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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)

## 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

## Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2013

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert (absent); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. Minutes were reviewed and approved. Doug motioned to approve the minutes as written from the December 3, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

A/P and Payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie gave the Board of Selectmen a spreadsheet that she has been working on dealing with the budget.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen about foreclosures that were sent.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen there have been six complaints about the winter roads.

Doug motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that was approved by the Board of Selectmen at the January 7, 2014 meeting. kms*

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2014

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Kristen Seeley, Jean Antonucci, Terri Lamontagne

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Minutes were reviewed and approved from the December 16, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Andrea motioned to approve the minutes. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Gilbert talked to the Board of Selectmen about the roads. Gilbert said that he is going to get a grader and work on the roads.

Terri presented the abatement from Stephanie Dunn to the Board of Selectmen. Terri and the Board of Selectmen reviewed the information about the property. Andrea motioned to approve abatement in the amount of \$256.93 for Stephanie Dunn and Mark Smith. Doug seconded.

**New Portlander article submission deadline is February 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.

All were in favor. Terri told the Board of Selectmen that some requests have been received for the Board of Appeals from Thomas Ronco, Jack Bailey, and David Reed.

Stacie asked the Board of Selectmen if they would like to charge the \$25.00 application fee when someone brings in an application for the Board of Appeals. Stacie is asking because it is in the Board of Appeals ordinance. The Board of Selectmen said that it has not been charged so far so we are not going to now.

Kip, the Board of Selectmen briefly discussed the Fire Department budget. Kip said that they do still have a couple projects pending.

Gary said that he is working on his budget and will have it ready in time for the Budget Work on January 11. Gary wanted to know what the Board of Selectmen felt about paving the Freeman Ridge Road.

The Board of Selectmen and Stacie talked about the 2014 budget.

Jean Antonucci asked the Board of Selectmen if they have met with Enviro-Mats yet. Andrea said that they have not and that they are still waiting to hear from Enviro-Mats to set a date. Jean wanted to know why the town charges \$13.50 an hour to prepare information that was requested from her lawyer and why it would take ten hours. Stacie provided the Board of Selectmen with e-mails from Jean's lawyer and that the e-mail that was sent to her lawyer stated that Stacie had received her request for information regarding Enviro-Mats. Stacie said she had stated in the e-mail that she gave ten hours as an approximate figure and that it is \$15.00 an hour and that there is a \$.50 per page charge. Stacie said she received an e-mail back from Jean's lawyer and said she would notify Jean of the cost and would Stacie know. Stacie explained how the fees were figured according to the Freedom of Access Act.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the A/P Warrant and Payroll Warrants from December 31, 2013.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the January 20 meeting. smr*

## Town Clerk

Hello New Portlanders!! I have a couple of things to remind you of....

If you have not been licensed your dog(s) yet, then you will have to pay late fees. The fee for a fixed dog is \$31 and not fixed is \$36, and I will need to see verification of rabies. You can leave your payment, current mailing address and a copy of your dog's rabies info; if you happen to come in when my office is closed, I will mail your tags to you. The only people that will not have to pay a late fee are the ones that are doing a NEW license. There will be no other exceptions. I have submitted my list of people who have not yet licensed to our Animal Control Office Lorie Agren, and she will be checking in with me every Thursday for an update as to who has or has not licensed yet for our records. Please keep in mind, that this is the law in the State of Maine to have your dog(s) licensed, and Lorie and I are only doing our jobs as required by Animal

Welfare. We are NOT personally attacking anyone, just simply doing what we are supposed to do by law.

Now onto the next update... The Town of New Portland 2014 Municipal Vote will be held on Friday, February 28, 2014. I will be posting a copy of the warrant and sample ballot at the town office, post office and library as well as on the town's website and facebook community page. The candidate(s) on the 2014 ballot are Andrea Reichert and a write-in candidate for Selectmen (3 year term) and a write-in candidate for the upcoming school board member seat. The municipal vote on Friday is not the same voting that will be taking place Saturday at Town Meeting for Articles. Hope to see you all on Friday for voting and on Saturday, March 1 at the Annual Town Meeting!

