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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

Friday, February 28, VOTE Fire Station Meeting Room 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday, March 1, Annual Time Meeting at 9:00 am at the Fire Station Meeting Room

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2014

Selectmen Present: Doug Archer (absent), Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert;
Present: Stacie Rundlett
Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted with edits to be made. Andrea approved. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Stacie asked the Board of Selectmen to think about investing in a different laptop for the town office. The one that the town office has now was bought back in 2002 or 2003. Andrea asked Stacie to get some prices.

Stacie said that she is still looking for signs for the Fire Department. Kristen has not had any luck. Stacie said that she has not gotten a response from the e-mail she replied to from Kip regarding Dan Howard's truck. Andrea and Wayne said that she responded to Kip and said that paying the \$100.00 deductible is fine.

Stacie and the Board of Selectmen discussed how much can be taken out of the TIF for digitizing of the maps.

Andrea and Wayne want Stacie to invite the Planning Board to the next Selectmen's Meeting on February 4 to hear what Joel Greenwood has to say about the Comprehensive Plan. They also would like to have Blaine Miller and Adam come to the next Selectmen's Meeting, too.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are draft summary that was approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 4, 2014 meeting. kms

Town Manager

Until further notice the second Selectmen's Meeting of each month will now be a mapping work session only for the Assessor and Assessor's Agent. These sessions will be located at the Town Office at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend; however, there will be no items by the public.

The Selectmen would like to invite all New Portland residents to their March 4 meeting. They would like to share with everyone their proposed plans to put together a group of people to work closely with the Selectmen, Town

New Portlander article submission deadline is March 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.

Manager, Planning Board, Town Historian and other committees and departments in town to put together an updated Comprehensive Plan for our town. Currently, our Comprehensive Plan is out of date; and therefore, we are unable to apply for certain grants through the State and Federal Government. The Selectmen will be organizing this project and would like to discuss their plans with the townspeople. So please come out and attend this meeting on March 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Community Room in the Fire Station.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water District will hold their annual meeting on March 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the New Portland Community Library. Trustees will be elected at this meeting. The regular trustees meeting will follow immediately after adjournment of the annual meeting. Officers will be elected at this meeting. Everyone welcome.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, Trustee

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library - Petrina Bearor: 100 Club January Winners are Lolly Phoenix (twice), Carrabassett Coffee, Jean Antonucci, Franklin-Somerset Credit Union, Ed and Bonnie Jesteadt, Shelby Newell, Gary Cobb, Nora West, Mary Hatch, Wanda Calder, and Caitlyn Crawford. Congratulations to all.

It's time to join the 2014 "100 Club". Call me at 628-3061, if you have not received your signup form in the mail and would like to join. You pay \$60 per member to join. Each week, we draw a first prize of \$25, a second prize of \$15, and a third prize of \$10. Join now, and you will easily have a chance to win your \$60 back, plus some! Winners also have the option of donating their winnings back to the library fund. This is an easy and fun way to try your luck and support the NPC Library. The sooner your mail your form or call me, the sooner you can start winning!

Call me, if you have questions about Knitwits and Happy Hookers meeting this month.

Art at the Library - Lolly Phoenix: When you stop by the library, take a moment or two to look at the artwork on the walls. You will find 134 diverse and creative answers to the same question - "How would you put life back into this bleak landscape?" The name of this inter-active community art project is "Re-Imagined Topographies", the brainchild of Farmington artist, Joshua DeMello. When the show comes down on April 6, it will be carefully packed up and moved to yet another community, where the answers will multiply! Please do make it a point to come by and enjoy this compelling work, done by lots of people that you just might know. We will have a closing party on Sunday, April 6, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Everybody is welcome! Any questions? Call Lolly at 628-2361.

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: Greetings from the New Portland Community Library! Just a reminder that our hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am - noon. We've had lots of ice so far this winter and have closed a couple of times due to icy driving conditions. Also, please note, we follow the school cancellations, too; so if you notice that SAD #74 has been cancelled, the library will be closed, too. You can also check our Facebook page, New Portland Community Library for updates.

