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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

Vital statistics & dog licensing

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

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

Town Manager

After reading under the Citizen's Corner in the October edition of this newsletter I was concerned that some of the printed information was misleading to you, the residents, so I contacted Maine Municipal Association (MMA) legal services for their advice on how to handle this situation and they advised me to just state the facts in next edition of newsletter. So here are the facts;

MMA lawyers do work for the selectmen and other town officials with lawyer client privileges, but they do not provide information to the citizens within the community. You must be a town official to utilize their services. They also advised me that they have no record of anyone from New Portland, meaning the public, calling in to their office to request any information. Furthermore, the lawyer I spoke with informed me that they have a very, very strict policy on this matter. They are not to offer any legal information to anyone other than a town official and it would be on record.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: After great success last year, the Town Office will be having another Giving Tree for Christmas. Starting November 18 we will be taking donations for our Giving Tree. There will be items listed on ornaments on the tree that we will be looking for and we will also be taking any other donations offered. We hope to have all donations in by December 19th so we can get everything wrapped and delivered to their destinations.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

MINUTES FOR THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING, AUGUST 6, 2013

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Chris Brenigar, Tim Gordon, Steve Joseph, Kyle Handrahan, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Steve Smith, Bobby Dunphy, Jean Antonucci, Jim Heichel, Joye Earle, David Reed, David Kooistra

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

Minutes were reviewed. Andrea motioned to approve the minutes as written from the July 15 Selectmen's Meeting. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Gary updated the Board of Selectmen that there is a stop sign missing at the end of Tannery Bridge Road and 146, which is a state intersection.

New Portlander article submission deadline is November 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.

Old Kingfield Road is missing a stop sign, too. Gary gave the Board of Selectmen an estimate to tar part of the Freeman Ridge Road at the Kingfield end. Gary gave an estimate of \$7,000.00 to just pave a section and \$12,000 to \$13,000.00 to tar, cut trees and dig the ditch. Wayne motioned to have Gary tar, out of his budget. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Kip updated the Board of Selectmen on the International Tanker. The parts that are needed are a speed sensor for \$300.00 or a computer for \$2,700.00. Kip said that he is starting with the speed sensor and going from there. Kip talked about how he wants to put in a bid on a truck in Millinocket. Bids need to be in by the 22 of August. Kip proposed to the Board of Selectmen regarding the town going halves with the Firemen's Association on buying new thermal heat sensor cameras for the Fire Department. The current camera they have now is from the early 90's and is unreliable to some degree. Andrea suggested discussing this at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Kip updated the Board of Selectmen that they are at \$6,000.00 expended on payroll and are at 43-44 calls for year to date. Kip said that all the Labor Board violations have been rectified. Stacie is waiting to have a meeting with the Labor Board.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

The Board of Selectmen signed the abatement forms for Fred Arrowsmith and a tax acquired property.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen that Skowhegan Press has bought Carrabassett Marketing and Printing. There was no a notification that this was happening in time before the due date for the New Portlander. Stacie said that she and Kip are working on the Fire Department Policy changes. Stacie will e-mail to the Board of Selectmen prior to the next meeting and hopefully a decision can be made about that document. Stacie said that a sound study was done at Enviro-Mats and that the results have not been received at this time. Jean Antonucci was asked why the public was not notified when the sound study was done. Andrea asked Bobby Dunphy when the results are anticipated to be in. Bobby said about 12-14 days. Bobby said that the public was not notified because it is a private business and private land. Andrea asked Tim Gordon and Steve Smith (the representatives from Enviro-Mats) if the sound study was done by Enviro-Mats or an independent firm. Steve Smith said that it was an independent firm.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that she met with Rosie Vanadestine, the new Executive Director at KVCOG. Rosie came to meet with Stacie at the office to introduce herself and to talk about some proposed changes and asked for some input on some things with which KVCOG could better assist. Stacie said she briefly talked to Rosie about comprehensive planning. Stacie said that Rosie asked if the Board of Selectmen would like Rosie to attend a Selectmen's Meeting to brief everyone on the services KVCOG provides and to look into the town's comprehensive plan. The Board of Selectmen would like Rosie to come to the September 3 Selectmen's Meeting.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen on the town's road signs. Stacie said that they are \$22.00 each. Gary asked if the stolen signs were insured and what the deductible may be. Stacie is going to check on this. Andrea asked about how much they were looking at for sign cost. Stacie said that she has ordered 11 signs.

