may be emailed to newportlandcommunitylibrary@yahoo.com or delivered to the library in person. The deadline is 6:00 pm on March 18, 2013. See library contest poster for all requirements. Good Luck! We hope the winners will be willing to share their poetry at the April 11 Poetry Night.

Friends of the Library – (Petrina Bearor) March Activity Night - March 20 at 6:30 pm Family Game Night. Bring the family and join us for some fun games and time together. We will have games available, but you may certainly bring your favorite to share. Refreshments will be available. Looking forward to playing board or card games with you and your family.

100 Club Winners for January: Jean Antonucci, Greg and Pat Drummond, Wright Pinkham, Bert Dyer, Jackie Arsenault, Mary Butler, Trantens, Gary Cobb, Irene Berry, Lolly Phoenix, and 2 anonymous.

100 Club Memberships are arriving daily. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to send us a donation of \$60 or more. If you are interested in joining the 100 Club, call the library during business hours or Petrina Bearor at 628-3061 for more information. Your donation will help the library continue to provide activities, books, dvds, and other services for this community.

The annual Plant, Book, and Bake Sale is scheduled for May 18. Think of us when you plant seedlings or divide plants.

Knit Wits and Happy Hookers meet at 10:00 am on March 14 and 28. The Library is located at 899 River Road across from the Town Office. Hours are 4:00 – 6:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and 10:00 am to noon on Saturdays.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Community Churches

"If there are people in our community or in our church who have a need for shoveling, minor home repairs, moving, transportation or any other type of unmet necessity, we want to know about it," states Jeff Lecander, director of the Service Ministry at the Western Mountains Baptist Church. Jeff and his wife, Sheila, live in Stratton and are active members within their own community as well as in the church.

Mr. Lecander has organized a group of volunteers within the Western Mountains Baptist Church who enjoy giving neighbors a helping hand. Some of the projects this eager group has undertaken in the past include repairing doors and windows, minor plumbing and carpentry, weatherization, firewood, yard work and moving folks from one home to another. Working up firewood is a very popular event. If needed, the church members provide their own wood splitters and the many hands that make light work.

Pastor Tom DuBois said, "We just like to fellowship at someone's house to get some work done that needs to be done." Volunteers of the Service Ministry would agree, it is sometimes difficult to see who gets more pleasure out of a job, the volunteers who enjoy working and spending time together or the recipients of the work.

A branch off of the Service Ministry is the Casserole Ministry led by Brenna Cockerham from Freeman Township. Members of the church are happy to cook and provide meals to families and the elderly when there is an unexpected life event such as an illness, a hospitalization or any type of loss.

Call the Western Mountains Baptist Church at 265-2557 for more information about the Service Ministry or the Casserole Ministry. Or, if you have a project you would like to discuss for some potential help, contact Jeff Lecander at 246-2432. Emailing is also available at westernmountainchurch.com.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

The Mission Statement and Strategic Plan worked on so diligently by members of the New Portland Churches and Fairbanks Union Church has been approved by the Presbytery of Northern New England and the churches are now moving on to the next step in securing a settled minister.

The merger of North New Portland Community Church and New Portland Community Church congregations has also been approved by the Presbytery and over the next few weeks the congregations will be discussing a list of options for a new name. As mentioned in previous articles the churches will continue to meet on Sunday mornings as they always have. All activities and suppers will continue as they have in the past. If you have any interest in how this merger is proceeding please join us at 10:30 am Sunday mornings at the West New Portland Church.

Don't forget Palm Sunday (March 24th) and Easter Sunday (March 31st). Palm Sunday will be a joint service at the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington at 10 am. Easter Sunday there will be a dawn service on Voter Hill in Farmington at 6:23 am. There will also be an Easter Sunday service at 11 am at the West New Portland Church. Please join us at 10:30 am for coffee hour before the service.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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| March 3 | Rev. Doug Walrath (communion) |
| March 10 | Rev. Stan Wheeler |
| March 17 | Rev. Tony MacNaughton |
| March 24 | Palm Sunday, Joint Service in Fairbanks at 10am, Rev. Tom MacNaughton |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday, Joint Service in New Portland at 6:00pm. There will be a simple meal at 5pm preceding the service.
Rev. Doug Walrath |
| March 31 | Easter Dawn Service, Voter Hill in Farmington at 6:23am
Easter Sunday West New Portland Church at 11am,
Rev. Doug Walrath |
| April 7 | 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*



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Western Mountains Baptist Church Events Men's Breakfast: First Saturday of each month at 8:00 am Women's Breakfast: Second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am Women's Fellowship: First and Third Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm					1	2 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED FOR TOWN MEETING Community Room Meeting: 9:30 am Vote: 10 am-6 pm
3 Dr. Seuss Children's Hour NPCL 9:30 - 10:30 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	4	5 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	6 School Board Mtg. 6 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	7	8	9 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
10 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	11	12 Library Board Mtg 6 pm NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	13 Water District Mtg 7 pm WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	14 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club at 5:30 pm	15	16 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
17 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	18 Young Adults Poetry Contest NPCL 6 pm Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	19	20 Family Game Night NPCL 6:30 pm WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	21	22	23 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
24 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am 31 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	25 Deadline for March New Portlander submissions by 4 pm	26 NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	27 WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	28 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am	29	30