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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

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

Selectmen

PLEASE NOTE: The Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station is going to have a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Friday, September 5 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2014

Selectmen Present: Douglas Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne, Gary Agren.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Minutes were reviewed from the June 3 meeting. Andrea suggested a word be removed from the minutes. Wayne motioned to approve the meeting with the one change. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Terri briefed the Board of Selectmen on a Supplemental Tax Bill that was presented to them. Andrea motioned the supplemental tax bill for a tree growth penalty for map 12 lot 29, owner is Brazz, and in the amount of \$2,376.20. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

There was some brief discussion among the Board of Selectmen and Terri about Joye Earle's abatement and that a site visit was done. The Board of Selectmen wants Bobby to go and look at the plumbing fixtures and to see about getting a grey water system. Doug motioned to deny the abatement. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

The Board of Selectmen and Terri discussed the waterfront assessment on Gammon Pond. Doug motioned to approve to lower the charge for Gammon Pond from \$58,000 to \$48,000. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

The Board of Selectmen and Terri discussed water access assessments. Doug motioned to charge \$7,500 to people with deeded water access. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

The Board of Selectmen and Terri then discussed the waterfront assessments for Lemon Stream and Gilman Stream

New Portlander article submission deadline is September 20 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

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below the dam. No decisions were made at this point.

Gary updated the Board of Selectmen about the culvert project on the Middle Road.

Kip made a suggestion to the Board of Selectmen about the building for the generator in the bay that can be more cost effective. Kip said that the Fire Department doesn't use the Mack very much, so if they could sell it the money could be used towards the housing of the generator. Andrea motioned to sell the Mack and have the proceeds go towards a building for the generator in the Fire Department bay. Doug seconded. Wayne was not in favor.

Terri and the Board of Selectmen looked at and discussed the rural sales analysis which Terri provided for them. Doug motioned to increase the rurals assessment on the first acre to \$18,000. Andrea seconded. Wayne not in favor.

The Board of Selectmen and Terri set a date to have a work session on July 9 at the town office.

Andrea motioned to adjourn at 9:13 pm. Doug seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved with changes by the Board of Selectmen at the August 5, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMS

Town Clerk

Attention New Portlanders!! The QZAB Bond for MSAD #74 that was voted down back in May is now up for vote again. If you have any questions on this you are strongly urged to attend the public hearing in September.

Here are the following "save the dates" for the public hearing and the referendum vote:

QZAB Bond Public Hearing: Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014; Time: 6:00 pm; Location: Carrabec High School Gymnasium

QZAB Bond Referendum: Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014; Polls Open/Close: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Location: New Portland Fire Station

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting for August 6, 2014

Committee Members Present: Barry Turcotte, Alison Thayer, Andrea Reichart, Brian Rundlett, Stacy Rundlett, Jim Heichel, Judi Wills, Bob Whitten, Marilyn Gorman. Members absent: Gabe Clark, Mike Dentaco, Lewis Wills, Peter Gardiner, Kyle Handrahan.

Barry Turcotte reviewed the work section of the Plan on which he had worked, Natural Resources. Barry researched information to update the plan. The committee reviewed and discussed the information, and we all learned from it.

Bob Whitten had reviewed and updated information on

Forestry. More information is needed and Bob will gather that information to finish the update.

What each member of the committee is doing, is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. Each member has a section of the plan to review and update. KVOG had presented areas that needed more information and gave us resources.

The committee is working very well as individuals and as a committee. We are staying on a schedule to gather information and be ready to present at a meeting. The whole committee reviews the work, comments, and makes changes or updates.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm, following the Planning Board Meeting.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Animal Control Officer

It is that time of year again to get your dogs and cats vaccinated. Remember dogs will need to be licensed in October.

Next rabies clinic is September 3, 2014 at Webster Hall in Kingfield from 10:15 - 11:15 am. Any questions please call me at 779-7769.

Submitted: Lorie Agren

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The August meeting was held with seven members present.

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

Trail Master: Kendall stated he needed to get on line to get paperwork to get started on the grants.

A letter was read from the Gilman Pond Association stating they do not want the club to groom the road going by their camps anymore. The club will have to make a decision about where to relocate the trail.