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen about a camp on the River Road. Stacie said that previously the camp was listed as studded and this year Terri went around to all the properties in town that were listed as

studded camps. This camp is not just a studded camp any longer. Stacie said that the property owner was asking the Board of Selectmen to lower her taxes until she can sell the camp. Stacie said that she explained that is not fair to the other residents in town. Andrea said that she can work on a payment arrangement, but the Board of Selectmen cannot lower the taxes.

Gary asked the Board of Selectmen what they consider water front property. Gary said that his property is not usable. Andrea said that anything that is waterfront property is not wetland. The Board of Selectmen suggested that Gary fill out an abatement.

Steve Joseph asked the Board of Selectmen if there was anything they could help him regarding his property and the possibility of being wetland. Andrea suggested filling out an abatement and the selectmen will take a look at it.

David Reed talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding his property. David said that he had filled out the Agricultural Application and returned to Terri. David says that his value on his house is too high and that his house is unfinished and on posts, he has pole barns and not garages. Andrea asked David to fill out an abatement application.

Jean asked the Board of Selectmen information regarding the TIF with Enviro-Mats. The Board of Selectmen and Stacie explained that this is the last year that this parcel gets 50% of taxes back and starting next year, for the next four years the town captures 100% of the taxes that can only be used for approved projects. Jean stated to the Board of Selectmen that she talked to one of her "good friends" at the Maine Municipal Association regarding the noise from Enviro-Mats. Bobby asked who it is that Jean is talking to at the Maine Municipal Association because Maine Municipal would have to go through the municipality. Jean said that she cannot give out that information where this person she is getting information from is a "patient" of hers.

Bruce Flarety from the Spirit of America Volunteer Foundation Recognition Program spoke to the Board of Selectmen about an individual, project or group that deserves to be recognized for their work in the town. Bruce said that it first takes place at the local level and then the county level. Bruce informed the Board of Selectmen that he believes on September 18, 2013 is when the event is for Somerset County. Andrea said that there are people in this town that could be recognized and asked to think about this.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that was approved by the Board of Selectmen on August 27, 2013, via e-mail as written. Kms

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2013

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Laura, Howard, Marilyn Gorman, Terri Lamontagne, Al Bolduc, Rosie Vanadestine (KVCOG), Bob Whitten, Joel (KVCOG), Blaine Miller

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

Rosie Vanadestine from KVCOG talked to the Board of Selectmen about the services that KVCOG offers. Rosie said that KVCOG giving the

municipalities the choice of saving money by joint purchasing like salt, sand and culverts. Rosie also talked about code enforcement, assessing services, and I.T. services and how KVCOG is helping with these services. Rosie talked about Mobilize Maine Initiative. Joel talked about Comprehensive Planning. Joel then talked about a Contract Service. The Contract Service can be made to fit the needs of the community. There was some discussion about the towns Comprehensive Plan between the Board of Selectmen and Joel.

Gary talked to the Board of Selectmen about the Hancock Pond Road, Deer Farm Road and a few other places in town and how the road had washed out a little. Gary said that next week he was planning on putting some gravel down on New Portland Hill Road, Middle Road, Hancock Pond Road, and George Cole Road. Gary suggested auctioning the tanker truck minus the tank, at the Fire Department off. It needs a little work. Andrea asked what was being done with the tank. Kip said that they were trying to get a five ton truck to replace the deuce and a half. Stacie wanted to know if there was going to be an actual auction or just to put the tanker up for bid. Gary said to put it up for bid. There was some talk among the Board of Selectmen, Gary, and Stacie as to what the minimum bid would be set at. Stacie is going to make an invitation to bid with a minimum bid of \$500.00.

