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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**

Monday ..... 3pm - 5pm  
Tuesday-Wednesday ..... 12pm - 2pm  
Thursday ..... 3pm - 7pm  
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends) ..... 8am - 11am

**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](mailto: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:**  
Wed, Sat, and Sun ..... 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday ..... 12:30 pm - 4:30 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

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 2, 2013

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert (absent); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Brian Rundlett, David Reed, Bobby Dunphy, Norman Goff

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

Kip updated the Board of Selectmen on brake work which has been done and a pump that needs to be replaced for the fire trucks. Kip also informed the Board of Selectmen that turnout gear has been purchased. There have been 25 calls for the year to date.

Gary updated the Board that he has finished pushing back the snow banks and made sure that the Selectmen understood the importance of having them pushed back. Gary stated that the winter plow contractor should be keeping them pushed back. Atwood Hill Road, New Portland Hill Road, and Middle Road were the roads that had to have snow pushed back. Gary stressed that he is very upset about this situation. The Town Garage has not been plowed out either along with the Gilman Pond Road only having one lane of traffic. Stacie and the Selectmen agreed that there should be a meeting set up with Gilbert Taylor to discuss some concerns. Gary has suggested that the Board of Selectmen look into who is legally responsible for the bridge in the Great Works area. Gary gave the Board of Selectmen a quote of \$110,000.00 that he has received regarding the slip line.

Bobby Dunphy talked about Norman Goff who has, according to the Maine Statutes, violated the Town of New Portland Subdivision Ordinance by creating a lot or two without prior approval from the Planning Board. Bobby told the Selectmen that he gave Norman a 30 day notice advising him that he is in violation of the subdivision ordinance. Bobby said that he is bringing this before the Board of Selectmen to see what they would like to do about this issue, where it has been longer than 30 days now. Doug asked Norman what he has for thoughts on this matter. Norman said that he does not understand the whole thing, and he feels that he is not in violation. Norman said that he wants to build a home up on this property, but where his brother has a home there then he understands that it would be a subdivision to have two houses on one lot and that is why he gave a piece of land to his brother. Doug gave Norman until April 15, 2013 (the next Selectmen's Meeting) to give the Board of Selectmen an answer on how he is going to be in compliance.

**New Portlander article submission deadline is JUNE 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](mailto: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 updated the Board of Selectmen that there are new members for the Planning Board, and she has appointment papers to be signed. The new members are Lewis Wills, Jim Heichel, and Kyle Handrahan. Stacie said that they now have five members on the Planning Board, and they have an alternate as well.

Stacie reminded the Board of Selectmen that the second Selectmen's Meeting of the month is for the signing of warrants and any issues that cannot wait until the first Selectmen's meeting of the month.

Stacie gave the Board of Selectmen the completed Workplace Smoking Policy to review and sign. Stacie advised the Board of Selectmen that all town employees and volunteers will receive a copy of the policy.

Stacie discussed some findings from the Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF). Stacie also said that there is money for some approved projects which have not been done at this time.

David Reed had brought up some discussion about whether or not his campground is being considered a commercial property. The Selectmen said that they would look into as to whether or not the campground is being considered a commercial property or not.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

#### **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 15, 2013**

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Becky Taylor, Gilbert Taylor, Alicia Wills, Terri Lamontagne, Jessica Clark, Norman Goff

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Doug voiced some concerns to Gilbert that have been raised regarding the snow banks not being pushed back, and the landscaping at the Town Office. There was a short discussion on the two issues.

Alicia had appointment papers for the Animal Control Officer, Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer and the School Budget Referendum Warrant for the Board of Selectmen to sign. Alicia advised the Board of Selectmen that she and Lorie have been in communication with each other regarding people that have not licensed their dog(s) as of yet.

Terri updated the Board of Selectmen that everything is going fine in her office. Terri said that she still has not heard back from the State. The Board of Selectmen and Terri set up an Assessor's Work Session at 8:00 am on May 4.

Norman Goff updated the Board of Selectmen that he has talked to his attorney again, and he has two solutions regarding the subdivision violation. There was a discussion about the possibility on how to handle this matter, but Norman was advised that the final say will come from the Planning Board.

Stacie briefed the Board of Selectmen that the Department of Labor was at the Town Office, the Fire Department, and Community Room and at the Fire Department in the West Village and the report had been received. Several citations are in the process of being taken care of at this time.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen on some findings for trash disposal options for the Town of New Portland.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

#### **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES, MAY 7, 2013**

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Marilyn Gorman, Jessica Clark, Brian Rundlett, Robert Whitten

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Doug made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Gary updated the Board of Selectmen that he has Sam White to look at New Portland Hill's ditching project. Gary talked about some signs that are missing from the roads. Gary also updated the Board of Selectmen regarding the new Dig Safe Law.

