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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, Wednesday11am - 5pm
Thursday2pm - 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

Monday2pm - 5pm
Wednesday12pm - 2pm
Thursday3pm - 7pm
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends).....8am - 11am

CEO: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

1st and 3rd Tuesday1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3

Tuesday9am - 11am
(or call to schedule a meeting)

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Managernwprtld@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, Thurs4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday10:00 am - noon
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:**
Wed, Sat, and Sun7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday12:30 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 Manager

NOTICE: The town will be closed on Wednesday, October 1 and Thursday, October 2 as staff will be attending training. Regular office hours will resume on Saturday, October 4 at 8:00 am.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes August 5, 2014

Members Present: Andrea Reichert, Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Stacy Thompson-Emery. Andrea called the meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved with a couple of minor editing of wording. All were in favor.

Kip briefed the board on Tanker 2 and issues they are having with it. He believes it is a battery issue. Kip discussed with the board a possible option to share the Mack with New Vineyard instead of selling it. He informed the board that he is still waiting to hear from the New Vineyard chief to see if there is any interest. There was a brief discussion on this matter. The board showed some interest, but there will need to be clarification on an agreement between the two towns on this matter. Kip relayed to the board that the calls are up still. The five ton is done being repaired. He was unsure on an exact cost. But thought it would be around \$5,000. There was a brief discussion on the volume of calls. Kip shared his thoughts with the board about covering for the Lexington Fire Department on a regular basis and approaching the County on some assistance to cover the expensive costs to do this. There was a brief discussion on this matter and how to move forward with going forward with this. Kip also talked to the board about issues with the 2005 International. He believes it is an electronic surging issue during the pumping process. He has put a call in to the person who rebuilt the pump. He will keep the board informed on the matter.

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

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2014

Members Present: Andrea Reichert, Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Marilyn Gorman, Donald Browne, Kevin Bixby

Meeting called to order 6:43 pm.

Minutes were not available.

Abatement application for Donald Browne was presented to the board. They will review it at the next meeting.

Gary confirmed a contract for the roadside brush cutting. The board members reviewed it. The board and Gary discussed that the contract to do the culvert project on the Middle Road had been signed and mailed. The date has not been determined to start this, but Gary will notify the board when it will start. Gary reviewed some ditching projects with the board. Gary discussed with the board that the grader had gone over to the fairgrounds to do some work and the Lions paid for the time of the grader operator. Gary reviewed with the board an entrance violation on New Portland Hill Road. The board asked Stacie to write a violation letter to the property owner. There was a discussion on ordering and installation of signs that have been stolen.

Kip shared with the board the results of the transmission repairs on the forestry truck. They were almost \$500 more than expected. He reviewed with the board the amount of calls the department has had. There was a discussion on some trouble the department had with the rescue truck on a recent call. There was a discussion on the pending building for containment of the generator the fire department has been given. Plans are still on hold. They are trying to look at all options and keep costs down.

Brian shared with the board that the last Planning Board meeting in August was cancelled due to a lack of members to have a quorum.

Stacie shared with the board that an abatement document needed to be signed from an approval they made that was overlooked in the amount of \$64. It was at the office for them to sign. Also, the annual General Assistance ordinance needed to be signed.

The board reviewed and signed payroll warrants and an accounts payable warrant. Stacie shared with the board some

Gary talked to the board about some wash issues with the recent rain. He will be fixing them and wanted the board to know that it is in the process of being fixed. There is some ditching going on, and he informed the board that he would like to do some road flailing. Gary listed the roads and locations that he wanted to have the work done on. There was a discussion on how the work from last year looks now and the advantages to doing this. Gary talked to the board on the slip line project on the Middle Road. He has not had any luck with interest from contractors to do this job. He recommended to the board to go ahead with the project and go with Culvert Rehabilitation Services. There was a discussion on the bid from Culvert Rehabilitation Services and what this bid includes. Andrea motioned to go ahead with the bid from Culvert Rehabilitation Services for \$110,500. Doug seconded and all were in favor. There was a discussion on the culvert that was installed on Hancock Pond Road. Gary also shared with the board he purchased some blades for the grader.

