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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 9am - 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

Tuesday 9am - 11am

(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: MARCH 5, 2013

Selectmen present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; present: Stacie Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Kyle Handrahan, Jessica Clark (reporter from the *Irregular*)

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

Minutes were reviewed. Andrea motioned to approve as written from January 7, 2013 and February 25, 2013. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Brian Rundlett informed the Board of Selectmen that Kyle Handrahan would like to be on the Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen had a brief discussion on this. Andrea motioned to appoint Kyle Handrahan to a seat on the Planning Board. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Kip reported that they did not receive approval for the Steven King grant. Other than that there was not any other news to report.

The Handrahan abatement was discussed between the Board of Selectmen and Terri Lamontagne. Andrea motioned to approve the abatement requests for 2010 and 2011 and the supplemental for 2012. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Ericka & Brian Coombs \$28.62/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

There was some discussion with the Board of Selectmen, Stacie, and Terri regarding the List of Estates paper.

A/P & Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed. Andrea motioned to accept. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Supplemental Warrants and Supplemental bills were reviewed and signed. Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen regarding Blais Kandiko from the Greater Somerset Public Health Collaboration. Stacie said that he is trying to make sure that all of municipalities are following the state laws regarding smoking such as, smoking so many feet away from the building. Stacie thought that it was wise to put this into the Personnel Policy, which she wants to have updated anyway. Stacie is going to work on updating the Personnel Policy.

Stacie informed the Board of Selectmen that they have been invited by the RSU #74 Superintendent to the three School Budget Meetings.

New Portlander article submission deadline is MAY 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.

Stacie discussed with the Board of Selectmen, her concerns regarding the current New Portland Community Facebook page and strongly recommended that we stop using that site and encourage people to attend public meetings to hear things for themselves. Andrea motioned to not use the Community Facebook page as a way of communicating about town business. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Doug motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 2, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting as written.

KMS

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water did not meet in April.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Code Enforcement Officer

A reminder that if you are building anything over 50 square feet you need to obtain a building permit from the Town Office.

Submitted: Robert Dunphy

Town Manager

The office staff would like to apologize to Brent and Cheryl Surowiec for an error that was made regarding their 2012 taxes which were paid in August of 2012.

Town Manager Items: I would like to announce that starting **May 1 the front office will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** This is a trial basis for SUMMER HOURS of operation. I am a salary position, so this will not be an added expense to the town in any way. I am trying these hours for the residents of New Portland as an added convenience for those in need of better times to conduct business at the Town Office. **Thursdays office hours will still be 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm** as well as the **first Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon (except holiday weekends).** This trial basis will be May 1 through August 31.

The Town Office will be **closed Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day.

Assessor's Agent Items: During the months of April through July the Assessor's Agent is frequently working in the field and it is best to call and schedule an appointment to assure she will be in the office.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

East New Portland Cemetary Association

East New Portland Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 pm at the New Portland Firehouse Meeting Room.

Submitted: Mike Malesky

New Portland Community Library

FROM THE LIBRARIAN – SHELBY NEWELL:

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Ladies' Tea taking place on May 5 at 2:00 pm. Dress up and join us for the fun! Bring your mothers, daughters, grandmothers, friends and you'll be sure to have a fabulous time. We'll have tea and many delicious treats to enjoy!

We will be gathering soon to put together our calendar of events for the next year. We schedule monthly "Activity Nights" so if you have an idea in mind, let me know, and I'll share it with the planning committee.

New Fiction: *Alex Cross, Run* by James Patterson, *Daddy's Gone a Hunting* by Mary Higgins Clark; **Young Adult:** *Framed* by Dan Gutman, *Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin; **DVDs:** *Game of Thrones* (seasons 1 & 2)

Winner of our Fish Tale Contest was Willow Emery! Willow drew a picture of herself fishing with her mom and wrote a sentence about catching a fish! Well done!

Friends of the Library – Petrina Bearor and Kay Michka: Activity Night May 15 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Spiff Up for Spring. Join us to get our minds and bodies ready for spring!

