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## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**PHONE: 628-4441 • FAX: 628-4440**

The Town Office hours are as follows:

**Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1**

**Deputy Town Manager: Kristen Seeley - Ext. 0**

*Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses*

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

**Town Clerk: Alicia Wills - Ext. 2**

**Deputy Town Clerk: Donna Stout**

*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](mailto:nwprtld@tds.net)

## Town Manager

Just a reminder that the last day to bring in your donation for the Giving Tree is Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm.

The Town Office is going to be closed on the following days:

Tuesday, December 24th - Closing at 2:00pm

Wednesday, December 25th - Closed

Tuesday, December 31st - Closed for end of year processing

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## Selectmen

Minutes for the October 21, 2013, Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Lorie Agren, Terri Lamontagne, Paul Hilenski, Heather Hilenski, Alicia Wills

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Minutes were reviewed from the Selectmen's Meeting on October 1 approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Abatement Requests: Brochu Partners, LLC. - \$1,264.20/ Andrea Motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. A supplemental tax bill in the amount of \$1,264.20 issued to Enviro-Mats. Roxanna and Kendall Decker- \$55.04/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. A supplemental tax bill issued to Jessica Clark. Paul Hilenski- \$59.00/ Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor. David Reed- \$750.00/ Andrea motioned to approve \$60.60. Doug seconded. All were in favor. James Stephenson- \$16.68/ Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. A supplemental tax bill in the amount of \$160.17 to John Levecque. Stacie gave the Board of Selectmen the Supplemental Warrant in the amount of \$1,479.41 for them to review and sign.

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

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding a Home Energy Loans Program. The Board of Selectmen looked over the information provided and talked briefly about it. Stacie spoke to the Board of Selectmen about the Town Sign and that it is in the process of being fixed. Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that she wanted to make sure that she clarifies what has been put in the Citizens Corner of the New Portlander. Stacie has confirmed that the only person that can call the Maine Municipal

## 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

**New Portlander article submission deadline is December 23 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.

Association and obtain information is Town Officials, and if you are not a Town Official you cannot call them. Stacie said that she doesn't want people to get the wrong idea because there is quite a bit that is being published that is not accurate. Stacie suggested that the Board of Selectmen, Stacie, and someone from Enviro-Mats to sit down and be more familiar with how the business operates and why they do things the way that they do. Stacie is going to set something up with someone from Enviro-Mats to help open up the communication. Stacie presented the Board of Selectmen with 29 foreclosure notices that were sent out for tax year 2011. Stacie told the Board of Selectmen about a workshop that Gary is attending. This is regarding Tannery Bridge.

Executive Sessions: Andrea motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A); Personnel Matters at 8:10 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Exited Executive Session at 8:15 pm. No decisions were made.

Andrea motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F); Discussion of Confidential Records for Poverty Abatement Request at 8:15 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Exited Executive Session at 8:30 pm. Andrea made a motion to deny that Poverty Abatement request. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the November 6,*

*2013 Selectmen's Meeting with changes. kms*

Minutes for the November 5, 2013, Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Stephanie Dunn, Mark Smith, Brian Rundlett, Jean Antonucci, Gary Agren, Terri Lamontagne, Becky and Gilbert Taylor, Bob Whitten, Amanda Carter, Beverly Francis

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

Minutes were reviewed from October 21, 2013. Andrea amended the minutes. Andrea wanted to add the amount that Brochu Partners received as a supplemental. Andrea motioned to accept the minutes with the one amendment. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Gary talked to the Board of Selectmen about the meeting times for Tannery Bridge. He wanted to make sure that someone could attend because he is not able to. Gary talked about the International truck that was up for bid. There were no bids that came in. The Board of Selectmen decided to advertise the International in the Uncle Henrys, Craigslist, and Maine Market Place.

Bob Whitten said that he wanted to clarify who owns the wood on the right of way that was brought up about two months ago. Bob said that the town does not own the wood. Gary said that on a road that is a fee simple road the town does own the wood, but if it is on a public easement the wood belongs to the abutting land owner. Gary also said that it has been a long time that town has always left the wood.

Brian told the Board of Selectmen that the Fire Department received their forestry truck from Maine Forestry. Brian said that this one is an automatic

and radial tires on it and after a year the fire department owns it.

Gilbert talked to the Board of Selectmen to let them know that the trucks are ready to go. Doug said to make sure to push the banks back as far as they can. There were questions from Stephanie about winter roads. Andrea said that there is a process to close a road for winter maintenance only and the deadline for the year closes in October.