Stacie advised the Board of Selectmen and Gary that she has received a letter from the State of Maine needing permission from Municipal Officials for overweight trucks to work on the project up on the River Road where Lemon Stream is.

Brian updated the Board of Selectmen on some calls that the Fire Department has received since the last Selectmen's Meeting.

There was a request from Janet White to maintain the flower beds at the Town Office and to spend some extra money for some new soil. Doug approved. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

There was some discussion on some of the denied abatements that are going to be reviewed by the Board of Appeals.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen that she has been working with Bobby Dunphy regarding the Junk Yard Ordinance and following through with people who have moved trailers into town.

The Board of Selectmen want a meeting set up with Bobby Dunphy and themselves to discuss the concerns with Enviro-Mats.

The Board of Selectmen would like Terri to contact her resources regarding the Churchill and L.L. Bean property.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Doug 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*

## Town Manager

We would like to thank the two fire department members who put the town flags up, out in the rain. It is greatly appreciated by the office staff. Thank you.

Happy Father's Day to all of the Dad's out there.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water District will not meet in June. Thank you.

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman*

## East New Portland Cemetery Association

East New Portland Cemetery Association Meeting will be held on June 6 at 6:00 pm at the New Portland Firehouse Meeting Room.

*Submitted: Mike Malesky*

## Thank You

Thoughtful Person In New Portland - A few weeks ago we received an anonymous gift certificate in the mail to Tindall's store. What a surprise! We became aware that a few others had also received this generous gift. And no one will reveal the donor's name. Not knowing who sent it makes it hard to say "Thank You." So we are hoping this thoughtful person reads the *New Portlander*. And we truly hope this brings a smile to your face and a warm feeling in your big heart. With the world the way it is today this is a ray of sunshine. And we will pay it forward. God Bless you, whoever you are.

*Sincerely, Dale and Gloria Walker*

We would like to thank those people that were generous in donating money so we could experience a trip of a lifetime. We gladly thank everyone who has pitched in and helped us get there! As you may know the trip cost around \$6800 for both of us to go, and we could not have been more pleased with the results. We had the chance to go to Europe for ten days, and it would not have happened if it was not for the people who donated money. Also, a huge thank you to Chris Gram, foreign language teacher at Carrabec High School for being a phenomenal teacher/guide throughout the entire trip. It would not have been the same without him. Our group got the chance to visit the ancient castles in Heidelberg, Germany to the busy city of Paris, France. Over the course of the trip we climbed and walked all over six different countries. It has been a great opportunity for us and we really appreciate everyone who has helped us reach this goal. Thanks again!

*Sincerely, Megan and Katie King*

## Citizens Corner

There will be a Celebration of Life for "Mel" Durland on May 31, 2013 at 189 Bennett Hill Road in New Portland from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come. Refreshments will be provided.

*Submitted: Through the Town Office*

## New Portland Community Library

**Friends of the Library - Petrina Bearor:** Thank you so much for your support at our very successful annual Plant, Book, and Bake Sale. We greatly appreciate all the plants, baked goods, and books you donated. Your generosity was overwhelming. There were some wonderful items to buy this year. Thank you to everyone who came to the sale to support us, too. We will be able to purchase at least one new computer with the money earned. The next scheduled event at the library will be an Ice Cream Social on July 17 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

**100 Club Winners for April:** Greg and Pat Drummond, Jill Lattin, Doug Archer, Jim Taylor, Mary Butler, Shelia Hoyt, Peter Gardner, James and Florence Dudley, Melissa Green, Arlene Newell, Deborah Clague, and Irene Berry. If you have not renewed your membership this year, there is still plenty of time left. Send a check for \$60.00 to the library soon and your number will be added. If you wish to join the 100 Club, contact either Petrina Bearor at 628-3061 or the library at 628-6561 for information. There are also new membership numbers posted at the library. Become a new member in June, then receive a coupon for one dollar off a treat at the summer ice cream social.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet the second and fourth Thursdays starting at 10:00 am. Dates for June are the 13 and 27.

**From the Librarian - Shelby Newell:** Exciting news at the library...we received news that we are able to get a few refurbished computer systems through an organization called PCs for Maine. This organization offers affordable systems to non-profits and libraries. We are very excited to purchase some updated equipment for our patrons to use. Thank you for your patience while our remaining two computers were wearing out. We should have the new ones very soon.

