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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**

By Appointment Only Until Further Notice

**Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4**

Email for Town Manager ..... [nwprtInd@tds.net](mailto:nwprtInd@tds.net)

## Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**  
1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **Selectmen's Work Session**  
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/ Comprehensive 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 February 4, 2014

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer (not present), Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Joel Greenwood, Blaine Miller, Judi Wills, Brian Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne

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

Minutes from the January 20 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved with changes. Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Joel Greenwood from KVCOG spoke to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Comprehensive Planning. Joel said that there are five sections that would need to be looked at to be worked on that are data gathering, analysis of data, drafting recommendations (plans and goals), have a public meeting to gather information from townspeople, and mapping. The Board of Selectmen and Committees are going to work on a Comprehensive Plan and then have Joel critique and make sure that the plan is consistent before submitting to the planning office. Joel said that KVCOG will review final drafts of the comprehensive plan, which is his part of the membership. Joel will e-mail a more precise contract and will help with the time frame.

Blaine Miller from Dirigo Timberlands was present to talk about the digitizing of the maps. Blaine discussed with the Board of Selectmen the letter with the quote that was mailed to Terri Lamontagne. Blaine said that normally digitizing the maps is \$5,000.00. Blaine gave the Board of Selectmen some more information about digitizing of the maps. Blaine gave a June time frame to work on the maps. Andrea and Wayne were in agreement to move forward with this matter.

Andrea asked Brian to consult with the Planning Board to see if they can assist with the Comprehensive Plan.

Terri presented the Board of Selectmen with two abatement requests. Joye Earle/Terri recommended doing a site visit. Andrea motioned to table until they can visit the property. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Justin Jordan/Andrea motioned to approve the abatement to combine lot 26 & 28 and to grant \$792.49. Wayne seconded.

A/P & Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that she had received a letter from the DOT to see if the town would like to participate in the radar speed trailer loan program. The Board of Selectmen decided

**New Portlander article submission deadline is April 20 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.

to not participate in the program.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that she has received a last will and testament from Elmira Harrington. Stacie said when she gets back from vacation she will call the law firm that is handling this matter.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 17, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. KMS*

## **Town Manager**

Terri Lamontagne, Assessor's Agent will be at the Town Office on Tuesday, April 1 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm for people to bring in List of Estates/Declarations. PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, M.R.S.A. SECTION 706

I would like to publicly apologize to Nowetah Cyr for having her name in the 2013 Annual Town Report for the 2013 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes. The delinquent tax list that was checked over numerous times should not have included her name. Nowetah's taxes are paid in full and on time with a credit. Please accept my apologies, Nowetah.

The Town Office would like to remind all residents who receive the monthly newsletter that if you go to the town's website, [newportlandmaine.org](http://newportlandmaine.org), and click on the heading in the upper right hand corner that reads subscribe by email., this will send an email to you every time we make a post on the website. This is another way to get notified of different town events or changes.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## **New Portland Community Library**

From the Librarian: Shelby Newell - Greetings from the New Portland Community Library! COMING SOON: Starting in May, we will be open on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am - Noon. We are currently open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Hopefully, being open one more morning will help some get a chance to get to the library. We are also talking about a Story Hour, so stay tuned for more information.

New Fiction: *Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy* by Helen Fielding, *The Winter House* by Joan MacCracken, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd; New Children's: *Mr. Wuffles* by David Weisner, *Kids Draw Anime* by Christopher Hart; New DVDs: *Game of Thrones: Season 3*, *Hart of Dixie: Season 2*, *Downton Abbey: Season 4*

Keep in mind that the library is also a great place for meetings and would be a lovely place to have a bridal or baby shower. All that is required is to come in and fill out a Building Use Form and also agree to our Building Use Policy. I will work with you to help out in any way possible.

The library's current art exhibit "Re-imagined Topographies," will have a closing party on Sunday, April 6, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Everybody is welcome! Any questions? Call Lolly Phoenix at 628-2361.

Stop by and check out all the library has to offer!

Book Club: Kay Michka -This is just a reminder that the New

Portland Middle School and High School Poetry Contest due date is April 15 at noon. One entry per contestant and any style of poetry will be accepted. \$25 first prize and \$10 second prize in both grade categories. Home schooled students in the posted grade categories are welcome to enter. Contest rules were made available at schools, and they are also posted at the library and on New Portland Community Library Facebook page. Earn some easy money for your creativity and effort! You can even email your entry to us at [newportlandcommunitylibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:newportlandcommunitylibrary@yahoo.com) We will honor our winners by posting their works at the library for the remainder of April, which is National Poetry Month.

The April 10 Book Club gathering will focus on poetry, as well. Bring your own or someone else's to share. Snacks and smiles are guaranteed. 6:30 pm.

Friends of the Library Petrina Bearor - 100 Club winners for February are Issac Boucher, Shelby Newell, Melissa Green, Bertrand Dyer (twice), Ron Bearor, Nan Berry, Kenneth Atwood, Joye Earl, Jim Taylor, Nora West, and Anna Seguin. Congratulations to all.

The 100 Club for 2014 began March 1. If you have forgotten to renew your membership, please send your donation of \$60.00, so we can enter your number in the weekly drawings. If you are interested in becoming a new member, contact Petrina Bearor at 628-3061 or the library at 628-6561, and we will enroll you. Three numbers are drawn weekly so you might win \$25.00, \$15.00, or \$10.00. Winnings are mailed the last of the month because some numbers are chosen more than once. This is a fun way to support the library and maybe win money for yourself.

