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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*

Monday ..... 2 pm - 5 pm  
Thursday ..... 4 pm - 7 pm  
1st. Sat of each month (except holiday weekends) ..... 8 am - 11 am

**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  
Tuesday ..... 10:00 am - noon  
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

## Town Manager

The Assessor's Work Session scheduled for Monday, June 16 has been moved to Saturday, June 21 at 8:30 am and is being held at the Town Office.

*Submitted: Kristen Seeley*

## Town Clerk

### State of Maine Primary Election and School Budget Vote

DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2014; TIME: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm; LOCATION: New Portland Fire Station/911 River Road, New Portland

If you would like to request an absentee ballot and you come in when the clerk's office is closed, I have left a stack of absentee ballot request applications at the front desk. Please fill one out, make sure you have the correct mailing address on the application and please specify in which party you are enrolled. There are ballots for Green, Democrat and Republican. I will be checking in daily on the days the clerk's office is closed to see if I have applications to mail out absentee ballots. The final day to request an absentee ballot is June 5. Thank you! Respectfully...

*Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk*

## Selectmen

Minutes of the March 04, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Douglas Archer (Absent), Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Bob Whitten, Brian Rundlett, Jim Heichel, Kip Poulin

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

Review minutes from previous meeting. Andrea made a motion and Wayne seconded to accept them as written.

Kip Poulin talked about new information regarding the cell phone towers \$1,400-1,500, also talked about how much the antenna and cables would cost \$3 a foot for cable wire. Kip did say he was still waiting for more information from Somerset about getting a repeater from them. Yankee's still working on this for us. Kip said he has called two or three times and has not heard back from Yankee.

Andrea wanted to know about size and pricing for the building ideas for the generator. Kip said it came out of a building the size of an office, his office. Also need to insulate and heat. Others would like to make sure it had a little bit of extra storage possible. Brian stormed ideas on how to power and heat the generator room, possible from town or propane. Discussion went further to try and figure out different possibilities and ideas for heating.

**New Portlander article submission deadline is June 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.

Major projects for upcoming town would be the generator and the cell tower. The generator will probably be the hardest. Kip will try and get a hold of Yankee again. Kip discussed how there is bad communication between him and Somerset, wants to fix this problem. The call log, Kip said was around 20 calls already.

Stacie talked about the laptop and about the programs and virus protection; got TRIO up and running on it.

Concerning the salt and if it is paid for, Kristen has to get a hold of someone from the salt company. Kristen did not get through to anyone, and they were supposed to call back have not heard from anyone.

Andrea started discussing different times for Comp. Meetings. Comprehensive Plan/KVCOG was recommended to have one meeting a month for 16 months. The dates would be either the 14th or 15th of each month, Andrea advised other to check the calendars to make sure this might be possible. Stacie the advised that the Comp. Meetings be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Some of the board members were interested in attending.

A list of people who might want to be included in the Comprehensive Plan or would like to work on it includes Barry Turcotte, Bob Whitten, Brenda Stevens, Judi Wills, Marilyn Gorman, Polly MacMicheal, and Stephanie Dunn. Joel needs to be contacted about the changes in the time frame. Meetings covered by dues but anymore than three or four would not be covered.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Wayne seconded and all others were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 1, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting with changes. KMS*

#### Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert (Chair), Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Brian Rundlett, Becky Taylor, Gilbert Taylor, Kip Poulin, Staci Thompson

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes from March 17 Selectmen's Meeting. Andrea motioned to accept the minutes with one change. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes from the March 4. Andrea made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Kip shared with the Board of Selectmen the proposal for the storage shed where the generator is going to be stored. Kip gave a rough guess of \$8,000 for everything, which includes the \$5,500.00 for the materials for the building and \$3,000.00 to pour a cement pad, build the building, and have electricity.

Kip told the Board of Selectmen that the Fire Department is up to 27 calls, which is half of the total from 2013.

Kip said that the five ton frame is painted and primed. They will need lettering and striping and are in the process of replacing the

light bar on the Pierce. The Firemen's Association is paying for over half the costs of lights ordered. The Fire Department will pay for the rest out of the Fire Department budget.

Andrea asked Gilbert Taylor about winter roads. Gilbert said that he was there to talk to Gary Agren. Stacie said that Gary was not able to make it to tonight's meeting, but that Gary did say that all of the back roads do need to have the snow banks pushed back. Gilbert said that he will do it the following day. There was some discussion about what was going on with one side of New Portland Hill Road between the Board of Selectmen and Gilbert.

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

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen about the printing of the newsletter. Stacie said that for some months it has not been a problem getting the newsletter out on time, but other months it has been on time. Stacie said that when Dallas sets his deadline he also has editing that he needs to do before he can send to the printer. Stacie told the Board of Selectmen that Dallas Landry e-mailed her this afternoon regarding moving the deadline to the 20th of every month.

Stacie wanted to let the Board of Selectmen know that next week she will be sending out lien notices and that there are 155 accounts that will be affected. Stacie said that she should have within the next two weeks a current financial status and then the Board of Selectmen can determine whether or not they need to get a T.A.N. or not. If a T.A.N. is to be needed, then Stacie will send out letters to some banks.

Stacie said that they should start looking at options regarding the culvert that is going in on the Middle Road. Stacie said that Bobbi contacted D.E.P. about permitting and will work on a confirmation to know exactly what needs to be done.

Andrea motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personal Matters at 7:45 pm.

