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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

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

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
new hours 10:00 am - Noon.
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

NOTICE

THE TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND IS INVITING BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING:

• **ONE 1977 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK, VIN# D0532FHA12774, RED IN COLOR. THE MINIMUM BID FOR THE VEHICLE WILL BE \$500.00.**

The truck can be seen at 31 Atwood Hill Road. The vehicle will not be sold with the water tank that is currently on it. If you have any questions please call Road Commissioner Gary Agren at (207) 431-2058 or Town Manager, Stacie Rundlett at (207) 628-4441 ext. 1 during regular office hours, which are Monday through Wednesday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Board of Selectmen must receive all bids no later than 5:00 pm on October 21, 2013. Late bids will not be opened or considered.

Each bid must include the bidder's name, mailing address and phone number and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified check or money order, in an amount equal to or greater than 10% of the bid price. Each successful bidder's deposit will be credited to the total purchase price for that item. Deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Any bid which does not contain the proper deposit will be rejected. All sales will be as is where is.

In the event that a successful bidder fails, for any reason, to complete the purchase in the time stated, the bid acceptance is void and the bidder's deposit shall be forfeited to the Town. The Board of Selectmen may thereafter negotiate a sale of the property with any or all unsuccessful bidders.

Send sealed bids to 901 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961. Mark clearly on outside of envelope "International Truck Bid". Bids must be received by October 21 at 5:00 pm. Bids will be opened and read at the October 21 held at the Fire Station in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Town Manager

Starting October 1, there will be new fees at the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station for the disposal of certain items, we will be using a punch card that is available to purchase at the Town Office.

New Costs of items are as follows: Car Tires- \$3.00 Truck Tires- \$7.00 Mattress or Box Spring- \$5.00 Car or Truck Seat- \$5.00 Large Couch- \$5.00 Small Couch or Love seat- \$5.00 Stuffed Chair or Recliner- \$5.00 Stereos- \$2.00 TV- \$2.00 Computer- \$2.00 Refrigerator- \$10.00 Air Conditioners- \$10.00 Other White Goods- \$5.00

October 19 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm the Wire Bridge will be closed. We will be posting this on both ends of the road near the bridge. All traffic will be prohibited to use the bridge during this time.

New Portlander article submission deadline is October 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.

October 20 at 9:00 am we will be meeting at the Town Office to take down the flags throughout the town. Any volunteers to assist with this will be greatly appreciated.

October 28 at 6:30 pm there will be a Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station meeting in the Community Room at the Fire Station at 911 River Road.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Clerk

Election day is fast approaching! Here is the following information I have for voting day. Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2013; Location: New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland; Poll Times: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Next note: I have received the 2014 dog tags. However, I legally cannot process any dog licensing until the legal date of October 15. The fee for a fixed dog is \$6.00 and non fixed is \$11.00. Please keep in mind I need verification of rabies. Yes, I do have these on file if you gave me a copy from the previous year. Please keep in mind that if you do come in and your rabies has expired, due to the laws, I am unable to process your dog license without a COPY of the current rabies. Your vet office can also fax me a copy of the rabies at 628-4440. Thank you for your patience and cooperation on this. I hope you all have a great fall season and I will see you soon!

Respectfully...

Submitted: Alicia Wills/Town Clerk

Fire Chief

October is fire prevention month. To assist New Portland homeowners we are offering a smoke detector and battery program free of charge. If you are in need of a battery operated smoke detector or new batteries for current smoke detector please contact Stacie at the Town Office, and we will make arrangements to get them to you.

Submitted: Kip Poulin

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water District will meet October 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the New Portland Library.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Recreation Committee

Recreation Meeting September 18, 2013 Members present: Stacy Rundlett, Jessi Atwood, Judi Wills

The Fall Festival will be held October 19, 2013. This will be held at the New Portland Community Room. The event starts at 11:00 am and goes to 2:00 pm.

The Scarecrow Contest this year will be "Story Book Characters". These characters can be scary, funny, whatever you would like. Registration box is at the town office; fill out a form with your name and what story the character is from. Also, write the number of the grade stake your entry will be placed on. Grade stakes with numbers will be set along the grass area in front of the Community Room/ Fire Station. All entries must be up by October 16. The judging will be done October 18. The judges will only know the story character and entry number; they will not know by

whom the entry was done. Winners will be announced at the Festival on October 19. We ask that the scarecrows be removed after Halloween, by November 2, 2013.