Spring is here! *Annual Plant, Book, and Bake Sale* May 18, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the library. If you have any extra vegetable or flowering seedlings, plants from overcrowded beds or plants you just don't want anymore, donate them to the library plant sale. Outside plants sell better than indoor ones. A library volunteer will also be calling you for food donations. Breads, rolls, cinnamon rolls, muffins, biscuits, brownies, and pies are always in demand. Hard and soft cover books will be on sale at very reasonable prices. Come support the library on May 18. This event is a big fundraiser for the library. We appreciate everyone's help.

100 Club - March winners include: Nora and Greg West (twice), Caitlyn Crawford, Gerald Strickland, Irene Berry, Petrina Bearor, Bernard Newell (twice), Shelia Hoyt, Gary Cobb, Alan Michka, Isaac Boucher, James and Florence Dudley, Betty Cobb, and Peter Gardner.

There are numbers available if you want to join. One number is \$60. A drawing of three numbers takes place weekly. 1st place wins \$25.00, 2nd place wins \$15.00, and 3rd place wins \$10.00. Checks to winners are mailed once a month. Contact either the library at 628-6561 or Petrina Bearor at 628-3061.

It's a busy fund-raising month for the library. Saturday, May 25, the library will be holding a *Chinese Auction* fundraiser at the Happy Horseshoe Campground. From 10:00 – 11:00 am; buy your tickets and choose the items you want to try to win. Winners must be present and will be announced beginning at 11:00 am. Twenty tickets cost \$2.00. There will be a 50/50 raffle, too. From Tindall's Country Store, travel north on Long Falls Dam Road for 2.7 miles; campground is on the left. Memorial Day weekend is the campground's opening weekend, and the place is buzzing with activities, so the auction should be a lively one with a nice size 50/50. Good luck!

If you have a new or gently used item or two that you would like to donate for the auction, please call Kay Michka at 628-2014. Leave a message with your name and phone number, if

no answer. As long as the item is clean and in working order, we can probably use it. We are looking for just about anything you would be interested in at a yard sale... cooking, crafting, children's games and toys, outdoor gear, tools, jewelry, summertime fun and gear, whatnots. Please do not be offended if we get so many items that we finally have to have a cut off point. *No used clothing, shoes, stuffed animals. No VHS videos at all. Sorry.* Give Kay a call to donate items! (For you auction regulars, this auction was formerly held by the snowmobile club from Kingfield.)

Knit Wits and Happy Hookers will meet on Thursday, April 9 and 23 at 10:00 am.

Book Club – by Kay Michka: Thanks to Tucker Atwood for joining us and reading his winning poetry at Community Poetry Night, where he was also awarded his prize money and first and second place certificates.

For May 9 discussion at 6:30pm, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Please bring ideas for summer reading selections. (Did I say “summer”? Hooray!)

The library is located at 899 River Road (Rte. 146) across from the Town Office. Hours listed on front page.

Submitted: Kay Michka

New Portland Sno-Travelers

The April meeting was called to order with seven members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports for February (No meeting was held in March.) were read and accepted.

Trailmaster: Kendall reported that the municipal grant had been sent and the club grant would be sent this week. He also reported that there was a chance the club might receive the 10% that the State had deducted from the grant because of anticipated lack of funding. The groomer has been sent to Cook's Equipment to be refurbished; everything is being dismantled and rebuilt. The cost will be around \$14,000. When the groomer comes back, it should be just like new.

New Business: A discussion was held about whether club members wanted to continue running the booth at the New Portland Fair. A final decision was held off until the May meeting. Joyce read a “thank you” note that she had received from a club member. The member wanted to thank Lewis and David for rescuing her when her snowmobile had broken down on the trail. She had sent a donation to the club to show her appreciation.

Reminder: Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 18, at the Fire Station Meeting Room, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely, Joyce Knowles

Community Churches

The merger of the New Portland and North New Portland church congregations is pressing ahead with a meeting of a Presbyterian Administrative Commission and all interested congregation members. This meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 1:00 pm at the West Village Church. The Administrative Commission will help us move forward on several administrative details such as the writing of new by-laws and incorporation of the new church entity.