Al Bolduc had some questions about summer roads. Al said that the forester that did some work on the side of the roads has left a lot of debris and prominent stumps. Al wanted to know if the land owner is liable or if the driver is liable if someone goes off the road. Gary stated that the liability would fall on the driver. Al asked Gary if someone was coming to clean the mess up. Gary said that they are done.

Bob Whitten asked Gary why the roadside work was done with the machine that was used. Gary said that the machine was \$700.00 cheaper a mile. Gary said that he was looking out for the financial interest of everyone in the town. Andrea asked Bob what his concern was. Bob said that it is not good for the reputation of the town and not good for the land owners. Bob said that the land owner has the rights to the wood that is on the right of way. Gary said that it is very questionable and that it is customary that the land owner gets the wood, but by law it belongs to the town. Gary said that the appearance of the road side will be better by next spring.

Kip updated the Board of Selectmen that the Fire Department has gotten the tanker back from O'Connor and it runs fine. Kip said that the paperwork is signed for the generator, and he is making arrangements to pick it up from the FAA. Kip said that Gary is going to let the Fire Department store the generator at the town garage until they can get a building built for it. Kip said that there is a fuel tank that is coming with the generator as well. Kip asked if there was any more information regarding the grant matching funds for equipment. Andrea said that the Board of Selectmen would not be opposed to use grant matching funds, but Kip would need to let them know what the dollar amount is before getting approved. There was some brief discussion amongst the Board of Selectmen regarding the New Portland Fire Department Administrative Rules and Guidelines. Doug made a motion to approve the New Portland Fire Department Administrative Rules and Guidelines. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Alicia had some Appointment Papers for the Board of Selectmen to sign. Alicia said she is still working on getting the Town Clerk's office in order.

Terri had Blaine Miller from Dirigo Timberlands come to talk to the Board

of Selectmen. Blaine spoke about how Dirigo Timberlands provide planning services and GIS work, mainly on timberlands, but they have done them on towns too. Blaine gave a presentation on the computer showing the GIS program. Blaine said the cost of setting up the initial system is about \$5,000.00, which gets your tax maps digitized, trio merged, and cleaning up the tax maps. Blaine said that another product Dirigo Timberlands offers is support for the GIS program. There was some additional brief discussion among the Board of Selectmen, Blaine, and Terri.

Abatement Requests: George Fox- Terri recommends denying. Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Robert Harrington- Terri recommends denying. Andrea motioned for Terri to call the Town of Jay to see if Robert is getting a homestead or veterans exemption in his name. If he has the homestead or veterans exemption in his name in Jay then he is denied. If he does not have the exemptions in his name then he is approved. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Joanne and Gerard Gendreau- Terri recommends denying. Doug motioned to deny. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding a payment arrangement that is not being met. Stacie wanted to know what the Board of Selectmen wanted to do from here. Andrea asked Stacie to send them a letter to let them know that this matter was talked about at a Selectmen's Meeting, and if they are not caught up on their payment arrangement, then the foreclosure will go through.

Stacie asked the Board of Selectmen what their thoughts were regarding Code Enforcement while the CEO is out on medical leave. Stacie said that she has talked to the Chairman of the Planning Board, and he is ok with the Planning Board taking over for now on building permits and following up on ordinances not being followed. Stacie said that he said that he will talk to the other members too.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen that she has talked to Mike Laplante from the Labor Board regarding the Labor Board violations. Stacie said that it was asked that the town get a waiver or reduction in the penalties. Stacie said that everything has been fixed that the Labor Board deemed as a penalty. There was some discussion between the Board of Selectmen, Brian, and Kip regarding whether the paperwork concerning the violations from the Labor Board would be better handled by mail or if there was a meeting to be set up to meet with the labor board. Stacie is going to call Mike Laplante and set up a time to meet.