We will have the horse drawn wagon rides again this year. The apple pie contest last year was a big success, and we will be doing that again. You may leave your pie in the kitchen of the Community Room the morning of the festival. Be sure to put your name on it and a contact number if you are not planning on attending. Again, the judges will score the entry on appearance and taste; they will not know the entrant's name.

We will have face painting, pumpkin painting, donut catching, pumpkin seed spitting contests. We will have fun games to play and prizes will be won by all. We also will be having a fry pan throwing contest. This will be judged on the longest distance thrown. Also the "Pumpkin Jump House" will be set up for all to enjoy.

We are fortunate to have Kristina Earle available for pictures. We will have hay bales and cornstalks with pumpkins for the back ground.

The New Portland Fire Department will be doing the cooking for us. They will donate their time and food for the event.

This event is free! So bring your family and friends and enjoy the day!!

Save the date!!!! December 1 is the Community Ride and Sing. Each year we have a few more people come and enjoy the ride and singing. There is lots of laughter and good times; the ride will leave the Community Room parking area at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be waiting when you return. The meal will be served to you by the select people of New Portland. The meal will be prime rib, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, coffee, tea, and punch. Dessert will be brownie sundaes with vanilla ice-cream covered with Bonnie Atwood's hot fudge sauce. This also is free to the citizens of New Portland, so mark your calendar and come enjoy the season with your community.

On behalf of the Recreation Committee, "Thank you".

Submitted: Judi Wills

Animal Control Officer

The next rabies clinic is at Webster Hall in Kingfield on October 11, 2013 at 9:00 – 9:30 am.

You can start to license your dog(s) October 15, 2013 for the year 2014. It is the law to license your dog(s).

There has been a fisher spotted in New Portland. Please do not approach these animals. Call the police department to get a game warden, if you have one in your yard. Fisher do prey on cats, and we have had a lot of cats missing in our area this could be one of the reasons. Any questions please call me at 779-7769.

Submitted: Lorie Agren, Animal Control Officer

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

The September meeting was called to order with seven members present.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master Report: Kendall reported he had received the paperwork from the state for the grants. He also reported that the bridge over Perry Brook

has been rebuilt. Thanks to Linda, Rick, Lewis and Kendall for giving of their time to complete the project. There are four more bridges that need to be fixed. Kendall and Lewis will set some work dates.

Old Business: A thank you note was read from Kristina Robinson. She was the recipient of the club's scholarship.

New Business: The members decided to hold the landowners' supper in April. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will be October 19 starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there! Meeting dates for the 2013-2014 season are November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library - Petrina Bearor, Tabitha Emery, Shelby Newell
New Portland Community Library is hosting Cow Patty Bingo at the New Portland Fire Station Field. The event will coincide with the Fall Festival on October 19 put on by the Recreation Department. It will begin at 10:00 am when the cow is let loose in the field. Tickets are \$10.00 for one square, and you can win up to \$500. Only 100 tickets will be sold!! Tickets are on sale at the library or from board members. You can also contact us via our Facebook page, which is listed as New Portland Community Library. Come join the fall fun, and maybe you'll walk away as a big cash prize winner, too!

100 club winners for August include the following: Peter Gardner, Arlene Newell (twice), Sharlene Belanger (twice), Carrabassett Coffee, Rev. James Taylor, Irene Berry, Linda DeWolfe, Camden National Bank, Kay Michka, Mary Butler, Dallas Landry, Agnes Dodd, and Isaac Boucher. Congratulations!

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet at the library the second and fourth Thursday of each month starting at 10:00 am. Please feel free to join us for a couple hours of knitting, crocheting, any hand work. We always have a few people who are more than willing to help or give instruction. Usually have some goodies to eat and hot coffee or tea to drink. See you on October 10 and 24.

Calling all Quilters! Contact the New Portland Community Library to sign up for a quilting class on October 30 at 6:00 pm. Kathy McClure will teach us how to make a quilted stocking ornament. The cost of this event is \$3. The class is limited to 10 people, so reserve your spot today. 628-6561 or email the library at newportlandcl@gmail.com.