The congregation has voted on a name for the joined congregation: New Portland Community Church. We feel that this represents the entire community of North, East and West Villages. We will still meet, as usual, for the summer months in the North Village Church and in the winter months in the West Village Church.

The Wire Bridge Thrift Store will be open as always on Saturday mornings. Summer items will be out soon for your shopping enjoyment. Check out the great deals and fit the entire family for summer.

Thank you to all who attended the church pot roast supper on April 18. The next supper will be held on May 16. Come enjoy an excellent pork roast feed.

Join us in the month of May at the West Village Church for worship services at 11:00 am with coffee hour at 10:30 am. We will be moving our worship services to the North Village Church on June 2. Services will be held there at 11:00 am with coffee hour at 10:30 am.

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church had their final Wednesday evening service until the next ski season when some of our congregation will head back to “the mountain” to work. The midweek services were geared to people who miss the Sunday services due to work obligations. Pastor Tom's messages can still be heard if unable to attend church Sunday mornings by requesting to be added to our CD mailing list. Each week a CD will be delivered to your mailbox or to your home. Contact the church with your name and mailing address. Also, messages can be downloaded by going to our website, www.westernmountainschurch.com to choose the message you would like to hear.

If you have children, grandchildren or if you know of any child between the ages of 4 - 11, please mark your calendars now. June 24 - 27 is Vacation Bible School at the Western Mountains Baptist Church. From 9:00 a.m to noon; there will be lots of activities and a great opportunity for a fun time for all. This year's program is called “Son West Roundup, A Rip-Roaring Good Time with Jesus”. For more information about getting your child registered and/or to ask about volunteer needs, call Annette Stanley at 684-4477 or call Betsy DuBois at 678-2328. Last year we had over 50 children participate. The leaders of VBS have been making plans all year and are now meeting to put together the final details. Call soon.

This month the new soccer field will be open! The Youth Ministries have raised all the money needed to pay for the soccer goals which will be arriving any day. Many thanks go to JR Fabrication for their excellent work and their generosity. Once the nets are in place, we expect to have Sunday afternoon games and a mid-week game where kids and adults come together to have a good time playing soccer. All are welcome to join in on the excitement.

For more information about the Western Mountains Baptist Church and the various programs and Bible studies offered, please call the church at 265-2557. If you leave a message someone will return your call. You may also email us at wester-mountainbaptist@tds.net. Please feel free to notify us of any prayer requests. We are interested in our neighbors and the needs around us.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

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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 School Board Mtg, 6 pm Planning Board Mtg 6:30 pm WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	2	3	4 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
5 Ladies Tea at NPCL 2 pm WMBC Sunday Service 10 am NPCC Sunday Service 11 am, coffee hour 10:30	6	7 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	8 WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm Water District Mtg 7pm	9 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am Book Club, NPCL 6:30 pm	10	11 Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
12 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am NPCC Sunday Service 11 am, coffee hour 10:30	13	14 Library Board Mtg 6 pm NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	15 East Cemetery Assoc. Mtg 6:00 pm, Meeting Rm Spiff Up For Spring Activity Night, NPCL 6:30 pm WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	16 Community Supper at West Village Community Church	17	18 Annual Plant, Book & Bake Sale 9 am - 1 pm NPCL Sno-Travelors Mtg 6:30 pm Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open
19 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am NPCC Sunday Service 11 am, coffee hour 10:30	20 Selectmen's Mtg. 6:30 pm	21	22 WMBC Evening Service 6:30 pm	23 Knitwits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10 am	24	25 Deadline for <i>New Portlander</i> submissions by 4 pm Chinese Auction at Happy Horseshoe Campground 10-11 am
26 WMBC Sunday Service 10 am NPCC Sunday Service 11 am, coffee hour 10:30	27 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY	28 NPFM Mtg. - 6:30 pm	29	30	31	