Stacie talked about the air quality study that was approved by the Board of Selectmen before the Town Meeting. Stacie said that it got put off when the boiler in the Town Office had to be replaced. Stacie talked about how she and other employees in the office have had some memory loss and migraines to the point that family members have been noticing. Alicia said that she has also noticed a "smell". Andrea said to check and see if the \$2,500.00 for the air study is still the same, what the timeframe is and that we will go from there.

Stacie and the Board of Selectmen discussed briefly regarding the sound study from Enviro-Mats.

Stacie briefly spoke with the Board of Selectmen regarding the transfer station and the options that New Portland would/may have.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 16, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting as written. Kms

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2013

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Peter Gardner, Brook Gardner, Terri Lamontagne, Brian Rundlett, Steve Joseph, Stacie Thompson

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

New abatements were presented to the Board of Selectmen. Steve Joseph \$261.44 - Andrea motioned to deny. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Thomas Fitzgerald \$ 815.85 - Andrea motioned to approve due to error. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Thomas Fitzgerald \$97.86 - Andrea motioned to approve due to error. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen regarding the meeting with the Labor Board. The penalties may be able to be waived, but if they are waived there will still be a \$250.00 charge from the Labor Board to the town for administrative costs.

Stacie briefly updated the Board of Selectmen regarding the sound study and the advice from Richard Flewelling.

Minutes were reviewed and approved. Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

The Board of Selectmen, Stacie and Peter Gardner spoke about transfer station options for the town.

Andrea motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A) Personnel Matters at 7:41 pm. Exited Executive Session at 8:45 pm. No decisions were made.

Stacie informed the Board of Selectmen that Donna Strout (Deputy Town Clerk) some interest in attending the MMA Convention and wanted to know how the Selectmen feel about this. The Board of Selectmen said that they were fine with that.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that there is a group of students at UMO who have obtained the rights to make a film based on J.K. Rowling's (author of Harry Potter books) short story. Tim Reed called Stacie and has asked permission to do some filming at the Wire Bridge for October 19. The bridge would need to be closed to traffic for a few hours. Stacie said that she spoke with Gary Agren, and he said that that was fine.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the October 1, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting as written. kms

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2013

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Brenda Stevens, Dallas Landry, Thomas Ronco, Jan Ronco, Jack Bailey

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

Gary told the Board of Selectmen that Tom has been grading.

Kip updated the Board of Selectmen that they are planning on picking up the generator this week and will be getting the propane tank soon for the Fire Department. Kip talked about the furnace, and he said that there is roughly about 2,000 gallons worth of oil that is typically used. Kip said that switching to propane will save approximately \$1,300 a year.

A/P and Payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Doug motioned to accept the minutes from September 16, 2013. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Thomas Ronco spoke with the Board of Selectmen regarding their property here in New Portland. Thomas Ronco said that his concern is the evaluation of the back acre of his property. Doug said that they will look into this matter.

Jack Bailey spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding his property. Jack wanted to know if the Board of Selectmen were working on a solution to waterfront properties. Doug said that he is working on something.

Brenda Stevens talked to the Board of Selectmen about maintenance that has been done on the Hancock Pond Road and the quality of the paperwork that is being sent to the town regarding hours worked. Brenda voiced her concern about not being able to pull a report for a breakdown showing how much was being spent for each road from the computer system that the town uses. Doug said that could be something that the Board of Selectmen could talk about. Doug, Brenda, and Dallas set up a time to meet to look at the Hancock Pond Road. Gary requested that he gets a guided tour with Doug as well. Doug said that he has no problem with that.