Abatement Requests: Stephanie Dunn - \$761.07/ Andrea motioned to table. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. John & Sylvia Consigli - \$191.21/ Andrea motioned to approve in the amount of \$185.47 due to an over valuation. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Jack Bailey and Judith Mallett - \$350.03/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Thomas Ronco - \$349.16/ Andrea motioned to deny. Doug seconded. All were in favor. Roy and Kym Foster Jr. - \$81.75/ Andrea motioned to approve in the amount of \$81.75. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Amanda Carter talked to the Board of Selectmen to see if a payment arrangement could be made to pay property taxes. Amanda said that she could do \$100.00 a month to get her property taxes paid in full. Andrea motioned to approve \$100.00 a month. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

A/P & Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding the 1,000 lb. propane tank that the Fire Department had given to them. The 1,000 lb. tank can be hooked up to the Town Office and then in the spring be hooked up to the Fire Department. Stacie received a quote for a conversion kit from Bob's Cash Fuel is almost \$5,000.00. Stacie has not received a quote from Valley Gas yet. Stacie said that Bob's Cash Fuel also gave them a quote of \$261.00 each for barricades.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen that there are still about 23 people that received foreclosure notices that have not paid or contacted the office.

Stacie showed the Board of Selectmen a letter from Lloyd Dalton on October 30 requesting a refund of the difference in excise for an antique vehicle he has. Stacie said that Lloyd was in around the beginning of October to re-register an antique vehicle and he questioned why the excise was so high. Stacie said that the excise tax division was called and the excise tax amount was changed on his registration. Andrea motioned to refund Lloyd his \$12.00. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Jean Antonucci voiced concerns about Enviro-Mats. Jean wanted to know what was being done about the noise. The Board of Selectmen said that they are trying to set up an appointment to meet with Enviro-Mats to see how things are done at the mill.

Andrea wanted to know if law enforcement was contacted about the lawn and Stacie that she was not able to yet. Stacie said that she will be contacting them.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the November 18, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting with changes. kms*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## **Planning Board**

Minutes of the October 2, 2013, Planning Board

Planning Board Members Present: Brian Rundlett, Lewis Wills, Kyle Handrahan, Jim Heichel

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

The Planning Board members briefly spoke about Enviro-Mats putting in a scale.

The Planning Board briefly talked about Bobby Dunphy returning to work.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the October 6, 2013*

*Planning Board Meeting with changes. kms*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## **Town Clerk**

There will be an upcoming seat for the position of selectman in 2014. This is a three year term and candidates can begin to pull nomination papers starting December 5, 2013. Candidates need at least 25 REGISTERED New Portland voter signatures on their nomination paper for the candidate's name to appear on the ballot. Nomination papers need to be returned to the Town Clerk's office NO LATER THAN January 15, 2014. Any questions please contact the clerk's office at 628-4441 ext 2.

Respectfully...

*Submitted: Alicia Wills/Town Clerk*

## **Animal Control Officer**

Remember it is time to license your dog(s). Do it now while it doesn't cost you so much money. Do not wait for the late charges. If you are in need of a kennel license please call me for an inspection.

There has been a confirmed case of rabies in New Portland.

Any questions or animal concerns please call me at 779-7769.

Submitted: Lorie Agren, Animal Control Officer

The New Portland Water District will NOT meet in December.

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman*

## **Announcements**

The New Portland Historical Society would like to thank everyone who participated in the holiday sale. Becky Crocker and Lewis Wills of New Portland won the teddy bear raffle items. It was a great success.

The New Portland Churches would like to thank everyone who baked and bought pies on Election Day.

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman*

## **Sno-Travelers**

The November meeting was called to order with 13 members present.

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

TRAIL MASTER REPORT: Lewis reported that there were several bridges that need work. A work session was set for Saturday, November 23. People who are interested in helping can meet either at Lewis Will's house or at the mill yard (Kendall's mother's on the Middle Road) at 8:00 am. Make sure to wear something orange.

Bill Cafarelli volunteered to look into getting a pump for the fuel tank for the club.

Kendall wanted to remind people if they do any kind of trail work to make sure and keep track of the time they spend doing it. This time can be used on the grants.

NEW BUSINESS: The groomer insurance has been paid for the year.