I have been busy working with the "End of the Year" data that comes at the close of each year. 2013 was another great year for the library! More books were checked out of the library than ever before, which brings me to my next topic, buying new reading material. Staying up-to-date with current books costs money. I'd like to ask that if you are finding yourself with a little extra in your pocket or would just like to make a tax deductible donation, we

would greatly appreciate it. I will use this money to purchase new books for the library for all to enjoy. You can even specify how the money gets used: children's, fiction, or nonfiction. All donations from \$1 to any amount, are greatly appreciated. Thanks for considering making a donation to the library for books.

Many people have commented on how much they enjoyed the Photo Challenge on the Library Facebook page. As a reminder, Part Two is a book purchase fundraiser for the library. By March 5, 5:00 pm, submit \$5 and your top ten photos you took. You can give them to me on a flash drive with your initial and photo theme labeling each photo, or you can email labeled images to me at shelby_newell40@yahoo.com or snewell@msad58.org. (We have a few flash drives at the library, if you need to use one.) Then, on March 9 at 4:00 pm, there will be a showing of all the photos, with refreshments and small prizes for being part of the Winter Photo Challenge Show. Everyone is welcome to come view the Photo Show and talk to the photographers about their methods and choices of themes.

If you are looking for a specific book or have ideas about possible future events or activities, I would love to hear from you. You can email me at newportlandcl@gmail.com or call the library at 628-6561.

Book Club - Kay Michka: Who intrigues you? What topic makes you go, "Hmmm"? Find a biography tied to those questions and join us at the library on March 13, 6:30 pm to share what you have discovered! (Our group is pretty laid back...I am choosing a recently released memoir and following the author's farm blog to use as my choice, so feel free to creatively interpret what you choose as your "biography".) April is National Poetry Month; therefore, the book club will hold its annual Poetry Night on April 10, 6:30 pm. Bring your own work or someone else's to share.

The NPCL announces its Second Annual Poetry Contest for Middle School and High School aged students. First Prize is \$25 and second prize is \$10 in each of the two categories. Entries may be emailed to newportlandcommunitylibrary@yahoo.com or delivered to the library in person. The deadline is April 15 at noon, when the library closes for the day. One original poem per contestant will be accepted. Contest posters will be posted around town, posted on the library Facebook page, available at the library, and distributed to the schools. See contest poster for all requirements. Call me at 628-2014, if you have questions. Good Luck!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Sno-Travelers

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

Trail Master's Report: The groomer has had to have some repairs to the coolant system, but it is up and running now. Some signing needs to be done on the Welcome Hill Trail. Linda and Rick volunteered to do it. Lewis, Bill and Kevin have been busy grooming trails lately.

Social Director: Linda said the February 1 club ride was a big success. Twelve club members and one first time snowmobiler rode to Strong and had lunch at the White Elephant. Conditions were great and many laughs were shared. There is another ride being planned in March. The landowners' supper will be held April 5, pending confirmation of use of the building. We will be having our usual menu. We will hold our April meeting after the supper. Make sure and mark the date down on your calendar, we will need cooks, servers, dishwashers, and clean-up crew.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next meeting will be March 15.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Citizens Corner

Pete Bearor has decided to bring her long tenure of service as Treasurer to the New Portland Community Library to a close. She has done an outstanding job keeping the books and managing the library's money for many years. We are appreciative of all she has done to support the library and help it flourish. Thankfully, she will still be serving as Board Member and on the Friends of the Library. Pete always pitches in with an open heart and open mind, and we never have to ask her twice for anything we need done. We wouldn't know what to do without her!! Thank you, Pete. You are a real treasure!

Kay Michka, NPC Library Board President

I am trying to contact a woman who grew up in North New Portland. Her maiden name was Judy Pease. She graduated from the New Portland Central High School in 1958. Then I lost track of her. She probably moved away, got married or both. Now she would be in her 70s.

If anyone can contact her, please ask her to email Ray Adams (rayadams@q.com).

If you can not contact her, but know what happened to her, please email me at rayadams@q.com. Thank you in advance, Ray Adams.