Stacy Thompson-Emery updated the board on issues she is having at the transfer station and her vacation had to be put on hold. She talked to the board about ongoing issues with recycling contamination issues at the transfer station.

Stacie reviewed with the board payroll warrants and a/p warrant. Andrea asked about upcoming meetings. The board confirmed that selectmen's meetings are the first Tuesday of the month to hear items by the public, department heads and manager items.

The second meeting of the month is scheduled to be the third Monday of each month, where the board will sign warrants and review financials. No items by the public will be heard and only department emergencies will be heard.

There was a discussion on scheduling for committing taxes and working with Maine Revenue Services. There was a discussion on a complaint from Joye Earle regarding her assessment.

There was a brief discussion on Code Enforcement violations and the status of them.

There was a brief discussion on options for a mil rate with tentative information that was available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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of the complaints that were coming in regarding the taxes. There was a brief discussion about an invoice from the attorney's office regarding the T.A.N. paperwork done. There was a discussion regarding the hauling of the trash from the office and the fire department. There was a brief discussion about the change of hours at the transfer station on Fridays.

Stacie shared with the board that Charles Costello and Harold Crocker have both asked to do the bush hogging on the town fields. The board granted it to Harold Crocker.

Kevin Bixby questioned the board on the increase of taxes on his property. There was a discussion about why his taxes had gone up. The board advised Kevin that if he felt he was taxed incorrectly he could submit an abatement application to the board and they would review it.

Wayne motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (Discussions with the towns attorney) Andrea seconded all were in favor. Time was 7:31 pm.

The board exited from executive session at 8:00 pm. The board motioned while in executive session to have attorney Mike Hodgins from Bernstein Shur draft a response letter to attorney Lynn Williams who represents Jean Antonucci, regarding her complaint about Enviro-Mats.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

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Town Clerk

Howdy New Portlanders!

It is that time of year again to start licensing your dog(s). Licensing starts on October 15 and the fee for a fixed dog is \$6.00 and not fixed is \$11.00. Please keep in mind that I will need to see verification of rabies vaccinations. Also, I will be doing the same thing I have done since being in office where I will allow you to leave your info and payment if you happen to come in when the clerk's office is closed and either I or my deputy will mail you back your tags and rabies info. You can also mail in your info to the office at 901 River Road, New Portland 04961. It is the law in the state on Maine to license your dog(s). Any questions call 628-4441 ext 2.

Absentee ballots will be mailed out the September 29 from the state for the November 4 election. Hopefully, the clerks office will have them within a few days from that date. You

can request an absentee ballot online, by phone or in person. You can also request an absentee ballot for an immediate family member only! October 30 is the LAST DAY you can REQUEST an absentee ballot so please keep that in mind. If you have any questions, please call the clerks office. Respectfully...

Submitted: Alicia Wills

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: It's time for another great sewing project with Kathy McClure! This time we'll be making a purse. We will meet at 6:00 pm on October 7 and 14. You must sign up in advance. We already have several people on the class list. Email Shelby at newportlandcl@gmail.com or call the library at 628-6561, if you have questions or to sign up and join the fun!

The additional hours of operation on Tuesdays are very popular. We are glad this makes the library more accessible for more people in our community. Current hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am - Noon. The return book drop for after hours returns is by the door. High speed internet is even available in the parking lot 24/7. We have Keurig hot tea and coffee any time you visit. Magazines, dvds, books, classes, a warm place to gather...the library has it all!

Speaking of warm, there is a noticeable chill in the air, gardening and harvesting are wrapping up, and the sun is fading earlier and earlier in the evenings. Perhaps you can add reading to your list of autumn evening activities. The library has a great selection for all ages and interests. "A mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge." - George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones.

Happy Fall, Everyone!