Book Club - Kay Michka We will discuss *When We Were the Kennedys: A Memoir from Mexico, Maine* by Monica Wood on October 10 at 6:30 pm. This is the story of a mill town family who must deal with the grief of the father's sudden death. There is a copy at the library, or feel free to phone me at 628-2014 to help you find a copy. Please join us for interesting conversation and some snacks.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Announcements

Holiday Craft Sale: Sponsored by The New Portland Historical Society will be held on Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 am. This event will be at the New Portland Fire Station meeting room at 911 River Road. Lunch will be

available. Start your Christmas shopping early. Thank you.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, New Portland Historical Society.

Wire Bridge Thrift Shop will now be open on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Submitted: Helen Atwood

Taylor Bartlett from New Portland, daughter of Roseanne Bartlett, granddaughter of Bucky and Winonna Emery has been hand selected to participate in the Miss Maine Teen USA 2014 Pageant being held at the Portland Marriot at Sable Oaks on November 30 through December 1, 2013.

She will be judged on swimsuit, evening gown and personal interview. The winner of this event will represent our state at the Miss Maine Teen USA 2014 Pageant in 2014. Among her many prizes will be cash, wardrobe, interviews with top talent and modeling agencies, jewelry and more! Most exciting will be an expense paid trip to the National Pageant where Taylor will compete for the prestigious title of Miss USA Teen!

Taylor is a sophomore at Carrabec High School and has been sponsored by Roof Solutions, friends and family. If you wish to be a sponsor and help pay for the \$1195 entry fee, please make checks payable to Clemente Productions and mail to Taylor Bartlett, PO Box 102 North New Portland, Maine 04961, She invites everyone to attend Saturday's preliminary and Sunday's final events. Tickets to both events are available by calling 781.321.3500 to anyone wishing to support Taylor and to cheer her on to become the next the Miss Maine Teen USA! Thank you.

Submitted Taylor Bartlett

Citizens Corner

My fellow citizens,
When Enviromat opened a business on Rt 27 in 2011, it was good to see. Until the noise began.

Neither the parent company nor the plant responds to my letters, calls, and emails. Once I was hung up on, for being persistent. At a Selectmen meeting recently, the plant manager actually said, "So?" when I said I had left messages.

The noise goes on, intruding, disturbing sleep, upsetting animals and children. We hear it at 6 :00 am, at 11:00 pm and on Sundays. We hear it inside through closed windows though we live 1 mile as the crow flies from Enviromat.

I purchased a sound meter and researched – the level is 33 dB at my house normally. With Enviromat- 44-48 . with a 10 dB rise – noise doubles to the human ear. 44 dB is exactly the same at the plant property line-I measured. Sound does not obey property lines .This is causing adverse impact on many of us. We are subjected to industrial noise inside our homes.

I know people need jobs and that people have a right to do what they want on their own property. I know that noise does not seem like an issue to many folks. However, no one has a right to use their property in a way that bothers others. What is unimportant to one person is huge to another.

A company that will not respect its community and move the sound inside or insulate it is a company that cares little about its long term survival and is probably only here briefly. This does not help folks who need to pay

their bills. We need jobs that last and are safe, pay well and do not harm the community. For 16 years I have worked hard – I actually currently have four jobs to live in this quiet beautiful place. My home is precious to me. This bad neighbors 'noise' makes life miserable.

A similar plant was thwarted in Farmington when neighbors complained AND WERE HEARD. I write to inform, and I hope to involve, you. When I first attended Selectmen's meetings asking for help, the Selectmen offered to write to the company. Companies care about what local governments think. When I asked two months later I was told that no letter had been written. To his credit, last month Selectman Doug Archer said he would write a letter.

Town officials say they cannot regulate equipment. Of course, the planning board was not properly informed or maybe did not think to ask about this. They were told this was the same kind of business as was there before. It is not the same. The equipment is different. Citizens in the West Village have never been exposed to this before. This should have been vetted by town government before it started.

With a change of landowners I thought site permits did not carry over?, but I cannot get good information. When I asked to see the site permit I was told "I don't know what you want, it is the same as the prior place had."

The town manager called Maine Municipal Association (MMA) to get legal advice about this. I asked to be told what happened. I was never told. When I followed a month later, I learned that no notes were taken and I was actually told, "I didn't know I was required to notify the public!" The manager works for the public. Common sense says to write down what happened. How can citizens know if our interests were represented? Or how to proceed without knowing what was said?

