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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: Donna Stout - Ext. 2

Vital statistics & dog licensing

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- ☛ The Town Office will be **CLOSED APRIL 15, 2013** in observance of Patriot's Day
- ☛ The Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station will be **CLOSED** for the **EASTER HOLIDAY**. A reminder from the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station: **bottle caps are now recyclable!**
- ☛ Bingo will be resuming Saturday April 6, 2013 at the Legion Post 61 in Kingfield. Doors open at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Selectmen Present: Doug Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Kip Poulin, Harold Gaine

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

Terri asked the selectmen what they would like her to do regarding Stephanie Dunn. Andrea advised Terri to send a letter to Stephanie to let her know that if the building, which is on her property, is still there by April 1, then the building will be taxed as a home site.

Terri also asked the Selectmen what they would like to do regarding Alfred Bolduc. The Selectmen asked Terri to send Alfred Bolduc a letter advising him that he is going to be taxed for the mobile home concrete pad and the existing shed on his property.

Kip advised the Board of Selectmen that as of this time they have had nineteen (19) calls, and last year at this time there were seven (7) calls.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie was asked to post the rescheduled date for the Selectmen's Meeting and the Selectmen's Budget Report on the town

New Portlander article submission deadline is April 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.

website and on Facebook. Stacie is going to look around for a karaoke machine for the Town Meeting to help with everyone being able to hear what is being said.

ABATEMENT REQUESTS:

1. Leah and Matthew Christen/ Andrea motioned to abate. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
2. Armand Hudon/ Terri recommend denying. Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.
3. Elaine Perkins/ Andrea motioned to table because she requested an opportunity to be present. Doug seconded. All were in favor. 4.) Roger and Janet White/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 25, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting as written.
KMS

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING: FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Doug Archer (absent), Wayne Rundlett,

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Gary Agren, Marilyn Gorman, Terri Lamontagne, Bobby Dunphy, Lori Agren, Elaine and Robert Perkins, Ronald Lindner-Demers, John Demers-Lindner, Norman Goff

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

Andrea motioned to accept the minutes as written from January 21, 2013. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Norman Goff spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding a letter that was received from the Code Enforcement Officer, Bobby Dunphy, informing him that he was in violation of a code resulting from giving away two (2) pieces of land. Norman said that he gave a piece of land to his brother, and then after the five (5) year waiting period he gave a piece of land to some longtime friends of his. Andrea asked Bobby if he could clarify the five (5) year rule - if it is just for the existing subdivision or if the rule applies to splitting a property and then splitting again. Bobby stated the Norman Goff came to him because Norman had purchased a lot and that the sale of the lot to him created a subdivision. Andrea asked, what made Norman decide to go ahead and give away another piece of property after speaking with the Planning Board twice and the Code Enforcement Officer twice and being advised to go back to the Planning Board for a permit. Norman said that he had read in several places in the ordinances that waivers can be granted. Andrea said that a waiver could have been granted if an application for a subdivision/an amendment to the subdivision and then submits it to the Planning Board. Norman asked to have something showing him what he is in violation of and what rules that have been violated. Bobby said that he would need to come into the office where all of the records are. Andrea suggested that Norman come in and get an application and also to meet with the Planning Board as well.

Alicia updated the Board of Selectmen that she has an updated list of people that have not licensed their dogs, and there are still some people from 2012 who still have not licensed their dogs as well.

ABATEMENTS:

1. Maynard Handrahan/ Andrea motioned to approve the abatement for the difference in value between the two (2) story and the one (1) story with a loft. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
2. Ronald Lindner-Demers & John Demers-Lindner/Andrea motioned to deny where the abatement requested is based on waterfront value. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
3. Elaine Perkins/ Andrea motioned to table until spring to walk property. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
4. Gregory Dulac/ Andrea motioned to deny. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea requested that the following be put in the New Portlander, that as of April 1 you are supposed to declare and that it is a good idea to annually review your assessment for accuracy because you do only have 185 days to file abatement. A Work Session for 8:00 am to 10:00 am with Terri and the Board of Selectmen for March 23.

Andrea motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matter at 7:47 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Out of Executive Session at 8:19 pm. Andrea stated that they spoke with Lorie about the lapse of her Animal Control Certification. Lorie is going to take the certification class in April and remedy that situation.

Selectmen signed the quit claim deed for John Leveque.

A/P and Payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen about the boiler at the Town Office. Bob's Cash Fuel's quote was \$4,678.00, Valley Gas's quote was \$5,984.00, and Jordan's quote was \$7,500.00. Andrea wanted Stacie to find out if Bob's Cash Fuel is going to cost a monthly rental for the tank or upfront cost for the tank. Wayne made a motion to accept Bob's Cash Fuel's quote, as long as there is no additional charge for the propane tank. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 8:44 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the March 5, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting as written.
KMS

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING: JANUARY 7, 2013

Present: Douglas Archer, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Ed Boyer, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Paula Anderson, Terri Lamontagne, Stacie Rundlett

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

Andrea motioned to accept the minutes from previous meeting as written. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Kip updated the board that payroll for this year is up compared to last year already. He informed the board that the fire department has been approved for a grant matching fund from the State of Maine Forestry Department. This grant would be for a pump, hose, fittings and four radios. The grant does require the town to match the funds; the forestry portion is \$1500.00. He stated to the board that he is still waiting to look into the E-Dispatch program; he talked to them about at a previous meeting. He feels strongly that this can assist the town in cost of radio and replacement batteries for the radios. Kip also stated that the department has submitted a grant request to the Stephen King Foundation for a thermal imaging camera. They are still waiting for an answer on that request.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed all warrants.