Shelby is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program. Stay tuned for dates and activities! She will offer a few options for middle school aged children this summer, too. She'll have options available for children even if they cannot attend the programs. Let's keep children reading over the summer and help prevent the "Summer Slide."

Don't forget that we are now part of the Download Library which allows patrons with tablets and other devices to borrow e-books. Stop by the library to learn more! All you need is a New Portland Community Library card.

**New Books: Young Adult -** *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *Timmy Failure* by Stephan Pastis, *Capture the Flag* by Kate Messner; **Nonfiction -** *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed; **Fiction -** *Inferno* by Dan Brown, *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie: A Flavia de Luce Novel* by Alan Bradley, *12th of Never* by James Patterson.

**Book Club - Kay Michka:** The Book Club is taking a summer break. We will begin in September, discussing *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Everyone was too busy with pre-rain spring activities to finish the book in time for our last spring meeting, so we will begin with this selection again in the fall.

We have a nice hardbound copy in the library. It is well worth the read! If you read it years ago, skim through the library copy, and please join in.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **New Portland Sno-Travelers**

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

**TRAIL MASTER:** Kendall reported that the club had received the check for the club grant and the money from the municipal grant should be coming soon. There are several bridges that either need to be replanked or replaced. Lewis and Kendall will get together this summer and set up work sessions to get these jobs done. It was decided to hold a work session on August 17th, the day of our next club meeting. Joyce will send out an email to notify members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** After some discussion, the members voted to no longer have the club booth at the New Portland Fair.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Elections were held. Dave Cary- President; Brad Bucklin- Vice President; Judi Wills- Treasurer; Joyce Knowles- Secretary; Kendall Knowles- Trail Master; Linda DeWolfe- Social Director; MSA Directors- Lewis Wills and Brad Bucklin.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm

Our next meeting will be August 17. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station Meeting Room starting at 6:30 pm.

Enjoy your summer.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## **Community Churches**

**New Portland Community Church News:** The New Portland and North New Portland church congregations and the Presbyterian Administration Commission met on May 19 between the congregations. This was a productive meeting and the members of the congregation came away with a list of documents and details to work on. Things continue to move forward. The next meeting of the commission and congregation will be in July.

Don't forget the Wire Bridge Thrift Store will be open as always on Saturday mornings.

Despite the recent chilly, wet weather we will see summer soon and you will need shorts and t-shirts, honest!

The church supper on May 16 was an excellent pork roast dinner and it was well attended and appreciated. The next supper will be June 20. Please join us for a wonderful ham supper along with marinated carrots, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, and apple crisp.

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. We will be enjoying the services and

sermons of the following capable ministers. June Worship Schedule: June 2, Rev. Tony MacNaughton (communion); June 9, Rev. Doug Walrath; June 16: Rev. Stan Wheeler; June 23 Rev. Dick Waddell; June 30, Rev. Doug Walrath; July 7, Rev. Doug Walrath.

*Respectfully,*

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

**The Western Mountains Baptist Church** will be hosting a CUFI event (Christians United for Israel, the largest pro-Israel organization in the U.S) on June 8 and 9. Victor Styrsky, a pastor, author and the CUFI Eastern Regional Coordinator, will be the keynote presenter at a Leader's Breakfast on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00a.m. He will also be the speaker during our Sunday morning worship time, at 10:00a.m. If you are interested in learning more about what the Bible has to say about supporting Israel and how to put your support in action please join us. To RSVP go to the CUFI website at [www.cufi.org](http://www.cufi.org) and register under events or contact the WMBC church.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at the church June 24-27, from 9:00 am to noon. All children ages 4-11 are invited to join us at the "SonWest Roundup" for "a Rip-roaring Good Time with Jesus." Children will learn about the love of Jesus through music, games, crafts and building relationships with other children and adults. To register a child, please call Annette at 684-4477, Betsy at 678-2328 or email the church at [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net).

The field is ready and the nets are up - let soccer begin! June 2 at 2:00 pm the Youth Group has challenged the adults (18 and older) to an intense game of soccer fun. Everyone is welcome to play or to cheer on their favorite team. It is bound to be an afternoon of pure entertainment. If you miss June 2, know that there will be many other opportunities to play soccer at WMBC. If interested in playing, please drop by or contact us.

For more information on Bible studies, times for fellowship or opportunities for children and young folks at the Western Mountains Baptist Church please call 265-2557 to leave a message or call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

# **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**





# FATHER'S DAY

## Word Search

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# NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR

## JUNE 2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center"><b>Western Mountains Baptist Church Events</b></p> <p align="center">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</p>						<p align="center">1</p> <p align="center">Wire Bridge Thrift Store Open</p>
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