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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 ..... 2pm - 5pm  
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](mailto: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 Clerk

**State of Maine General Election:**

**Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**Polls Open/Close: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Location: New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road,  
New Portland**

**Absentee ballots must be returned NO LATER THAN 8:00  
pm on Election Day**

**Respectfully...**

*Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk*

## New Portland Community Library

Library news from the librarian, Shelby Newell - October was a wonderful and busy month at the library! Our storage shed has been stained, and we've begun to make use of it. Thanks to the volunteers for their help in getting this project completed. We were so fortunate to have received a grant that is helping us with some much needed improvements.

Thanks to Kathy McClure for giving her time again this year for another sewing project. The group made purses and fun was had by all! The library also hosted evening knitting and crocheting lessons throughout the months of September and October. Those in attendance learned some new patterns and appreciated the help of Deb and Joye. Be on the lookout for more events in the coming months!

Bring the children to the library on Saturday, November 29 at 9:00 am for our annual "Decorate the Tree" event! It is always fun to decorate with their new creations as well as the ornaments made over the past few years. We'll have cookies and cocoa. Hope to see you there!

Stop by the library to see what is new on our shelves! We're open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 am - noon. We have computers available for the public and don't forget

**New Portlander article submission deadline is October 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.

that you can borrow e-books with your electronic devices, all you need is a library card! Shelby can help you get set up to borrow books from the Maine InfoNet Download Library.

Don't forget, as colder weather approaches, the library closes when school is cancelled or dismissed early.

Friends of the Library - Katie Handrahan - September 100 Club Winners are Tabitha & Randy Emery, Anna Boucher, Doug Archer, Shelby Newell, Ronald Bearor, Joye Earl, Wanda Calder, Enviro-Mat, Barb Bruno, Lori Hibbard, Jennifer & Bryan McNaney, Jim & Jane Heitchel

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **Comprehensive Planning Committee**

Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting notes from October 1, 2014

Members present: James Heickle, Bob Whitten, Stacy Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Alison Thayer, Mike Dentico, Judi Wills.

The committee needs to gather information from the community to better understand everyone's views, thoughts and needs. Discussion was held to try to put together a questionnaire that can gather the information from all citizens and cover areas that are important. The Comprehensive Plan is a road map of where the Town of New Portland is at this time and how to make changes to better the town. The information the committee can gather from all citizens will help put a plan into place and know where and how to get funding to support the needs and changes to happen.

Discussion was very interesting and covered areas in town that need improvement, areas that could be explored for future growth. To form questions which we thought could be put out to the community and to which they would respond was very difficult. What the vision is for people to have for New Portland, can be very different from their neighbors. How do we engage citizens to be involved in the community in some small way? (Helping neighbors, clean up day, volunteering) Trying to decide what information the committee is attempting to gather to help build this Comprehensive Plan was challenging. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be November 5, 2014, 7:00 pm following the Planning Board meeting.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## **Wire Bridge SnowTravelers**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** The Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers, the New Portland Snowmobile Club, is looking for new people to get involved in our club. We meet once a month, the third Saturday at the Fire Station Meeting Room with our meetings starting at 6:30 pm. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The club is responsible for maintaining (grooming, signing, and brushing) the 60 miles of snowmobile trails in New Portland. We also give an annual scholarship to a graduating Carrabec High School student, as well as holding a supper to recognize the numerous landowners who allow us to use their land for our trails.

At the present, we have 12 active members (five from New Portland), but some of these members would like to step down from their current positions in the club. **Therefore, we are looking for people who would be willing to step in and fill these positions so our club can continue to function!**

**Please strongly consider joining our club and volunteering your time to help the Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers be able to continue to do a superb job maintaining our snowmobile trails.**

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

The October meeting was called to order with ten members present.

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

Trail Master: Kendall reported both grants were done and had been mailed. Work sessions will be set up soon to repair bridges. Kendall reminds members if you do any work on the trails to remember to keep track of your time.

Social Director: Linda asked if club members have a particular destination for a club ride to let her know, and she will add it to the ride schedule.

We will discuss when to hold the December meeting at our November meeting.

Old Business: A letter, concerning encouraging more involvement among members, was passed around for members to review. Joyce will make copies and take them over to the Town Office. She will also send the letter out to members with their monthly newsletter.

The next meeting will be November 15.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary*

## **Announcement**

The New Portland Historical Society will hold a holiday craft sale November 15, 2014 at 9:00 am at the New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland, Me. Come and join us, there will be something for everyone. Lunch will also be available. Thank you.

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, Historical Society.*

## **Community Churches**

On October 18, at the Western Mountains Baptist Church, a Ladies Harvest Brunch was held titled Freedom From Bondage. Approximately 40 ladies attended to hear a speaker share her powerful testimony and to be encouraged. To find out more about our Ladies Ministry at WMBC call Deb at 684-2050.

Gems is a Christian club for girls, ages 5 through 12, which is held during the school year on two Fridays each month after school. 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. The girls get a charm bracelet and earn charms through different challenges, such as attendance, service projects, and memorizing Bible verses, the books of the Bible, and the Pledge of Allegiance. For more information contact Rosie Bates. You can reach her on Facebook or at [rbates@roadrunner.com](mailto:rbates@roadrunner.com)

There will be a potluck lunch held after our morning worship on November 9. Please plan to join us. Call Kathy for more information at 265-4651.

Are you aware that our Sunday morning messages can now be downloaded onto Android Smartphones and iPhones? Check out our website at [www.westernmountainschurch.com](http://www.westernmountainschurch.com) and click on Music and Podcast.

November 16, there will be a pie baking contest to benefit an organization that helps to prevent teen suicides. The pies will be judged (There are plenty of people standing in line for this position.) and prizes will be given. For more information please call the church at 265-2557, talk with Pastor Tom

at 557-3802 or like our Facebook page to get more details.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

New Portland Community Church News November 2014: I guess, summer really is over; suppers at the West Village church have ended for the year. Our thanks to all who help provide, prepare, cook and eat these meals. Many people in town donate to our suppers, and we so much appreciate the community support. Proceeds from the suppers are very helpful in paying the bills that keep the churches open.

Enjoy the coming holiday season. Thanksgiving is only weeks away! And then Christmas is here before we know it! The Annual New Portland Church Christmas sale will be coming up soon. Keep an eye out for posters.

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings. Check out warm stuff you might be needing!

Services are now being held in the West Village Church for the fall and winter. The North Village Church will be quietly resting for the season, awaiting spring and summer services coming again next year. Come meet in the West for coffee hour from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Services begin at 11:00 am. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of November: November 2 – Rev. Doug Walrath [Communion], November 9 – Ann Marie Simone, November 16 – Rev. Doug Walrath, November 23 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton, November 30 at 10:00 am – “Heart and Soul” – a story telling service by Phyllis Blackstone.

Please note there will be no service held at New Portland Churches on November 30.

*Submitted: Nan Berry*





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22	21	20	19	18	17	16
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Town Office Open 8:00 AM-NOON					
West 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						
Daylight Savings Day	General Election Fire Station Meeting Room 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	New Portland Fire Department Meeting 6:30 PM Veterans Day Library Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM	School Board Meeting 6:00 PM Planning board Meeting 7:00 PM	Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	Historical Society Holiday Craft Sale 9:00 AM Fire Station Sno-Travelers Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm
				Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL Deadline for the New Portlander 4:00 pm		New Portland Fire Dept Meeting 6:30 pm
				Thanksgiving Day		KIDS - Decorate the Tree event 9:00 AM at NPCL

**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR  
 NOVEMBER 2014**