Doug adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

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Minutes of Planning Board Meeting for August 7, 2013

Planning Board Present: Jim Heichel, Brian Rundlett, Peter Gardner; Public Present: Bobby Dunphy, Stacie Rundlett, Kristen Seeley, Brook Gardner, Tim Gordon, Steve Smith, Terry Turner, Jean Antonucci

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

Peter motioned to approve the minutes from the Planning Board Meeting and the Planning Board Public Meeting on June 20, 2013. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

Terry from CMP talked to the Planning Board about being able to move their antenna from the beginning of the River Road off from Route 27 to Pole #212 on the George Cole Road. There was some discussion amongst the Planning Board and Terry. Terry says the reasoning for this is because the antenna "cannot see what it needs to see for it to work." Jim motioned that a letter from CMP making Bobby aware of where the antenna has placed. Brian seconded. All were in favor.

Jean said she came to the Planning Board Meeting because of the noise from Enviro-Mats. Peter asked Stacie if there were any other noise complaints. Stacie said that there were three including Jean's. There was some discussion about the sound study done at Enviro-Mats amongst the Planning Board and Jean. Peter said that Jean's complaint is not

something with which the Planning Board can deal. Peter asked Jim how he felt about that. Jim said that he agrees and the town has an ordinance that sets levels of decimal limits for commercial and is not specific to the type of machinery that Enviro-Mats can and cannot use. Stacie told the Planning Board that MMA was contacted and that she did not take notes where it was a telephone conversation. Stacie said that she shared with Jean at the previous Selectmen's Meeting that MMA legal said that there is a nuisance law and that it does take time to get into the courts. Stacie voiced that she is disappointed as to how Jean is portraying the town officials in this town that they have not done their job, but there are a number of people that have made numerous calls to different people and Enviro-Mats took it upon themselves to have a sound study done. Peter motioned to table. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

There was some discussion amongst Bobby and the Planning Board regarding tabling until the sound study results are received. Peter motioned to not table until the sound study results are back. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

Bobby showed the Planning Board a map regarding Sanford Furman's subdivision. Bobby needed to know if it was ok for a lot to be split, for a right of way. There was some discussion amongst Bobby and the Planning Board. Brian motioned that Bobby can go ahead and take care of this. Peter seconded. All were in favor.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Brian seconded. All were in favor.

Town Clerk

I have some new updates from the town clerk's office. Effective immediately, the clerk's office hours will be as follows: Wednesday 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Thursday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm and the 1st Saturday of every month (no holiday weekends) 8:00 am – 11:00 am. I will be returning from medical leave to the clerk's office on January 2, 2014. My deputy Donna will be covering these shifts while I am out. Starting January 6, 2014, we will be open on Mondays as well from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns, PLEASE contact me at the office at 628-4441 extension 2 or email me at nptownclerk@gmail.com.

Onto the next note, there will be an open seat for selectman (3 year term) coming up. Nomination papers will be available for this seat starting December 5, 2013. The papers need to be returned to the clerk's office No Later Than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Please remember that all signatures on the nomination papers need to be signed by registered voters of New Portland, and you need at least 25 registered voters signatures for your name to appear on the ballot.

Finally, dog licensing has begun. Many residents have found it convenient to leave a copy of their dog(s) rabies documentation, their money and addresses for me if they come in when my office is not open, and I just simply mail their tag(s) to them. If you choose not to do so, then come in during my office hours and I will process it then. The fee for a fixed dog is \$6.00 and not fixed is \$11.00, and I need to see a copy of your dog (s) rabies. Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation with changes in my office. I am trying my best to meet everyone's needs. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday!
Respectfully...

Submitted: Alicia Wills/Town Clerk

Recreation Committee

Minutes for October 21, 2013 The committee met on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30 pm at the Community Room. Members present: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills; Jessi Atwood was unable to attend. Reviews of plans for the Fall Festival were discussed and finalized.

