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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

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Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

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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

Selectmen

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting for May 6, 2014

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Terri Lamontagne, Julian Lamontagne, Katie Handrahan, Mike Dentico, Petrina Bearor

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Minutes from the April 1 Board of Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved. Wayne motioned to approve the minutes as written. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Terri and the Board of Selectmen discussed and set a date to have a Work Session on May 17 at 8:30 am. Terri asked the Board of Selectmen about scheduling a time to do a site review at David Reed's property. The Board of Selectmen and Terri decided to do the site review on May 17 at 10:30 am. Terri will call and let David know. Terri told the Board of Selectmen that she would like to visit Larry Warren's property. Terri said that Larry wants the property put in open space. Terri also said that Susan Myer-Riley has applied for open space.

Gary updated the Board of Selectmen about the Indian Stream/ Middle Road project. Gary said DEP/IF&W have to come to do a site review of the project with Gary and Bobby. Gary said that they might be able to get some funding for this project through Nature Conservancy. Stacie is going to call to see about getting some more information. Stacie showed the Board of Selectmen and Gary the Bridge Inspection Report from the Maine DOT.

Kip updated the Board of Selectmen that the forestry truck is almost done but still needs to put on the striping, lettering, and some emergency lights. Kip received a quote regarding the garage to put the generator in from Jordan's quoting \$4,880.00 and Hammond Lumber \$5,499.00. Doug motioned to go to Jordan's for the building supplies. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Katie came to the Board of Selectmen to ask about receiving the money from the town for the library. Stacie said that if it is done in installments like the previous year then it would be

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good. Pete said that the library did receive the grant that they had applied for.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the A/P and Payroll warrants. Andrea motioned to approve. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen about a request from Fred Andrews. Fred has had some requests to do a community garden. There was some discussion amongst Stacie and the Board of Selectmen. Stacie said that she will let Fred know what the Board of Selectmen decided when Fred finds an area that he thinks may be a good place for the garden the Board of Selectmen will make a final decision then.

Stacie showed the Board of Selectmen a letter that she received from Jan Ronco asking the Board of Selectmen to reconsider the base lot value. Andrea said to respond to Jan and to tell her that currently the reason she has not heard back is because the Board of Assessment Review does not have a quorum at this time. Stacie and Terri are working on getting some more people on the Board of Assessment Review Board. Stacie said that Jan has been given her denial letter.

Stacie and the Board of Selectmen talked about the T.A.N. Stacie said that Skowhegan Savings had the better rate. Wayne motioned to go with Skowhegan Savings Bank for the T.A.N. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Stacie told the Board of Selectmen she had received an email from Bill Butler from DEP and got an email from Barry Turcotte concerning the DEP concern on Bennett Hill Road. Stacie forwarded this email to Bobby.

Stacie briefed the Board of Selectmen regarding a few code enforcement issues that Bobby and herself have been working on.

Stacie talked to the Board of Selectmen regarding a land owner with a subdivision violation. Stacie said it has been well over a year since it was supposed to be put back into the landowner's name. Andrea said to send the land owner a letter and give them until the end month to comply.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen regarding Amanda Carter's payment arrangement.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Mike Dentico to the Board of Assessment Review for three years. Andrea motioned to approve. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 4, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMS

Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for the May 7, 2014 meeting

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

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

The minutes were reviewed from April 2 meeting. Kyle approved the minutes as written. Jim seconded.

Gabe talked about how some town residents had some questions about the Subdivision and Commercial Development Ordinance. There was some discussion with the Planning Board members and Stacie.

Stacie said at the June meeting there will be two possibly three commercial applications coming before the Planning Board.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the June 4, 2014 Planning Board Meeting. KMS

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell - Happy summer! Be sure to stop by the library to grab a book to enjoy at the beach or any place where you want to snuggle in with a great summer read! We've got lots of great book selections for all ages. We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 am - noon.

Our Summer Reading Program theme for the summer is "Fizz, Boom, Read". Stay tuned for activities and information that you can do at home with your children. There will also be events happening this summer, so check the library bulletin boards and circulation desk for fliers and also the New Portland Community Library Facebook page for more information. You can also call the library, 628-6561, or email newportlandcl@gmail.com with questions or requests for information.

Our Ice Cream Social is on July 16 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm! Hope you can join us for a sundae or strawberry shortcake. We make all our own sauces for the sundaes and offer a variety of toppings. Prices vary depending on the size of your sundae. We will raffle off a doll house that evening! Tickets are \$1 a piece or an arm's length of tickets for \$5.