Our December meeting will be held on December 14. The business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and our annual Christmas party will be held following the work session. If you plan on attending, please bring a gift for the Yankee Swap and a snack food to share. Hope to see you there.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## **Recreation Committee**

The Recreation Committee has not met since October 16. At that meeting we had finished organizing the Fall Festival with any last minute changes. Notes were in the October New Portlander. At that meeting we had discussed and planned the upcoming event of the Wagon Ride/Community Supper. Menu was confirmed, different tasks were assigned and the committee felt we were ready for December 1.

The committee tried to make future plans such as snow sculpture competition, ice skating party, winter golf. The members decided to table that discussion until January 2014 to see if there was more interest from the community to be part of the Recreation Committee. There are at this time three members on the committee. The work that goes into planning and organizing an event takes a lot of energy and time. Members feel we need to relook at what we are doing and what if anything the community wants. We will meet in January 15, the third Wednesday of the month to make future plans. Anyone is welcome.

This newsletter will be out after the Community Dinner. We really hope people in New Portland come and enjoy the wagon ride with singing, the prime rib meal that will be served at 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. The selectmen will bring the meal to you when you are seated. There is so much laughing and sharing as the community visit with their neighbors and friends. That is the purpose and the reason why we hold this event each year. Hopefully, this becomes a "Tradition" in New Portland for many years.

This should bring us up to date on plans. Please consider joining the Recreation Committee to help plan events. The committee needs more members to continue doing what events the community would like. On behalf of the Recreation Committee: Jessi Atwood, Stacie Rundlett and Judi Wills have a *Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring love, laughter and time to share with others.*

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## New Portland Community Library

No Book Club in December.  
Happy Holidays!

January 9, 6:30 pm at the New Portland Community Library. *Inferno* by Dan Brown. See you there!

We had something interesting happen at book club last week. We had decided to choose a topic and then all read whatever each of us wanted and to then interpret the topic however each person wanted. The craziest thing happened! For "history", we all chose the exact same time period, all tied together with common themes of art and science! It made for wonderful discussions! I am sorry some of you missed it. I think you would have really enjoyed it, plus we would have enjoyed hearing about what you had to share.

*The Translation of Memories: Recollections of the Young Proust* by P.F. Prestwich - letters between a young aspiring novelist, Marcel Proust and his friends Marie Nordlinger and composer Reynaldo Hahn.

*Devil in the White City: Murder, Madness and Magic, At The Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson - the story of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago and all its preparation and construction intertwined with the true story of the serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death.

*Provincetown As A Stage: Provincetown, the Provincetown Players, and the Discovery of Eugene O'Neill* by Leona Rust Eagan - recounting Provincetown's rise as an artists' colony for creativity when many of the players could not travel in war-torn Europe, as they were accustomed to doing.

*Tracks in the Sea: Matthew Fontaine Maury and the Mapping of the Oceans* by Chester G. Hearn - biography of Lt. Maury who transitioned from his Tennessee farming background to becoming the Superintendent of the Naval Observatory, where he devised the system to chart the seas, thus changing military and merchant shipping in America and the world.

Joan then presented what she called "a real page turner" as her second book, *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel - the story of Thomas Cromwell's aid to King Henry VIII in the 1520s, when the king wants to annul his 20 year marriage to Anne Boleyn, against church policy.

Everyone stay safe and warm and share your blessings.

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: Happy Holidays, Everyone! If you are searching for a gift idea for that difficult to buy for person in your life, why not make a donation in their name to the New Portland Community Library? We'll use the money to buy books for the library that can be enjoyed by everyone. I have gift certificates available at the library, stop by, email me at [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com), or call the library at 628-6561 and we can help you. Have a safe holiday with family and friends and remember that spending time together is the most important part. We have many books available that would make great read alouds while the children are home for Christmas break. Reading a story together is a wonderful way to enjoy time with one another. One of the most powerful things a parent can do is to let their children see them reading and read to them.

Join Wahleyah Black for an Ornament Painting class on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. Wahleyah will teach you a few techniques, and

then you will be able to paint your own scene on an ornament. The cost of the class is \$10 and is open to anyone ages 10 and up! Call 628-6561 or email [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com) to sign up.

Our recent Quilting Class with Kathy McClure was a huge success! The quilters worked on two projects. The first evening was learning how to do the paper piecing technique to make a stocking ornament. The final two weeks were devoted to learning to make a table runner with a flying geese pattern. The group is taking a break for the holidays and will hopefully start again in the New Year. Stay tuned for more information in 2014!