A taxpayer was present and talked to the board about a break of any sorts for a Tree Growth violation that has now gone to the process of lien. She admitted that even though she had gotten several notifications she was not fully aware of the extent of this violation. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter and how previous violations have been handled. Although the board members were understanding to her circumstances, they could not in good faith offer her any breaks with this violation. It was an unanimous decision to deny the taxpayer and request that she follow the same process as all others who have had a Tree Growth violation.

The Selectmen scheduled their next meeting for January 21 at 6:30 pm.

Terri discussed with the board members some assessing issues. The board members scheduled a work session with Terri for Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 am to start addressing some of the issues.

Stacie was asked to present to the board members an article that a resident asked to be placed on the annual town warrant. The proposed article would demand that all members of the select board attend tax assessing school at least one day every year of their term. The selectmen could not support this request as it did not appear to be cost efficient for the town as they already pay an assessor's agent to do just that. The selectmen unanimously decided that if the resident wished to have such an article on the town warrant that they should go through the petition process to get this article on the warrant.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Town Manager

Hello New Portlanders!!

Has spring fever hit any of you yet?!? It has with me!! Spring-

time means a lot more of outside activities, one that comes to mind is walking your dog(s). Please keep in mind that if you have licensed your dog(s) here last year or previous years and have not done so yet, you need to come in and license. There will be late fees charged, \$31.00 for fixed and \$36.00 not fixed. Please keep in mind if you have never licensed in this municipality before or if you have a puppy that has reached the age of six (6) months, you also need to come in and license. You will not be charged a late fee if it is a NEW license. I will need to see proof of spay/neuter and rabies vaccination. Again, like I have said in the previous *New Portlanders*, if you happen to come in when my office is not open, please leave your information with the ladies up front, and I will process and mail out your information as soon as I come in.

On another note, I would like to introduce my new Deputy Town Clerk, Donna Stout. Donna is a resident of New Portland on the George Cole Road. As of right now she is coming in on Thursdays to train, and when she is ready, we will have a set schedule for her. I ask that you please be supportive and cooperative while she is learning the ropes. This will make things much easier for everyone. Enjoy the springtime fun and remember that summer is just around the corner!!

*Respectfully,
Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk*

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water will not meet in April.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

New Portland Community Library

FROM THE LIBRARIAN - SHELBY NEWELL:

Happy Spring! I hope everyone is enjoying the longer daylight hours! There's a lot happening at the library so check our Facebook page "New Portland Community Library" to stay current on what is happening!

Mainerd the Moose had a grand time visiting the library in January and February. He's headed back into the woods but said he'd be back again! I wonder when he'll decide to pay us another visit? Lots of children visited the library to spot him in our *A Moose is Loose in the Library* contest. The grand prize winner, who received two movie passes, was Jacob Cook. Other winners in our contest were Alyssa Parker, Autumn and Willow Emery, Sophie Green, and Peyton Handrahan.

Everyone with a library card has access to the Maine InfoNet Download Library. E-books are available to you for up to a 14 day loaning period. I have guides available at the library to help you get started.

Open water fishing season is approaching! I would like to invite children ages 3-13 to create a piece of artwork and/or story or poem by April 20. The theme of this contest is *Fish Tales* so help spread the word to children in town and get their creative juices flowing. Submit your entries by dropping them off at the library and winners will be announced in the May *New Portlander*.

Spring is definitely in the air, so join Kay Michka for a Cherry Blossom Children's Hour, celebrating the beauty of the spring season, April 13 at 9:00 am. The children will learn about hana-mi or "the viewing of flowers" family festivals in Japan by reading, sampling food in traditional Japanese style and exploring the Japanese language, cultural arts and traditions.

New Fiction:

Private Berlin by James Patterson and *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult; Nonfiction: *Wheat Belly* by William Davis and *Dorothea Lange: A Life Beyond Limits* by Linda Gordon

Young Adult:

Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia and *The Great Unexpected* by Sharon Creech

Children:

Jangles by David Shannon, *Fly Guy vs. the Fly Swatter* by Ted Arnold and *Should I Share My Ice Cream* by Mo Willem; DVD: *Wreck-It Ralph, Playing for Keeps*

BOOK CLUB – KAY MICHKA:

Wow! We certainly have some extraordinary local writing talent! Thank you to all the Middle School and High School students who submitted their creative entries.