Friends of the Library - Kay Michka - I just realized I forgot to publicly congratulate the winners of the New Portland Community Library Poetry Contest this year. Lacey Duval was the First Place winner in the High School Division with her untitled poem. In the Middle School Division, Gwynith Breault



won First Place with Muscle Cars and Jurney Beane won Second Place with Poem Writers. Congratulations! We had many fine entries, and the winners walked away with cash prizes. The poems are posted in the library for public viewing on the end of the junior fiction bookshelf, right across from the circulation desk. Stop by the library to enjoy their creativity.

A big thank you to the Happy Horseshoe Campground on Long Falls Dam Road in Lexington. In the spirit of extended community, owners Judy and Buster Pinkham, are always so supportive of the library! The Chinese Auction we held there in May was a big success; locals got to clean out their storage sheds and cabinets and campers, and locals got to win new or gently used treasures, and the library earned a nice little sum to help defray its operating costs. Buster helped auction off the extra baked goods at the Horseshoe's dance the night of the library's morning bake sale. They have told us they are more than happy to let library volunteers sell used books at the campground in order to help us raise more funds on July 12 and August 2 from 10:00 am - noon. This will be our fifth year selling books there, and you should see how excited the kiddos and adults are when we pull up with box loads of books for good summer reading fun! It's a win/win, for sure. You are welcome to stop by our book sales there, too. Judy sells a yummy burger and fries and ice cream cones at the general store, so you can sit a spell at the picnic tables under the shade trees with a treat and your new book, if you'd like. Sweet, sweet summertime fun.

Good weather graced our annual Plant, Bake, and Book Sale. The rain dried up early, and the bugs mostly slept in while our customers loaded their vehicles with a wide variety of perennials, potted plants, garden seedlings with personality and potential, used books by the bag full, and hearty home baked goods. Thank you to all of our tireless volunteers who baked delicious items for the sale and braved the elements to divide and share their gardens to support the library. Thank you to all those who come to buy those items, too! We really appreciate your support.

Three Springs Greenhouse located on George Cole Road deserves a round of applause for donating a beautiful hanging basket of planted flowers to the Chinese Auction raffle prize selections. We can always count on Atwood's Nursery and Greenhouse to donate some wonderful flowering plants for our Plant Sale. Three cheers!

Knitwits and Happy Hookers craft (and chat!) group and the Weight Loss Group will still meet during the summer. Call the library for details.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Community Churches

The Western Mountains Baptist Church will be celebrating the Kingfield Festival Days on July 19, 2014 with two special events. As in years past, we will have a Bounce House and a Sno-Cone/Popcorn booth set up for folks to stop by to say hello and to learn more about who we are at WMBC. So if you are in town to enjoy the festivities, please include us in your schedule.

In addition to the downtown enjoyment, we are offering a soccer tournament called "Kingfield Days Cup" at the new soccer field right at our church on Route 27. If you have a co-ed team with seven members, get registered by July 17 by emailing the name of your team and the names of the players to freestyleguy401@gmail.com. Division A is for eighth grade and younger. Division B is for ninth grade and older. A fifteen dollar registration fee will be due on the day of the tournament. Come on out to the Western Mountains Baptist Church to enjoy this fast paced competitive event.

The Ladies Exercise Class will resume meeting on July 9 at 5:30 pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings after a few weeks of "break time".

On Friday, July 11, we will be opening our doors for another community wide Potluck Supper. If you have been unable to enjoy a meal with us yet, our hope is you will be able to join us this month. Food and fellowship begins at 6:00 pm at the church. For more information, please call Kathy at 265-4651. Our goal is to have a closer relationship with folks inside as well as outside of our church building walls.

There will be no men's breakfast this month. The men will once again hold their monthly bacon-filled breakfast and Bible study on August 2 at 8:00 am.

For more information about WMBC services, events and Bible studies please contact us by calling 265-2557, emailing westernmountainbaptist@tds.net or find us on Facebook.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
JULY 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Portland Community Church service at 11:00 am each Sunday starting with June 8 at the North Village Church		1 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10	11 Community Pot Luck WMBC 6:00 pm
13	14	15	16 Ice Cream Social at Community Room 5:30 - 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20 Deadline for the New Portlander 4:00 pm	21	22 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	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	