Friends of the Library - Katie Handrahan and Kay Michka: August 2014 100 Club Winners were Kenneth Atwood, Linda DeWolf, Bertrand Dyer, Gary Cobb, Bernard Newell, Arlene Trudel, Sophie Green, Joan Mose, Joye Earl, Deborah Clague, Richard Atwood, Sharlene Belanger, Anna Seguin, New Portland Lions Club, and Anonymous. Congratulations!

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meets the second and fourth Thursday each month, 10:00 am. See you on the 9th and 23rd.

Submitted: Kay Michka

Comprehensive Planning Committee

New Portland Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
September 3, 2014

Members Present: Barry Turcotte, Alison Thayer, Andrea Reichart, Brian Rundlett, Stacy Rundlett, Jim Heichel, Judi Wills, Bob Whitten, Marilyn Gorman. Peter Gardiner (members absent: Gabe Clark, Mike Dentaco, Lewis Wills) Greg Drummond attended our meeting to gather information on how we are performing the tasks required for the Comprehensive Plan for Highland Plantation.

The committee reviewed the work that has been done up to this point. Alison Thayer presented her research and information on recreation. Discussion was held on what had been active in New Portland and what was active at this time. Problem areas were discussed that caused the activity to not continue. Alison then presented thoughts and actions for ideas for future activities for New Portland. The committee supported what ideas were presented, and more review needs to be done to follow through on ideas.

The next meeting will be the Wednesday, October 1. The meeting will start right after Planning Board meeting. The next discussion will be presented by Andrea and Judi.

Submitted by, Judi Wills

Recreation Committee

TScare Crow Contest: At this time there is no active Recreation Committee; there is one member still on it. So having said that it is difficult to plan events like we have had in the past. I would like to continue a few things but will need to do them just a little differently. I am in hopes other people who are interested will contact me to join in.

So, October I would like to do a scare crow contest. It will be open to all New Portland Citizens. The theme is what ever moves you. Can be scary, funny, serious but would appreciate keeping the entry respectful. Judging will be done for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. If young children enter 5-8 age, 9-12 years of age, they will be judged in their age group. All entries above the age of 12 will go into adult judging.

Stakes will be on grass area in front of Community Room and will be numbered. When you fill out your entry form please enter the stake number you attached to your scare crow. That is will allow the judges to know the number of the entry.

The entry can be put in place the week of October 17 to the 22.

All entries will be collected from box on the October 23, organized into age categories. The judges will receive the entry numbers in each age group without names. Winners will be announced on the October 25. The fire department and I are working on more, but it is still in planning stages. Watch the board by town office for more info or facebook.

I would like to do something in December, but it is still in planning stages. Anyone who may have ideas or would like to help please feel free to call me. I would hate to see what took a few years to bring alive just come to an end. As a community we had fun doing these few activities and people of all ages enjoyed. Just need people to get involved, so those of us who have done it for so long can step back and let others begin.

Thank you.

Submitted by Judi Wills

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The September meeting was held with 8 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

TRAIL MASTER: Kendall has finished the club grant and is working on the municipal grant. Some work needs to be done to the groomer. It needs to have a track belt replaced and preventative maintenance. Lewis will contact people when he is ready to work on the groomer.

NEW BUSINESS: Much discussion was held about how to get enrollment increased, especially with people living in the town. Kevin suggested that we send a letter to all of the people in town that register snowmobiles but do not belong to the club. Kendall and Joyce will create a draft of a letter and bring it to the next meeting. Lewis said the club could still keep the groomer at his house for one more year. He would like to see more people trained to operate the groomer. Kendall stated he no longer plans on being trail master after this year. He is willing to work with anyone interested in learning the position.

Joyce has received the 2014-2015 club memberships so she will be sending out enrollment forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be October 18.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Thank You

The New Portland Lions Club would like to thank everyone who supported and enjoyed our small annual agricultural fair. Hope you got to see the new pig barn. Thanks again!