We will be having our annual fundraiser the Plant, Bake, and Book Sale on May 17 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Be sure to mark your calendars. When you can see bare ground, please keep us in mind when dividing your plants and cleaning out your garden beds. We will have a few University of Maine Soil Testing Kits available for those who would like to take one with you. Look for Spring Themed Face Painting for the youngsters in exchange for a small donation.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet at the library the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the library from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Join us for an interesting morning of knitting, crocheting, conversation, and goodies. April dates are the 10th and 24th.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **Sno-Travelers**

The March meeting was called to order with 12 members present.

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

TRAIL MASTER: The club had received an inspection notice from the MSA for ITS 84. The inspector gave the club excellent comments. Great work to all who have groomed or worked on ITS 84 brushing and signing!

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Linda reported that on March 15, seventeen people went on a club ride to Stratton. Conditions of the trails were really good and a good time was had by all.

The annual landowners' supper will be held Saturday, April 5 at the fire station. Set-up will be Friday at 5:00 pm. We are looking for people who would be willing to make a pan of brownies for the supper.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Our next meeting will be changed from April 19 to April 5. We will meet after the landowner supper is over.

Enjoy your last days of riding. Please remember to ride safely!

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## **Mission at the Eastwood**

Attention all New Portlanders and neighboring towns: It is time to start filling out your applications for this housing season. Please submit prior to May 15. Last year was a great year. The mission program was able to help 68 families in need. This was record breaking! We are always looking for volunteers and are looking forward to an even more productive 2014 housing season.

Please see and use the enclosed flyer for MATE Assistance. And thanks so much for your assistance.

*Submitted: Janine White, MATE Administrative Assistant, 628-4829*

## **Citizens Corner**

Are you a TDS DSL user? Are you getting good service? TDS service on my road has gotten steadily worse and has reached the point where it is far too slow to handle video like Netflix or YouTube. Email is about as much as it will handle these days. TDS can upgrade the service but they have limited resources and only put their money where the need is the greatest. DSL should provide 5 mbps (mega-bits per second) or better. My service is less than 1 mbps. You can test your DSL speed at speedtest.net .

If you are a dissatisfied DSL user, please call the TDS customer service and ask for a "loyalty credit" of \$35.00 on your next phone bill because you are not getting the service that was promised. That is a standard refund for this problem. TDS will respond with better service if they get enough demand for better service and pay enough loyalty credits. The number to call is 1-866-571-6662.

*Submitted: Thom Dodd*

We would like to start a New Portland Farmer's Market next to the Tindall's Country Store. We need as many vendors as possible to join in order for the market to be a success. We are looking for vegetables, jams and jellies, crafts, photographs, honey, baked goods, meat and anything else that residents of the surrounding towns would like to sell. You will be responsible to make sure you have all of the proper permits to sell your goods. We will be holding a meeting at the New Portland Community Library on Saturday April 5 at 11:00 am. At this time we would like to discuss what day of the week to hold the market and any other concerns. Thank you very much.

*Submitted: James Pinkham, Jr. and Drew Frazier; Beaver Tree Farm*

## **Community Churches**

Hooray!! Our candidate for minister has passed through all the Presbytery voting procedures and has been approved, by a huge margin, to be the new minister of Fairbanks Union Church (in Farmington) and the New Portland Community Church. We are very pleased to announce that we will be welcoming Susan Thomas to our pulpit on May 5. On Saturday, May 17, there will be a special ordination and installation service held for Susan at the North New Portland Church. This service will be attended by members of both congregations, members of Presbytery and, of course, the community is more than welcome to come and

celebrate this wonderful occasion with us. The service will be held at 11:00 am. Hopefully, by then, we won't have to shovel too many feet of snow to get into the building! Enjoy the change of seasons! Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

Approximately 40 children and adults enjoyed the Sledding Party on March 15 hosted by the Western Mountains Baptist Church. Josh and Ellie Stewart of Kingfield were generously available with their snowmobiles to offer rides to folks back up Gilmore Hill to enjoy another incredible trip down the hill on sleds or snowboards. Afterwards, everyone met back at the church to cook hot dogs and marshmallows on an open fire. It was a perfect sunny warmish day enjoyed by all. A huge thank you goes out to Kathy McClure of Kingfield for all her work in organizing and pulling everything together for a fun family event.

April 20, we will be celebrating Easter with a sunrise service and a big breakfast. Meet outside the church at the cross at 5:45 am for the service, then join us inside for a big Easter breakfast traditionally cooked by the men. The men of WMBC know how to cook! They get plenty of practice at their men's breakfasts held at 8:00 am the first Saturday of every month. For Easter we will also have our regular Sunday worship service at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome for part or all of our Easter celebration.

As the days get warmer, the Ladies Fitness Class is looking forward to walking outside during class time. If you are looking for some friendly companionship while you walk or exercise join the women at the church on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 5:30p.m. Until it is warm enough to comfortably walk outside exercise videos are used inside the church. All fitness levels are welcome. For more information, call Denise at 652-2630 or Crystal at 491-7433.

If you or anyone you know has a need for prayer, would like information about our church, opportunities to learn more about the Bible or on how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please contact the Western Mountains Baptist Church at 265-2557 or email westernmountainbaptist@tds.net. If you would like to speak with the pastor, call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

## **From the Editor**

In an effort to make the *New Portlander's* arrival in the readers' mailboxes on the first of each month, I have moved the deadline date up to the 20th of each month. Currently, it has become difficult to get the newsletter in readers' mailboxes on or before the first of each month. I am sincerely hoping the moving of the deadline to an early time frame will be of help in attending to this shortcoming. Those who have regular submissions for the newsletter please make note of this on your calendars. First new deadline date is April 20 at 4:00 pm.



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27	28	29	30	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**  
**APRIL 2014**