The people needed for judging were asked for the scarecrow contest and apple pie contest. Score sheets were reviewed and edited and printed for the event. Games were discussed and plans to make the games were completed. Pumpkins for children and parents to decorate along with paints and other decorations have been purchased. Face painting supplies were purchased and a person agreed to do the painting. Mr. Chase from Kingfield will bring his horses and wagon for rides. The New Portland Fire Department volunteered their time to cook food from their booth for the people attending the Festival. The corn maze /hay maze was discussed, and it was decided not to do it this year. The idea to have a fry pan toss contest was agreed upon and planned. Kristina Earle has agreed to take pictures for a small fee and will be available during the festival. Bounce house was confirmed to be at event and set up for the 11:00 am o'clock event. We found out the library were planning on doing a "cow pattie" event during the Fall Event, and felt it was a great joining to the town festival.

Discussion was held for the December 1 Holiday Celebration. The event will start at 4:00 pm with a horse drawn wagon and a trailer/wagon pulled by a vehicle for our caroling and Christmas light tour. The wagons will leave the Community Room at 4:00 pm, and return close to 5:00 pm. A prime rib dinner with potatoes, vegetables and dessert will be served by the select people after the ride. The dessert will be brownie hot fudge sundaes. Coffee, tea and punch will be available also. This will all be free to citizens of New Portland. We hope to encourage people to decorate their homes, so all who ride in the wagon can view the lights.

Talk was held about possible winter events such as snow sculptures, snow golf, sliding hill, ice skating. More discussion at next meeting, November 20 at 6:30 pm at Community Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted: Judi Wills

FALL FESTIVAL DAY The Fall Festival was met with a beautiful , sunny day. People arrived early to attend the "Cow Pattie Contest". This seemed like it was a big success and people were hopeful to attend it next year. The Festival had many events to entertain children and parents. The scarecrows were on display and had been judged on Friday. The bounce house was busy all day with many children laughing and having fun. The games were played and prizes were given to all who participated. The New Portland Fire Department was busy cooking and handing out food. The judging of apple pies took place at 11:00 am. The judges were Petrina Bearor, Jane Heichel and Marilyn Gorman. They were busy discussing and making their choices. Pumpkin painting was a big success; kids painted their pumpkins and were able to take them home. Many decorations were available for children to use.

Kristina Earle was available to take pictures and we had an area set up for her. She did a great job and we appreciated having this available for the citizens. The Fry Pan Toss Contest was so much fun, not only to watch but in which to participate. There was a line up to give this a try and the competition was hilarious to watch. We will need to find a better

location if this is done next year and another fry pan, seeing this one broke.

The results of the Scarecrow Contest was as follows: first place Rose Hendrix with The Wizard of Oz, second place Ethan and Gramma Dulac with Jack and the Beanstalk, third place Braedon Wills with the Cat in the Hat, fourth place was Austin Wills with Billy Goat Gruff (the Troll), fifth place saw Charlotte's Web by the New Portland Community Library, and sixth place was an unknown character by an unknown contestant.

The Apple Pie Contest's first place pie was Mrs. Dulac and second place pie was Judi Wills.

Thank you to all who joined the community activity and helped us to enjoy a great day. Special thanks to the judges, the fire department and library for your part in making this day a great success.

Submitted by Recreation Committee

Animal Control Officer

Next rabies clinic is at Webster Hall in Kingfield. This will take place on November 13 from 9:00 am – 9:30 am. Any animal problems please call me at 628-2919.

Submitted: Lorie Agren

New Portland Community Library

Tom Jessen's geometric, monochromatic prints and constructed paintings hover between possibilities of positive and negative space, painting and sculpture, and surface and depth to create an experience of immediate visual apprehension.

Jessica R Williams' abstract paintings are characterized by an obsession with curved, organic lines and pure colors. Her work emerges from an exploration of the power of the small, obscure and/or unnoticed things in nature.

Of Shana Youngdahl's chapbook winter/windows, Sarah Suksiri writes, "Youngdahl negotiates the tremulous line between living and dying with the fierceness of a mother who has witnessed the miracle and certain tragedy of bringing life into this world. These are precise, searching poems, aching for answers and relief."

This show will run at the New Portland Community Library through December.