The main bridge that needs repairs this season is the one on the Wire Bridge Trail.

Lewis announced to the club that after 29 years he has decided to no longer be in charge of maintenance and operations of the groomer. The club will need to find someone who is willing to take over that responsibility.

The club would like to thank Lewis for his dedication and hard work. Without him, the trails would not have been the best in the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held Saturday, September 20 at the fire station starting at 6:30 pm.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Thank You

I wanted to thank the New Portland Fire Department for all the work they do. When most people think of a fire department, we think they respond to fires of all sorts. The other parts of their job or willingness to respond go unnoticed sometimes.

Our firemen respond to car accidents, not only if the vehicle catches fire, but for safety to other traffic and also to prevent traffic problems. They help to make the scene safe for rescue to perform their jobs and lend a helping hand to rescue personnel.

They respond to trees down, again to prevent injury to people driving and to keep the area clear if wires are down, to help slow traffic when CMP or the telephone company come to repair lines. They respond to water across roads, again to make travel safe.

They support events held in our town such as the New Portland Fair, the derby event, the United Bikers Weekend. I am sure there is much more that they do, as a volunteer department.

We are so lucky to have people who are still willing to join as a volunteer and be able to help when the need arises and to do all the training so they can stay up to state regulations. This all takes commitment which is something all communities are seeing disappear. I just want the fire fighters to know many people appreciate their time and commitment to our town.

I just wanted to thank all who help our community and those who support me on emergency calls. Respectfully...

Submitted: Judi Wills

Community Churches

The folks at the Western Mountains Baptist Church enjoyed a fun time last month hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year the half day event was held in August and titled, "Son-Treasure Island". During the closing program it was evident by everyone's enthusiasm, including the adults, that the time and effort that went into VBS was worthwhile. The children had a fun time learning about the Bible and having a relationship with Jesus Christ. An average of 35 enthusiastic children attended each day. Volunteers were so blessed by their experience that they expressed more than once that the three day version was not long enough. We can expect to see a lengthier VBS next year.

September 6, at 8:00 am, there will be a Men's Breakfast held at the church. After a big breakfast with lots of their favorite food (bacon), the men will have a devotional and Bible study. All men, young and old, are welcome. For more information call Jean. His phone number is 265-2698.

Gems, a Christian Club for girls, ages 5 - 12, proudly received a trophy for their participation in the parade at

Kingfield Festival Days. After a short summer break, the club will meet again September 5, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the church. They will be learning about the wonders of creation.

Youth Group also starts up again in September. Please call 265-2019 or 265-6361 for more details.

Other groups such as Bible studies, that have taken a summer break will be in full swing again soon. Call the church at 265-2557 for more information or send an email to westernmountainbaptist@tds.net. Also check out our facebook page for updates.

The Western Mountains Baptist Church has Sunday worship services at 10:00 am. Sunday School classes for all ages are held before hand at 9:00 am. Children's Church and Nursery are provided during the worship service. Please feel free to visit us, all are welcome. Be blessed.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

New Portland Community Library

When West Athens author and playwright, Peter Pfeiffer, came by the library recently for the artists' reception for the latest art exhibit, "MAN/CAVE", he immediately spotted a painting of a skidder pulling a twitch of logs through the woods, skillfully done by John Alsop, and quickly negotiated to buy and use it for the cover of his soon-to-be-published book, "Hard Chance - Tree Farming in Troubled Times". Meanwhile, an easy mood was being set by the soft notes of David Gottlieb's clarinet. And across the way was a small screen showing the video loop of Billy Anderson's compelling footage. The music and video are gone, and the chance to meet and speak with the artists has passed, but the amazing work is still gracing the walls, and will be through September. C'mon by and check it out while you can.

Submitted: Lolly Phoenix

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell:

Be sure to stop by the library to check out our latest books, DVDs, and magazines. We have something for everyone! Be on the lookout for another sewing project with Kathy McClure. This time we'll be making a purse. A supply list will be available soon. We will meet at 6:00 pm on October 7th and 14th. You must sign up in advance. E-mail Shelby at newportlandcl@gmail.com or call the library at 628-6561.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 A.M.

Submitted: Kay Michka