Exited out of Executive Session at 8:15 pm. No decisions made.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the May 6, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting. KMS*

*Submitted: Kristen Seeley*

## **Planning Board**

### Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting for March 5, 2014

Planning Board Members Present: Brian Rundlett, Peter Gardner, Jim Heichel, Lewis Wills, Kyle Handrahan; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brook Gardner

Peter Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

There was a brief discussion regarding what to expect when starting to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Lewis Wills nominated Peter to be chairperson. Brian seconded. All were in favor.

Lewis motioned to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Peter seconded. All were

in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the April 2, 2014 Planning Board Meeting. KMS*

Minutes for the Planning Board Meeting for April 2, 2014

Planning Board Members Present: Brian Rundlett, Lewis Wills, Jim Heichel; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett

Brian Rundlett called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5 Planning Board meeting. All were in favor.

Brian asked if there was any new business. There was not.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Lewis seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the May 2, 2014 Planning Board Meeting. KMS*

*Submitted: Kristen Seeley*

## **New Portland Community Library**

Library News - Kay Michka, Tabitha Emery, Katie Handrahan: The new Tuesday hours of 10:00 am - noon are already proving favorable for our patrons. We are glad to be open and available more hours of the week to better serve the community. Because we depend on a large amount of volunteers to keep the doors open for you, we are always looking for people interested in sharing what the library has to offer. Leave Shelby a message at 628-6561. She can arrange to take you for a quick spin around the library and explain what it takes to work a two hour shift. All the patrons are very polite and understanding if a question comes up you haven't encountered, so don't be afraid you will not be able to handle it. If our teenage volunteer can do it, you can, too! Even just working one two hour shift a month helps lessen the number of shifts to be covered. Encourage your teen over 14 to inquire about possible community service odd jobs over the summer at the library, too. We could always use help with light shelf dusting, hand trimming the grass around the building perimeter, watering the lovely flowers Shelby provides, cleaning windows, reading aloud at story hour and much more.

Check the front page of the *New Portlander* for library operating hours. Visit us at 899 River Road, right across from the Town Office.

Tea Time at the Library! Sunday, June 8.....2:00 pm.....bring all the special ladies in your life...or just yourself....tasty treats...great company...a classy outing....Third Annual Ladies' Tea....dollies welcome, too!

July means library ice cream socials, so read our column here next month for details.

**Friends of the Library** - 100 Club Winners for the month of April - New Portland Lions Club, Enviro Mat, Jordans, Greg West, Ronald Bearor, Joye Earl, Ella Clague, Linda DeWolfe, Jim Taylor, Arlene Trudel, Wanda Calder, Jordans - Congratulations!! If you are not a 100 Club member, see what you are missing?! Call the library today to sign up to win summer fun money!

Knit Wits and Happy Hookers meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month, 10:00 am - noon. Bring your homespun and have some fun!

**Art at the Library-** Lolly Phoenix: Please do stop into the library to check out the latest art work on the walls - intuitive paintings of the feminine "The Color of Woman" by Embden artist Cindy Taylor Clark. And some lovely pieces by her daughter, children's book illustrator Jessica Clark. We always welcome comments and questions!

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **New Portland Churches**

New Portland Community Church News for May 2014: Well, every once in a while life throws a real curve ball. The curve ball in the life of the church was the unexpected withdrawal of Susan Thomas as our new minister. Susan said that in her short time here she had really grown to love our little churches. She cited recently occurred health problems and financial issues as her reasons for abandoning her call here.

While we are very disappointed in this turn of events life at the church goes on. We will continue to have our suppers and Sunday services as usual. The next church supper will be held on June 19. Check the posters for the menu.

The Pot Roast supper served on May 15 went very well. Thanks to all who helped out! And thanks to those who attended! Come enjoy the company and a good meal. You can eat in or carry out!

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings. Spring into spring with a new thrift store ensemble.

June 1 will be our last service of the spring in the West New Portland Church. Starting June 8 we will be holding our Sunday services in the North New Portland church. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of June. A huge thanks to them for being supportive and so generous with their time and talents! June 1 Rev. Doug Walrath; June 8 Rev. Tony MacNaughton; June 15 Rev. Doug Walrath; June 22 Rev. Stan Wheeler; June 29 TBA. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

There will be a "ladies breakfast" held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church on Saturday, June 21 at 8:00 am. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the first day of summer meeting with friends. There will be food, fellowship and a time to learn from God's Word.

Two weekly Bible studies are held at the church. At 9:00 am on Wednesday mornings there is a ladies Bible study. A men's Bible study is available on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. For more information call the church at 265-2557 or just show up, you will be welcomed.

Also, during the week there are several in home Bible studies located in Kingfield and Freeman Township. Call the church or email [westernmountainbaptist@tds](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds) for more information. If you would like to talk with the pastor of Western Mountains Baptist Church feel free to call him at 557-3802.

As summer arrives be on the lookout for activity at our soccer field, summer potlucks and barbecues.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*



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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**JUNE 2014**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5	6	7
8 Afternoon Tea 2:00 pm at the NPCL	9	10 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Primary Election 8:00 am - 8:00 pm New Portland Fire Station	11	12 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 School's Out for Summer Half Day for Students	21 Assessor's Work Session (Rescheduled) 8:30 am Town Office
22	23	24 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	25	26 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	27	28
29	30	New Portland Community Church service at 11:00 am each Sunday starting with June 8 at the North 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				