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: Thanks to all who purchased a ticket for the New Portland Community Library's Cow Patty Bingo! Thanks to Gabe Clark of Cold Spring Ranch for setting up fencing and bringing a steer for the contest. Thanks also to Mike Malesky for measuring and setting up the grid! The winner of the \$500 was Ezra Pease!

The library is excited to have a quilting class starting up. Thanks to Kathy McClure for organizing this group. Our first project was a quilted stocking ornament and next up is a table runner. There is still time to join in on the fun! The table runner project is being held on the evenings of November 6 and 13. Call the library if you are interested.

Bring the children to the library on Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am to help decorate the library tree. There will be cocoa, a snack and lots of supplies for making decorations for the tree. A great way to start the

holiday season!

Ornament Painting with Wahleyah Black will happen on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. She will teach a few techniques and then you can paint your own. The fee for the class is \$10 per person. These ornaments can be for your own tree or a gift for someone. E-mail Shelby at newportlandcl@gmail.com or call the library at 628-6561 to sign up.

Just a reminder for the winter season: If schools are closed due to bad weather, the library will be closed that day also. If you are concerned about a special event or class at the library being canceled due to bad weather, you can check the New Portland Community Library Facebook page for updated notices or call the library at 628-6561 or email Shelby at the library..We'll do our best to get the word out soon regarding any cancellations, but it might be last minute, depending on the weather. We try not to cancel, unless we just have to!

New Fiction: *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert, *Doctor Sleep* by Stephen King, *Down a Lost Road* (trilogy) by J. Leigh Bralick, *The Mayan Secrets* by Clive Cussler, *The Litigators* by John Grisham.

Friends of the Library - Kay Michka and Petrina Bearor:

The New Portland Community Library is pleased to announce a very special pre-Christmas "Book Signing" event, featuring authors Karen Bessey Pease and Eugene Saint.

Karen is an award-winning newspaper columnist and for more than a decade she has entertained thousands with "Observations from The F.A.R.M. (Fresh Air and Room to Move)" – a regular feature in The Original Irregular. In addition, she has a custom poem writing service and is the author of the highly acclaimed Young Adult novel *Grumble Bluff*.

Eugene Saint of Tennessee is the author of *The Eggless Club*, a charming coming-of-age novel set in Ohio in the late 1950's. Saint is an artist, teacher, musician, sailor, veteran...and the father of eight.

In the spring of 2013, *Bee Dazzle* was released. *Bee Dazzle* is a 'Writers Tag' novella, written off-the-cuff by two strangers – 'Kaz' and 'Saint' – as part of an online contest. *Bee Dazzle* was written with no pre-planning and no pre-development of character or plot. One author would write a chapter (or 'post'), and then the other would have to read it and "take it from there". The end result was a delightful and slightly eccentric tale that combined their individual styles and skills...and (surprisingly) did so with very little bloodshed.

On *Bee Dazzle's* heels comes another Writers' Tag novel by these two talented individuals. *Following Seas* is a full-length adult novel scheduled for release in November of 2013.

NPCL invites the public to attend this unique event. The authors will read passages from their novels, discuss the mechanics (and occasional breakdowns) of spontaneous co-authoring and take questions on writing... and on what it's like to write together. Karen will attend in person with Saint participating from Tennessee via Skype. The authors' novels will be available for sale and will be autographed to the purchasers' recipient of choice. Copies of *Bee Dazzle* and *Following Seas* will be given as door prizes to two lucky winners and refreshments featured in *Bee Dazzle* will be provided free of charge by the Friends of the Library.

Please join us for some fun entertainment and take advantage of the opportunity to pick up a special Christmas gift for that reader in your

family. Where: New Portland Community Library, 899 River Road (aka Route 146, beside the town office and fire department), New Portland, Maine; When: Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Contacts: Librarian Shelby Newell – 628-3895 or Karen Pease – 628-2070. Check the New Portland Community Library's Facebook page for any updates.