2014 Town of New Portland Municipal Vote

Date: Friday, February 28, 2014

Time: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland

*Submitted: Alicia Wills/Town Clerk*

## Animal Control

The next rabies clinics in Kingfield will be on February 5, March 5 and April 2. The time for these clinics will be 10:15 am – 12:15 pm at Webster Hall in Kingfield. During any of this cold weather please make sure your animals have a good shelter. Think of it this way, would you want to sleep where your animals do all night at -20 or worse with just a long sleeve shirt on? Remember if you are reading this and have not licensed your dog(s) late charges now apply. Any questions please call me 779-7769.

*Submitted: Lorie Agren, Animal Control Officer*

LOST DOG: Missing since January 20, 2014 from West Street and Redington North, Carrabasset Valley. Flo is a Whippet/ Lab Mix; she is 11 years old. Black and white toes and chest with gray muzzle. Approximately 30 pounds. Flo is wearing collar and tags. She is friendly but very shy. She is not from this area! **Please contact Elizabeth Rand immediately if you see Flo. 207.671.1615 or 207.347.9457. She also is advertized at the Maine Lost Dog Recovery site: <https://www.facebook.com/MaineLostDogRecovery> And on Craigslist: <http://maine.craigslist.org/laf/4298476719.html>**

## New Portland Community Library

New Portland Community Library will be hosting a Winter Photo Challenge.

Get a list of topics for each day either on the Facebook page or by calling the library. On Friday of each week (for the month of February), you will submit your favorite photo with the topic. If you choose at the end, you may submit your top ten photos along with a \$5.00 entry fee. All photos must be submitted by March 5 at 5:00 pm at the NPCL. Join us at the library on Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 pm for a compilation of the work.

100 Club Winners for December include the following: Tranten's, Ella

Clague, Bonnie Atwood, Jim and Jane Heichel, Jackie Arsenault, Zach Crawford, Doug Archer, New Portland Lions Club, Petrina Bearor, Mary Hatch, and Anonymous (twice). Congratulations!

100 Club Members - Now is the time to begin thinking about renewing your membership for another year. You will soon be receiving a letter from the NPCL board inviting you to rejoin the 100 Club with an envelope to return your \$60.00 donation, and instructions on how we handle your membership. If you are not a member and wish to join the 100 Club, please call the library (628-6561) to leave your name and address. The 100 Club holds weekly drawings. First place wins \$25, second place wins \$15, and third place wins \$10. Checks are mailed out at the end of each month. Our new year begins on March 1, 2014.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. We will meet at the library on Feb.13th and Feb.27 at 10 am weather permitting. I'm looking forward to chatting with all of my fellow knitters. I also plan to provide refreshments and tea or coffee. Petrina "Pete" Bearor.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **Sno-Travelers**

The January meeting was called to order with eleven members present.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

TRAIL MASTER'S REPORT: Trails are in really good condition considering the recent weather. Some trails have some water holes in them, but as soon as we get some snow they will be filled in. The center cutter bar on drag had to be replaced. Some trails still need to be brushed and signed.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: There is a club ride planned for February 1. People interested in going should meet at the Wire Bridge at 9:00 am. Trail conditions will determine where the ride will take us.

The club still needs to set a date for the Land Owners' Supper.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

The next meeting will be February 15.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## **Citizens Corner**

I wanted to take a moment to say "thank you" to people who have helped the town and citizens in the town over the past year or years. Sometimes we just go through every day focused on "what do I need to do or get done today?" We are trying to get to work on time, send children off to school, and arrange time to cook, clean, get wood chopped and in, go to activities children are involved in. Just "life" stuff. We take what is being done around us for granted or assume it is someone else's job to do, so we expect it done. We find fault, we grumble that it was not done right or fast enough or done at all. We may take time to ask questions or just get mad. This is all part of being a citizen in any town. It is to the people who notice the things which need to be done, changed or improved, I

want to say THANK

YOU to the people who chose positions in New Portland to keep the town working and functional.