Submitted: Ray Doreen Adams

We didn't get as much interest as we had hoped about a community garden or grow a row for the community. We need to start planning, so if you are interested in helping or want to get vegetables from the garden and are unable to help or would like to have a small plot for your own garden come to the meeting. We can get the library for a meeting place. So again, call Fred and Martha at 628-6017 if interested in any way Email: marthaandrews@tds.net. we will try to have a meeting date and time then. Thanks.

Submitted: Fred and Martha Andrews

MSAD 74 / RSU 74

MSAD 74/RSU 74 (Anson, Embden, New Portland & Solon) will be holding kindergarten screening for all pre-school children entering Kindergarten in the fall. Children must be five years of age on or before October 15, 2014.

Screenings for all district children will be held by appointment only on Wednesday, April 9th at the Carrabec Community School in North Anson for all incoming kindergarten students.

Please call Bonnie Atwood at the superintendent's office, 635-2727 ext #3, for an appointment and/or any questions which you may have. Screening takes approximately one hour per child.

More information will be given at the time of your call. If you know of children ready to start school, please share this information with their parent.

We are now taking applications for the fall 2014 Head Start Pre-School Program. Please call Lee Ann Salley at 649-6570 for registration information.

Submitted: Bonnie Atwood

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News March 2014: On February 23 a new minister. Susan Thomas came up to the West New Portland Church and delivered a fine service and sermon to a good sized congregation. We were not disappointed with our choice. Susan is warm and inviting. Her sermons are educational and share a good message, flavored with humor. Her voice is

easy to listen to, and she gets her message across clearly. The congregation met following the service to speak with Susan and to get to know her. We were pleased with her responses and found her easy to talk with. After brief discussion the congregation unanimously voted in favor of "calling" Susan to be our minister. There is one more hurdle to get over and that is a vote by Presbytery to approve her as our minister. That important vote will be held on March 1 forward to welcoming her to our churches in April!!

The Annual meeting of the New Portland Church congregations was held on February 23 (a reschedule from the original date posted here). Following a potluck supper the business of the church was presented and discussed. Budgets, schedules and other business issues have been dealt with and approved. A big 'Thank You' to all who attended.

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings (weather permitting).

Services are held at the West New Portland Church at 11am with coffee hour at 10:30 am and the following ministers will be serving this month. There will be no service in New Portland on March 2. Please join us in Fairbanks at 10:00 am for a rousing service of "live jazz" music. It's a really good time. March 2 – Jazz service in Fairbanks, joint service at 10:00 am; March 4 – Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at Fairbanks Union Church; March 9 – Rev. Doug Walrath [Communion]; March 16 – Rev. Stan Wheeler; March 21 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton; Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is holding a monthly TGIF potluck supper on Friday evening, March 14 at 6:00 pm. This month's theme is "cook green, think spring". Everyone is welcome to join us for a night of fellowship, food and fun. Call Kathy for more information at 265-4651.

Youth Group is held on Thursday evenings, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for ages 11 to 15. Upcoming events include Winter Camp, one for boys and one for girls. For more information, please call Laura at 265-2019 or Tim at 265-6361.

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am there is a Ladies Bible study held at the church and open to the public. Contact the leader, Betsy, at 678-2328 for more information or just show up.

Gems is a Christian club for girls, ages four through fourth grade, that is being offered at the church two Fridays a month after school. For March we will meet the 14th and the 28th. 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 or message Rosie Bates on Facebook.

Sunday morning services begin at 10:00 am. During the service, nursery is provided for birth to three years old, and Children's Church is available for ages four up to third grade. At 9:00 am before the service, Bible Study is held for all ages. For more information about Western Mountains Baptist Church and the wide variety of Bible studies and opportunities to grow in your faith, please call the church at 265-2557 or email us at westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

From the Editor

In case anyone is interested the lost dog mentioned in last month's New Portlander was found shortly after receiving the article for submission. Flo was a little underweight but considering the cold and conditions was in good health. Elizabeth Rand wanted to say thank you to all who helped in any way in getting her dog back home safely.



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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 at 6:00 pm						
1	Vote Meeting Room at 10:00 am - 8:00 pm		Annual Town Meeting at 9:00 am Meeting Room			
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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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