There are also no minutes for planning board meetings for when Enviromat came before them. The ordinance on commercial development says there shall be no adverse impact on the town. But there is. Under something called TIF, 50% of Enviromat's taxes go back to them this year while private citizens suffer with rising taxes. And, not one person from New Portland is employed there.

MMA's lawyers work for the selectman with lawyer client privilege, but any citizen can call for information. I did and I learned a lot. There is a solution that would allow us to have this business in town and let us have our lives back. But town officials were irritated at me! For trying to solve the problem and demanded to know to whom I talked! Instead of working together!

At the last Selectmen's meeting I waited two hours to speak. Someone else spoke at great length about an issue that bothered only him and another. He was respectfully allowed to speak at great length. When I raised my own hand, I was interrupted immediately and told it was getting late. It was late because we sat through a long presentation to the selectmen and a review of tax situations and other Selectmen-only matters that were held privately up at the front table in hushed voices. When I attempted to speak to the plant manager at one meeting, when I accidentally found who he was and that he was there, I was told to not speak to him "address your remarks to the selectmen."

I leave every Selectmen's meeting feeling just dreadful for being persistent. I have been told that the town will not put any resources into this. But we need to address this problem. Two other people have

complained to the town and many others on Chick Road tell me they are disturbed by this noise, but do not think anyone will do anything about it.

One wise person, said about writing letters like this "why would you want to make people mad?" But I am mad! I am not interested in finding fault, but I am stuck with these things I described above. I want help if not "resources." I want ideas, information, support and consideration that I matter, and I want my life and my property values back. I am obviously cranky. I generally keep a low profile and make no complaints. I mean no personal harm to anyone, but I do think people have to be responsible for their actions. There is a pot luck at the library 9/28; this newsletter may come to you after that – a pot luck to talk – please come. Let's preserve the character of this town while encouraging a sustainable future.

Come to the Town's website on facebook and have a conversation. Let officials know you expect them to protect your environment, solve problems, and preserve property values. Tell officials they should be keeping records and that they are responsible to us. And, then vote. Sincerely...

Submitted: Jean Antonucci

Community Churches

Western Mountains Baptist Church, 929 Carrabassett Road (Rt. 27), New Portland, Maine 04947: where you will find Christ's love in action.

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 am. Sunday School for all ages (including adults) at 9:00 am. Woman's Bible Study held at 9:00 am. Children's Church and nursery are available during the worship service.

Bible Studies for women meet Monday evenings in Kingfield, Wednesday mornings at the church, Wednesday afternoon in Freeman Township, Thursday afternoon in Kingfield.

Bible studies for men meet Tuesday evenings at the church, the first Saturday morning of each month at the church.

Youth Group for ages 11-15 meet Thursday evenings at the church.

Men and women groups meet Thursday evenings in Freeman Township, for a potluck dinner followed by a Bible study.

Woman's Fitness Class meets Monday and Wednesday evenings at the church. For more information about the various opportunities for spiritual growth at the Western Mountains Baptist Church or if you have a request for prayer, please leave a message at 265-2557 or send an email to: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 Flag Removal meet at Town Office 9:00 am	7 New Portland Community Church service at 11:00 am each Sunday with coffee hour at 10:30 am at the North Village Church	8 Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	9 New Portland Water District 7:00 pm at NPCL	10 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am – noon NPCL	11 Rabies Clinic, Webster Hall, Kingfield at 9:00 – 9:30 am	12 Town Office Open 8:00 am - Noon
13	14 WMBC Men's Breakfast first Saturday of each month 8:00 am	15 Dog License Available	16 New Portland Water District 7:00 pm at NPCL	17 Book Club 6:30 pm at NPCL	18 Fall Festival 11:00 am – 2:00 pm 5no-travelors 6:30 pm at the Meeting Room Wire Bridge closed Noon – 5:00 pm	19 Cow Chip Bingo 10:00 am at Fire Station Fall Festival 11:00 am – 2:00 pm 5no-travelors 6:30 pm at the Meeting Room Wire Bridge closed Noon – 5:00 pm
20	21 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Deadline for BIDS for truck 5:00 pm	22 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	23	24 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am – noon NPCL	25 Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm	26
27	28 Transfer Station Meeting 6:30 pm Fire Station	29	30 Quilting Class 6:00 pm at NPCL	31 WMBC Women's Fellowship 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm	WMBC Women's Breakfast second Saturday of each month 9:00 am	

**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
 OCTOBER 2013**