There is so much time involved to meet this commitment as a Selectperson, Town Manager, member of the Planning Board or other committees. All trying to hear all citizens concerns and work to meet the needs and following all the laws and rules set by the state and local governments and still trying to set the town in the right direction. This takes people who care about New Portland, who are invested in living in the town.

The folks in town who volunteer are so valuable. It could be driving someone to an appointment, bringing them shopping, stopping in to check on someone, plowing, shoveling or just to see if someone needs any help, or those who do the decorations at Christmas time, done by volunteers who get pleasure from seeing people enjoy the lights, and usually no cost to the town. Thank you!

The town has its own newsletter!! Hopefully, people submit articles to keep information flowing. It takes a person who is willing to take all the information, format it and have it ready to send to meet a deadline. (I have tested his patience to meet the deadline many times) Dallas has done this for years. Thank you!

The New Portland Fire Department is made up of volunteers. Most of the people have full time jobs and families. They have to maintain training and safety standards. This means they do all this after working all day and taking time from their families. We are so lucky to have people available and willing to do the job to protect New Portland. To be a volunteer means you drop what you are doing and go. You are not paid to be available, you just want to make life better for someone and help.

The Town library has been a valuable resource to this community and the citizens. This takes volunteers to keep it running and moving with the changes in the world. Other towns are looking at this library for ideas in their town. The programs which are presented such as the art, the books, all done by a few people. We are an example to other towns because people in New Portland take the time. Thank you.

There are many who volunteer and citizens are not aware of whom they are. It is rewarding to help the town and citizens, who ever may need a hand. Think about what you could do. Everyone has something to give and share. How many committees does this town have??? How do the events happen in this town? We need more people to get involved, and yes, you can make a difference. I may have missed something or someone but know I appreciate what you do.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## **Announcements**

To Any Kind Person in the New Portland Area,

My name is Sara Saporiti. I am a 20 year old female college student from Italy. I am currently studying languages at the university in Varese, just north of Milano, and I am majoring in English, Spanish, and Chinese. I would very much like to find a host family and visit America, specifically in the New Portland area. I desire to immerse myself in your culture, improve my English skills and find a second family I can belong to. I would like to visit Maine for the month of July and would celebrate my

21st birthday with you July 13. I am an excellent cook of Italian dishes, baker of Italian breads, and would love to be allowed to see if you agree. I would like to learn how to prepare your favorite American dishes too. I am a quiet girl, have never smoked or used drugs and I love animals. I have two cats. I often do housework at home and I like to keep busy. I expect my host family to put me to work. I have a driver's license and drive a car with a manual transmission. If you have members of your family about my age, that is a plus. I will be traveling with my best friend Nadia who has a family she will be staying with in New Portland; therefore, my transportation to and from Boston airport is take care of.

You can contact me by email; sara.saporiti@hotmail.it

*Submitted: John Bertl*

Carrabec High School Students are seeking ways to serve the community. If you have ideas about what needs to be done in our community, please contact Solomon Heifets, the lead AmeriCorps member at Carrabec High School, via e-mail at CarrabecHighAmericorps@gmail.com or by phone at 207-635-3248.

Thank you very much Mr. Landry, editor! We really appreciate this opportunity.

Sincerely Your AmeriCorps Members: Solomon Heifets, Rebecca Ellis, Chelsea Boynton, Jocelyn Jackson, Courtney Frost, Scott Dyer

*Submitted: Rebecca Ellis*

## **Citizens Corner**

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My name is Fred Andrews, I live on Route 27 in New Portland, and I am a home gardener. My wife, Martha and I grow and can/freeze all our own vegetables, except celery, peppers and potatoes. Our gardens are chemical fertilizer and pesticide free.