100 Club Winners for September include the following: Joye Earl, Ed and Bonnie Jesteadt (twice), Trantens, Robert Whitten, Jennifer Mc Nanney, Anna Seguin, Sophie Green, Deborah Clague, Arlene Newell, Anon., and Camden National. Congratulations to all.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet on November 14 at 10:00 am. Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday, so we won't meet again until December. Also want to add that in case of a (dare I say it?) snowstorm which closes schools, we will not meet. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Book Club - Kay Michka: The topic for November's Book Club is "history". Read anything you would like regarding that topic, and come share it with us on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm. The more the merrier, and the more interesting the discussion will be! There will be snacks to share. Remember, there will be no book club in December, but we will resume on January 9, weather permitting.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Sno-Travelers

The October meeting was called to order with nine members present.

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

TRAIL MASTER'S REPORT: Kendall and Lewis will be getting together soon to plan which bridges need to be fixed before the season starts. When dates are set for work sessions, Kendall will be contacting people. If you are interested in being put on the contact list to help, either email knowles@tdstelme.net or call Kendall.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Linda said December 21 would be the annual club Christmas party. Discussion was held about changing the date to December 14th. Judi will check with the Town Office to see if the building is available that night. She will report back at the November meeting. Linda also stated that as soon as snow starts to fall, plans will be made for rides.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

The next meeting is November 16.

Don't forget memberships are due.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Community Churches

Just a reminder that services are being held in the West New Portland Church from now until next summer. Services are 11:00 am preceded by coffee hour at 10:30 am. Suppers at the West New Portland Community Church have ended for the year. We thank everyone for their help. The suppers are a great community event enjoyed by many. So many people contribute to making these monthly suppers a success. Suppers will resume again next April. We hope to see you all next year. Those who helped out with suppers were treated to a lunch at Ken's in Skowhegan on October 23. A lovely time was had by all.

On November 5 there will be a pie sale at the fire station starting at 8:00 am and running until the pies are gone. Get there early to get your pick of a \$5 pie! Where else can you get a homemade pie for that price. And while you're at the Fire Station you might as well do your civic duty and vote.

The following ministers will be serving our church this month. November 3, Rev. Doug Walrath [Communion]; November 10, Rev. Doug Dunlap; November 17, Rev. Stan Wheeler; November 24, TBA

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings. The recent weather should be reminding everyone to stock up on winter woollies!

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is hosting a TGIF Potluck Supper at the church on November 8. Open to the public. So bring a friend and please join us at 6:00 pm. for food, fun and fellowship. This is a great a opportunity to meet new friends or to connect with folks you haven't seen for while.

Gems is a Christian club for girls, ages 4 thru 4th grade, that is now being offered at the church two Fridays a month after school. An Open House will be held at the church on November 8, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. During the info session, parents will have the chance to ask questions and to register their child. Children will have a craft activity to do. A typical Gems meeting may include Bible stories and learning the basics of the Bible, crafts, basic cooking or sewing, playing games, planning service projects for home and in the community, earning awards and just having fun! For more information email rbates@roadrunner.com, message Rosie Bates on Facebook or show up to the Open House.

Practice sessions for the WMBC Christmas musical program have begun. Mark your calendar now for December 15. The final details will be available next month.

May you be mindful of many things to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving holiday.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Deadline for Newsletter 4:00 pm	New Portland Fire Dept Meeting 6:30 pm				Children's Tree Decorating 9:00 am NPCL
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	Recreation Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Fire Station			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	New Portland Fire Dept Meeting 6:30 pm	Rabies Clinic, Webster Hall, Kingfield at 9:00-9:30 am	Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	Book Club 6:30 pm NPCL	Sno-Travelers Meeting
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	Election Day & Pie Sale Fire Station Meeting Room	Quilting Class NPCL			
New Portland Community Church service at 11:00 am each Sunday with coffee hour at 10:30 am at the West Village Church WMBC Men's Breakfast first Saturday of each month 8:00 am WMBC Women's Breakfast second Saturday of each month 9:00 am WMBC Women's Fellowship 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6:00 pm						
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