New Nonfiction: *Margaret Fuller* by Megan Marshall, *Crocheting School: A Complete Course* by Mary Beth Benbenek; New Fiction: *Silent Night: A Spenser Holiday Novel* by Robert B. Parker, *Mirage* by Clive Cussler; New Young Adult: *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth (final book in the trilogy), *The Illuminated Adventures of Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo; New DVDs: *Girl Most Likely*, *The Heat*, *The Internship*

Friends of the Library- Petrina Bearor: Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet at the library December 12 from 10:00 – 12:00 noon. We will not meet on Dec. 26. If school is cancelled due to bad weather then we will cancel, too. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

100 Club winners for October include the following: Jim and Jane Heichel, Joye Earl, Gary Cobb, Randy and Tabitha Emery, Tranten's, Joan Moes, Nora West, Gerald Strickland, Rosemary Drosky, Franklin-Somerset Credit Union, Kenneth Atwood, and Shelby Newell. Congratulations to all.

Book Club- Kay Michka: November's discussion was really interesting, as everyone shared their thoughts about the book they chose pertaining to the topic of "history". We are taking a holiday break for December. Join us again on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 to discuss Dan Brown's *Inferno*. The library has a copy to borrow, plus all the previous books in the sequel.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## Community Churches

On December 15, the Western Mountains Baptist Church and Community Chorus is presenting their Fourth Annual Christmas Musical. "*Love Came To Me*" is co-directed by Brenna Cockerham of Freeman Township, Pam Bare and Dot Lambert from Kingfield. Narration is written and spoken by Dean Stanley of Strong. Presentations will be held at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. WMBC welcomes and encourages the community to join them to enjoy the festive singing voices along and music. Refreshments will be served.

For this month the TGIF monthly fellowship dinner will be held on Friday, December 13 at 6:00 pm. Please invite a friend or neighbor and join us for a Christmas theme potluck. Last month there was a large turnout with one couple celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary.

As a reminder, Sunday worship time is 10:00 am. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:00 am. There are numerous Bible studies and activities during the week. For more information call the church at 265-2557 or email: [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net).

May you have a Merry Christmas season!

*Submitted: Crystal Finch*

New Portland Community Church News for December 2013: We hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving, full of family, friends and good food! Christmas is just around the corner. December 1 is the beginning of the church year and starts four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of reflection and preparation as we await the birth of Christ. During that time we prepare the church for the special Christmas Eve service. Lights and candles, greenery, poinsettias, and all the old familiar carols. We hope you will join us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm at the West New Portland Church for a service of lessons and carols.

As you are busy getting ready for the celebrations of the Christmas season (the gifts, the decorations, the cooking, the traveling and endless shopping), take a step back from the chaos of your schedule and remember what is really important. It's not about the perfect Christmas dinner, the latest x-box or how many lights are on the house. It's about community, about family, friends and neighbors. The rest of it is just icing on the Christmas cookie.

The Christmas season is not always easy, especially for those who have lost loved ones. Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington will be hosting a Service of Compassion and Hope with soft music, quiet worship, and a gentle message of hope. This service will be held on December 17.

To help you with your Christmas shopping the Annual New Portland Church Christmas sale will be held on Saturday, December 7, one stop shopping for all your Christmas gift needs. There is always something for everyone. Check the posters for sale times.

A huge thank you to all who provided pies for the pie sale on voting day. The sale was very successful. Thanks, also, to those who bought pies. Hope you enjoyed them and will come back for more next year!

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings. There are new items at the thrift store. Winter apparel is in, particularly women's and children's outerwear.

Services are held at the West New Portland Church at 11:00 am (coffee hour at 10:30 am) and the following ministers will be serving this month. December 1 [Communion] – Rev. Doug Walrath; December 8 – Rev. Doug Dunlap; December 15 – Rev. Stan Wheeler; Tuesday, December 17 at 7 pm – Service of Compassion and Hope Fairbanks Union Church – Rev Doug Dunlap; December 22 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton; December 24, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve candlelit service – Rev Doug Walrath; December 29, Joint Service at Fairbanks Union Church – No Services in New Portland.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*





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1	2	3 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	4 Ornament Painting NPCL at 6:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	11	12 Knitwits and Happy Hookers NPCL 10:00 - noon	13	14 Snow Travelers 6:30 pm Christmas Party Following
15	16	17	18	19 Giving Tree Town Office ends at 7:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24 New Portland Community Church "Lessons and Carols" 5:00 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Town Office Closed	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 evenings at 6:00 pm			

**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR  
 DECEMBER 2013**