I read an article on gardening that mentioned "Grow a row for your community." That got me thinking, I can do that, better yet, I can grow a row of each type of vegetable that I grow. Well, I did grow a row of each vegetable this past year. Then I had no way to get the vegetables out into the community. After going to the town office a food cupboard was mentioned but has not materialized yet. I went to the food cupboard in Madison which serves our community and several others. It took 45 minutes to get in the door and it was 40 miles round trip. Not quite what I was looking for.

Tim Norton stopped by with a package, and I told him of our problem, peas and radishes were ready for picking. Tim offered to make some deliveries to some families on his mail route. We kept Tim busy two or three times a week until late fall. Thanks again, Tim!

We called a few people including Pastor Tom of Western Mountain Baptist Church in Kingfield. He said it was in the process, and they were working with The Good Shepard Food Bank and had a couple of volunteers.

We are hoping we could encourage other gardeners to "Grow a row for the community." We would also like to know if anyone would be interested in having a "Community Garden." How big? We are thinking 50 to 75' by 100' to start and grow bigger from there. We are willing to do the foot work, organizing and making arrangements to make this happen. We found out there is a need for families in the community to have fresh, home grown vegetables for the table.

If you or anyone out there is interested in participating in "growing a

row for the community", or even if you like the idea of being able to get community grown vegetables from a community garden. Please call us. Nothing will happen if no one is interested. So please call 628-6017 or email Martha at marthaandrews@tds.net

*Submitted: Fred Andrews*

## **Community Churches**

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New Portland Community Church News February 2014: The New Portland Churches are within months of being merged. Last bits of paperwork and Presbytery approval are soon to come. We are also very close to choosing a new minister for our church. We have interviewed three candidates and chosen one whom we think will be the best fit for Fairbanks and New Portland. We are very excited and look forward to confirming our choice soon. This individual is very energetic and will hopefully bring new life to our congregations. Again, the paperwork is mostly finished and Presbytery approval will, God willing, come in March. Our pulpits could see a new face as soon as April. We will keep you up to date on this progress.

The annual meeting of the New Portland Church congregations will be held on February 9. There will be a potluck following the 11:00 am service and the meeting will follow the potluck. Please join us for the potluck and stay for the meeting. All are welcome. As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings (weather permitting).

Services are held at the West New Portland Church at 11:00 am and coffee hour is at 10:30 am, and the following ministers will be serving this month., February 2 – Communion with Rev. Doug Walrath, February 9 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton, February 16 – Rev. Susan Thomas -- this service will be at 11:30, February 23 – Rev. Stan Wheeler, March 2 – Jazz service in Fairbanks, joint service at 10am Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

Western Mountains Baptist Church news: Please take note the Ladies Exercise Class at the Western Mountains Baptist Church is now meeting on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The class is geared to all fitness levels and for women of all ages. We meet at 5:30 pm at the church. For more information, call Linda at 265-4628.

A three night spiritual and physical Self-Defense Course is being offered on February 11, 18 and the 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come to learn the basics of defending yourself spiritually and physically and why both are important. This course is offered at the church in a relaxed, non-threatening environment for ages 11 and older. Couples are encouraged to participate. For more information call Roger at 491-1537.

Do you know someone who would like to hear the weekly sermons but cannot get to church? The CD Ministry at WMBC has an ongoing mailing list of folks who are not able to be at church on Sunday mornings but enjoy hearing the messages at home. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive cds, free of charge, call Bryan at 684-3000 email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net or write: Western Mountains Baptist Church, P.O. Box 264, Kingfield, Maine, 04947.

For more information about the activities of the Western Mountains Baptist Church, please call 265-2557 to leave a message, someone will return or call or call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

*Happy Valentine!*





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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						
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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**JANUARY 2014**

