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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

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

A new year has arrived and we must again stress to all residents in New Portland that when plowing and shoveling snow please do not put the snow into the roadways. It is against the law to do so. Any complaints about the roadways, please call the town office, and if it is not during business hours, please leave a detailed message.

We will be starting our budget processing in the next few days, we will post when that additional meeting will be.

The office staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year!

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2013

Selectmen: Douglas Archer (absent), Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Pete Bearor, Brian Rundlett, Dee Menear, Terri Lamontagne, Staci Thompson

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

Terri Lamontagne talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding Susan Broidrick's Supplemental Tax Bill that is overdue. Terri said that on the next warrant there will be a second \$500.00 administrative penalty, then wait another 120 days, and if Terri does not have the tree growth plan on her desk at that time then 450 acres will get withdrawn. Terri talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding Charlie Blood at the location where the cell phone tower is located. Terri asked the Board of Selectmen what they wanted to do with this lot. Terri said that they can either put Charlie as a home site or a base lot with access roads, and if the base lot with access roads, then a lot improvement would need to be done. Terri spoke to the Board of Selectmen about Jack Bailey. Terri showed the Board of Selectmen the denial letter that she sent him. Terri found out that Jack has a homestead exemption down in Pasco County, Florida, and said that a person cannot have a homestead exemption in two places. Andrea said that she would like to think about as to what to do about this.

Pete Bearor spoke to the Board of Selectmen that the library is applying for a grant and with that money the library would like to build a shed. The Board of Selectmen would like to think about it and get back to the library. The Board of Selectmen are tabling until December 3.

The minutes were reviewed from the November 5 Selectmen's Meeting. Andrea motioned to approve with one amendment. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Wayne said that the Fire Department will own the forestry truck in two years and not one year as Brian has stated at the previous Selectmen's Meeting. Stacie said that that part cannot be

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Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

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If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

changed due to what Brian said was one year.

A/P & Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that the Transfer Station payment is due in the amount of \$14,700.00, but there is only \$10,300.00 left in the budget. Stacie said that this is due to not receiving accurate information before Town Meeting.

Stacie asked the Board of Selectmen that she knows at the last Transfer Station meeting that the Board of Selectmen were provided with a new agreement. Stacie did say that there were a few things that had changed in the agreement.

Stacie Thompson talked to the Board of Selectmen about possibly having winter hours. Stacie Thompson said that she is going to bring it up at the Transfer Station, too.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that Cossaboom has requested to make a payment arrangement for his property taxes. Andrea motioned that Cossaboom pay \$100.00 a month with a written agreement. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Stacie said that there were no other payment arrangement requests at this time. There are still 21 foreclosure notices that have not been paid at this time. Stacie did say one of those properties will be paid by November 21.

The Board of Selectmen and Stacie decided to discuss the budget at the December 3 Selectmen's Meeting.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the December 3, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting with changes. kms

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2013

Selectmen: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gilbert Taylor, Becky Taylor, Lolly Phoenix, Pete Bearor, Gary Agren

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Minutes were reviewed and approved with an amendment from the November 18 meeting. Andrea motioned to approve with an amendment. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Pete and Lolly asked the Board of Selectmen if they have been able to make a decision as to whether or not the library is able to build a shed. Lolly said that the shed will be 8' by 12'. Stacie said that the library will need to have a building permit. Andrea made a motion to approve the library to build a shed. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Gary provided the Board of Selectmen with an estimate to pave the Freeman Ridge Road and is waiting on estimated for two other projects. Gary is considering how summer roads prioritizes the work that needs to be done and how budgeting is presented to the towns people.

Andrea asked Brian if there was anything new going on with the Planning Board or the Fire Department. Brian said there is nothing new with the Planning Board. Brian said that the old forestry truck for the Fire Department has gone back to Augusta. The New Portland Fireman's Association went out and bought a new pump for the new truck, used hose reel, and hideaway type storage. Brian said that the association

has spent roughly about \$3,000.00. Brian said that the call volume has increased over the next couple weeks.

Gilbert asked if Paul Hilenski could be called to ask if he could move his backhoe, because it is too close to the ditch. Andrea asked Stacie to call Paul. Gilbert also asked if Tyler Maynard could move his camper trailer from the turn around. Wayne is going to get in touch with Tyler. Stacie was asked to put a reminder in the *New Portlander* to remind people to not put snow (plowed or shoveled) into the roadway. It is against the law. Stacie was asked to also remind people to not park in turnarounds or roadways during storms.

Terri and Stacie presented the Board of Selectmen with a Supplemental Tax bill for Charlie Blood, Susan Broiderick, and a Personal Property Supplemental Tax bill for Tindall's Store. The Board of Selectmen agreed signed the three Supplemental Tax bills. The Board of Selectmen was also presented with an Affidavit correcting local government record to be reviewed and signed.

Terri talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding abatement from Gerald Gendreau in the amount of \$65.00. Andrea motioned to approve in the amount of \$65.00. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie presented the Board of Selectmen with a Quit-Claim Deed for Stanley Wills to be reviewed and signed.

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen about a Planning and Land Use Laws Book available through KVCOG and as to whether or not any should be ordered. Andrea said to order go ahead and order one.

There was some discussion regarding the budget. The next Selectmen's Meeting on the 16th and will be a Budget Work Session. Andrea, Doug, and Stacie are going to meet on the 7th .