Submitted: Cathy Horne

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News for October 2014: Summer Concert Series at the North New Portland Community Church started in July when the Don Roy Band entertained the audience with world class fiddle music. With fiddle, upright bass, keyboard, guitar and banjo (not to mention the step dancing/tap to provide percussion and a dance number) the band was fun to watch and to hear. My personal favorite was a Paris inspired tune that made me think of a café on the street in that fair city. The second concert was held on August 3. "Socks in the Frying Pan", Ireland's "Best Band of the Year" did not disappoint. "The band comprises two brothers, Shane and Fiachra Hayes on accordion and fiddle/banjo and accompanied by Aodán Coyne on guitar and vocals. This young trad trio from Country Clare blend Irish traditional melodies with and innovative rhythmic and melodic garnish." Socks in the Frying Pan provided a fine evening of entertainment.

Suppers at the West Village church have been going well. Thanks to all who help out and to those who attend. Come enjoy the company and a good meal on October 16. You can eat in or carry out! Check the posters for the menu.

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings. Check out the new fall line of thrift store duds!

Services are moving to the West Village Church for the fall and winter. (Yes, it really is that time of year again). Come meet for coffee hour from 10:30 to 11:00am. Services begin at 11:00 am. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of October: October 5 – Rev. Doug Walrath (Communion) – Return to West Village Church, October 12 – Rev. Stan Wheeler, October 19 – Rev. Doug Walrath, October 26 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Western Mountains Baptist Church on Route 27: We are gearing up for winter. Our Service Ministry is busy helping people with "wood parties" and weatherization projects. If you or you know of a need in our local communities please call the church at 265-2557 or email: westernmountains-

baptist@tds.net. We have people in our congregation eager to help those of us who are in need of a helping hand.

Our Youth Group is up and running for another school year. The youngsters meet every Thursday evening, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. If you have a pre-teen or a young teen who would like to be involved in fun Bible studies, indoor/outdoor activities and games please call 265-2019 or 265-6361 for more information.

A Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Study meets at the church at 9:00 am. There are other Bible studies and meetings for women throughout the week as well as Sunday morning. Please call the church or Debi, the Ladies Ministry leader, at 684-2050 or Betsy at 678-2328 if you would like to become involved.

The WMBC hosts a Men's Breakfast the first Saturday of each month. Also, the men have a Bible study each Monday evening at 6:30 pm. Both are held at the church. Special events are also offered to the men in our church and in our local communities. Last month, a good sized group of men attended the Man-Up Conference in Bangor at Calvary Baptist Church. For more information call Jean, the Men's Ministry leader, at 265-2698 or Pastor Tom at 557-3802.

Be sure to checkout our Facebook page for on-going events and activities. Our church services are held at 10:00 am every Sunday morning with Nursery and Children's Church provided if interested. Come early or stay after the service for coffee, snacks and fellowship.

May October be a month of blessings for our community and for our families.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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5 Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm at WMBC	6 Crafting-Purse Making 6:00 pm NPCL Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	7 New Portland Water District Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	9 Town Office closed due to training	10 Town Office Open 10 - Noon Men's Breakfast 8:00 am at WMBC	11 Women's Breakfast 9:00 am at WMBC
12 Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm at WMBC	13 Dog Licensing Starts New Portland Fire Dept 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees 6 pm Crafting-Purse Making 6:00 pm NPCL	14 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL	15 Sno Travelers Meeting Scarecrow Placement/ Contest	16 Town Office closed due to training	17 Town Office Open 10 - Noon Men's Breakfast 8:00 am at WMBC	18 Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm at WMBC
19 Scarecrow Placement/ Contest	20 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Deadline for the New Portlander 4:00 pm Sno-Travelers at fire station 6:30 pm. Scarecrow Placement/ Contest	21 New Portland Fire Dept 6:00 pm NPCL	22 Knitwits and Happy Hookers 10:00 am - noon NPCL QZAB Referendum Bond Polls Open/Close 10 am-6 pm at Fire Station	23 Town Office closed due to training	24 Town Office Open 10 - Noon Men's Breakfast 8:00 am at WMBC	25 Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm at WMBC
26	27	28 New Portland Fire Dept Meeting 6:30 pm	29	30	31 Halloween	



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