Library Poetry Contest Winners are:

High School Level First and Second Prizes
Tucker Atwood, \$35

Middle School Level First Prize
Kelsey Creamer, \$25

Middle School Level Second Prize
Emilee C. Fortier, \$10

Congratulations! Each contestant was allowed to enter up to three separate poems, and then the entries were judged anonymously without names or identifiers attached, so it was possible for one person to win both the blue and red ribbon slots, just like entries at a county fair. We are certainly considering making this a yearly event!

Every student who entered is invited to present their poetry at the annual Community Poetry Night on April 11 at 6:30 pm. (Printed copies of all entries will be displayed for the month of April, which is National Poetry Month, with each student's approval.) EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY is invited to read or recite your own poetry or share someone else's. If you just want to come listen, that's fine, too! Food and fun are guaranteed, so join us!

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese is the May 9th book selection.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – PETRINA BEAROR:

Wine Making 101 has been scheduled again by popular demand after the first snowy night cancellation in January. Join us for a basic information session on how to begin crafting your own wines at home, with a few home brewed beer pointers thrown in, as well. Dandelions and rhubarb will be plenti-

ful soon, as well as lots of other ingredients right out the back door! Kennebec Home Brew Supplies from Farmington will be our guide. Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm.

100 Club winners for February 2013: Franklin, Somerset Credit Union, Jordans, Ella Clague, Kenneth Atwood, Lorie Hibbard, Doug Archer, Michelle Abbott, Deb Le Beau, Robert Whitten, Camden National Bank, Jim and Jane Heichel, and Ed and Bonnie Jesteadt. The new year has begun for the 100 Club. Several of you have renewed your membership. We've also had many new members join. If you haven't renewed, please send your donation of \$60 to the library soon. If you are interested in joining the luck of the draw, please contact the library. Information will be available.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 in the morning. See you April 11 and 25.

The library is located at 899 River Road, across from the Town Office. 628-6561; M W TH from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. and Saturday 10:00 am - noon, drop box out front, high speed internet is available.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Citizens Corner

Dear Citizens,

On behalf of the New Portland Community Library, I would like to thank you for your support at the town meeting. The Board of Directors and the Friends of the Library appreciate the positive vote to give the library money to help purchase new materials and plan programs for all.

The library continues to grow and become a more vibrant part of the community. If you haven't been in, please stop by and see what we have to offer.

*Sincerely,
Shelby Newell*

Community Churches

First things first: please note that the correct email address for the Western Mountains Baptist Church is westernmountain-church@tds.net. In the past I reported it incorrectly, I apologize for any confusion.

Saturday, March 23 we held a Family Fun Day hosted by the church. Children and their families went sledding down Gilmore Hill then returned to the church to cook hotdogs and marshmallows in the outside fire-pit. The hot chocolate was a big hit after playing in the cold and wind. With more than 30 people in attendance, this winter family day will most likely become a yearly event. Please plan to join us in 2014!

The Ladies Fellowship meets at the church the first and third Sundays of the month. Women get together at 6:00 pm to do an activity while also spending quality time together. Recent activities have included sewing classes, knitting, wreath making and a recent CPR certification class. April 7 will be the next gathering with a lesson and discussion on "Making Green Cleaning Products". For those who may not be interested in the class there are other options available. Contact the church for more information or just show up. You will be welcomed.

The Wednesday Woman's Bible Study meets at the church at 9:00 am to do a Bible study and enjoy friendships. New women are always welcome to join. For more information feel free to call Betsy at 678-2328 or email the church at westernmountainchurch@tds.net.

Maurice and Dot Lambert of Kingfield invite interested community members to join them in the Community Chorus. The Community Chorus meets monthly in Kingfield on the third Friday at 6:30 pm for rehearsal. The next day, the group goes to a local nursing home to sing for and with the residents. If you enjoy singing hymns and popular songs from the 1940's, the Lamberts would like to hear from you. The next rehearsal is April 19. You may call Maurice and Dot at 265-2408 for more information.

For more information on what is available at the Western Mountains Baptist Church for services or for learning opportunities, such as Bible studies, please call 265-2557 to leave a message or call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802.

Have a happy and blessed spring!

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



- Allergies
- April
- Baseball
- Bees
- Crocuses
- Cyclamens
- Daffodils
- Dandelions
- Easter
- Equinox
- Flowers
- March
- May
- New leaves
- Planting
- Rain
- Renewal
- RObins
- Season
- Snowmelt
- Softaball
- Spring Break
- Spring Cleaning
- Tulips
- Warmer
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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR APRIL 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	3 School Board Mtg, 6 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	4	5	6 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
7 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	8	9 Library Board Mtg 6 pm NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	10 WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	11 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Community Poetry Night 6:30 pm	12	13 Cherry Blossom Children's Hour at NPCL, 9 am Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
14 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	15 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED FOR PATRIOT'S DAY Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	16	17 WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	18	19	20 Children's Fish Tales Con- test at NPCL Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
21 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	22	23 NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	24 Wine Making 101 6:30 pm, NPCL WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	25 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Deadline for April New Portlander submissions by 4 pm	26	27 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
28 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am	29	30	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			