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the December 16th meeting. kms

Town Clerk

Greetings New Portlanders! Just a few reminders from the Town Clerk's office. Please get in to license your dog(s) if you have not done so yet. You have until January 31 to come in and license before late fees start on February 1. There will be no exceptions. The only people who will not have to pay a late fee are those who are doing a new license. The late fee for a fixed dog is \$31 and not fixed is \$36. Please keep in mind that we need proof of rabies vaccinations, too.

If you have pulled nomination papers for Selectman position (3 year term), your papers need to be in NO LATER THAN January 15.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 628-4441 ext 2. If I do not answer, please leave a message, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Submitted: Alicia Wills/Town Clerk

Animal Control

If you are reading this and you have not licensed your dog(s), then you

are late and the fee goes up.

With this snow and cold weather, please make sure you check your dog houses make sure all of your animals have water and food. Any questions please contact me 779-7769.

Submitted: Lorie Agren, Animal Control Officer

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian (Shelby Newell) - Hope the holidays were fun and the new year has gotten off to a good start! Be sure to stop by the library for a great book! We have oodles of books for all kinds of readers. I love the challenge of trying to match you up with just the right book! This is the perfect time of year to curl up with a great book after a long day in the cold.

Several children attended our "Annual Ornament & Tree Decorating" activity. We've been doing this for three years and I have saved the ornaments the children have made. Children that attend make new ornaments to hang on our library tree and also decorate with the ornaments from previous year. Thanks to the families that brought in their little ones.

Stay tuned for upcoming activities and events. The Quilting Group that met a few times to complete a couple of project is considering starting up again. I will keep you posted when more details become available.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page, New Portland Community Library for updates and posts about new books and movies. We are adding new material all the time. Also, if you have ideas or suggestions about activities or classes you would like to see offered at the library, feel free to email me at newportlandcl@gmail.com. I would also love to hear from you about your thoughts on the possibility of expanding our hours. If you could choose the perfect time for the library to be open to fit your schedule/needs, what time of day and day of the week would that be?

Friends of the Library (Petrina Bearor) -100 Club Winners for November 2013 are as follows: Jean Antonucci, Lolly Phoenix, Sharlene Belanger, Anna Seguin, Anon., Arlene Trudell, Arlene Newell, Sophie Green, Linda DeWolfe, Franklin-Somerset Credit Union, Randy, Tabitha Emery, Ezra Pease, Nan Berry, Peter Gardner, and Marsha Siviski. Congratulations to all.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet at the library on January 9 and January 23 at 10:00 am weather permitting. Please join us. Share your projects, ideas for the coming year, helpful advice, patterns. I'll make sure the coffee is hot! Probably be a goodie or two to nibble on. Chat with your neighbors and knit, knit, knit or crochet, crochet, crochet.

Art at the Library (Lolly Phoenix) - "Re-imagined Topographies" is the name of Joshua DeMello's interactive community art project that will be hanging at our library in January. Josh has received a grant for this project, which will pay for a book showing some of the finished pieces, and he will also be making audio-recordings of people talking about their returned pieces. Everyone who might like to be a part of this project is welcomed to come on over to the library to get a "4" X 11" paper topography, created by Josh, and then to take that piece and create what might come next on top of it. No rules. Any medium works. Feel free to call Lolly Phoenix with any questions 628-2361 Opening on Sunday, January 12 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Everybody welcomed. The conversation promises to be worthwhile! Check out "re-imagined topographies" on Facebook. We will have the starter pieces available at the library. C'mon down and have your say.

Book Club (Kay Michka) - January 9 at 6:30 pm, please join us to discuss

Dan Brown's latest, *Inferno*.

Bring suggestions for winter month discussions. Hopefully, Joan Moes will share her leftover holiday cookie treats with us, which is becoming a much anticipated annual Book Club event!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Sno-Travelers

The December meeting was called to order with 14 members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master's Report: The new pump for the fuel tank has been bought and installed. The club has purchased six pieces of steel to be used for bridge supports.

The last work session was very successful with 2 bridges being completed.

The club would like to thank Bob Thorndike and Thorndike & Sons for building the third bridge. The club supplied the steel for the supports, and Mr. Thorndike supplied the labor, machinery, and other materials to finish the bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

After the meeting, all enjoyed great food, especially the Rollo pretzels, and a Yankee swap. When you see Rick the next time, you might notice that his hair is thicker and has a "certain glow" about it.

Next meeting January 18, starting at 6:30 pm, at the fire station meeting room.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Community Churches

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is hosting their monthly TGIF Potluck Supper on Friday, January 10. Bring a friend and a dish to share for some relaxation and "down time" after the holidays.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm, the Ladies Exercise Classes continue to meet. Walking videos, stretching and strengthening exercises are geared for all fitness levels. So, if getting healthier or spending more time with friends is part of your New Year resolution, this is a good place to begin.

Men's Breakfast meets January 4 and is open to all men who enjoy spending time with other men for friendship, learning what the Bible has to teach and for a good homemade breakfast. Bring a breakfast food to share if you would like. More importantly, show up at the church at 8:00 am on the first Saturday of each month. A Men's Bible study is also available on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.

For more information about the activities of the Western Mountains Baptist Church please call, 265-2557 or email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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5 New Portland Community Church service at 1:00 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	6 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	7 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	8 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	9 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	10 New Portlander for the Deadline 4:00 pm	11 Art at the Library 4:00 - 6:00 pm NPCL
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JANUARY 2014

