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The Town of New Portland is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

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 Mitchell - 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
Thursday4pm - 7pm

CEO: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

1st and 3rd Tuesday 1pm - 3pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3

.....Appointment Only

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Manager nwprtInd@tds.net

NEW PORTLAND PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The New Portland Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Fire Station, 911 River Rd, New Portland, ME 04961

The New Portland Planning Board's purpose for this hearing is to hear comment on a proposed T-L-C sub division, located on the Chick Road.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2014

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne, Dallas Landry, Brenda Stevens, Bobbi Dunphy

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Minutes from the November 4 Board of Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved with changes. Doug motioned to accept the minutes as written with the two changes. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Brenda Stevens inquired as to why the real estate taxes have taken a 40% increase. Andrea said that rural properties were increased, and this was based on a sales analysis that was done. The sales analysis showed that the first acre for rural properties needed to be increased by 50%.

Terri presented an abatement request for \$122.40 from Rose Marie Hendrix to the Board of Selectmen. Terri and the Board of Selectmen reviewed all of the information. Doug motioned to deny. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Andrea inquired about a violation in the Shoreline Zoning.

There was some discussion amongst the Board of Selectmen

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
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

New Portlander article submission deadline is January 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.

and Stacie regarding the foreclosures for 2011 delinquent taxes.

A/P & Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Stacie updated the Board of Selectmen about contacting Lorie Brann. Stacie said the blocks have been moved for the snow plows.

Andrea motioned to enter into Executive Session Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters at 8:23 pm. Exited from Executive Session at 8:49 pm. No decisions were made.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 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 December 2, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMM
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2014*

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert- Chairman, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Becky Taylor, Kip Poulin, Marilyn Gorman, Gary Agren, Leisa Emery

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Minutes were accepted and approved from the November 17 Board of Selectmen's Meeting with two changes. Andrea motioned to approve the minutes with the two changes. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Gary inquired as to when budget talks are supposed to start.

Kip updated the Board of Selectmen on some figures on payroll and trainings. Kip said there were 68 calls this year, and the average is around 43 calls.

Andrea asked Becky how winter roads were going. Becky said that there was a breakdown but it is fixed and ready for the next storm. Andrea asked Stacie if there were any complaints. Stacie said just one call, and Andrea said she also received just one call.

Andrea asked Brian about the Planning Board. Brian said there was an item coming up.

A/P & Payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Andrea said she was in contact with Kelly Cossaboom about the delinquent taxes, and they needed to get in touch with Stacie about signing a Land Purchase Installment Contract.

Stacie said that Terri Tolman's mortgage company paid her taxes in full and that Terri said she would be in Saturday to pay for the Quit-Claim deed.

The Board of Selectmen and Stacie reviewed some budget items.

Stacie said Terri would like to have the List of Estates mailed where everyone does not always receive a town report in which the List of Estates have previously been located.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the December 15, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMM

Town Clerk

Just a couple of announcements from the Town Clerk's office. The following terms (which are each three (3) year terms) are going to be up for the 2015 town election: Selectmen, Town Clerk and School Board. If interested, candidates may come to the Town Clerk's office and receive nomination papers any time on or after December 18, 2014. Candidates must have at least twenty-five (25) signatures of REGISTERED voters of New Portland on the papers. The nomination papers must be returned NO LATER THAN January 20, 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 628-4441.

And just another friendly reminder it is now the time to license your dog(s). It is the law in the State of Maine to license your dog(s). The fee for a fixed dog is \$6.00 and not fixed is \$11.00. If you happen to come in when the clerk's office is closed, you can leave your payment and your dog(s) rabies information, and I will mail everything back to you.

I hope you all have a great New Year! Respectfully...

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library - Katie Handrahan and Kay Michka: Congratulations to the following 100 Club Members for November: Ella Clague, Jim and Jane Heichel, Mary and Rod Hatch, Jim Taylor, Shelby Newell, Paula Anderson, Bertrand Dyer, Greg West, Tranten's Store, Joan Moes, Pete Gardner, Arlene Trudel, Greg and Pat Drummond, and Jordan Lumber.

Thank you to Dickey Lesvesque of Lexington for helping out with a small shelving project. We appreciate his handiwork! Also, thank you to Greg Shaw of New Portland for checking on the roof before snow fell.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet every second and fourth Thursday, 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

Art at the Library - Julia Bouwsma - Erasure Poem and Collage Workshop: Join us on Saturday, January 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for an inspiring afternoon of collage using found images and text. All participants will receive a text selection to transform into their own unique piece of writing/art. Focus on the words that excite you and cross out the rest! Add cut-out images! Follow your imagination! Pieces created in this workshop will be displayed in the New Portland Community Library as a community art show. This activity can be enjoyed by curious, creative people of all ages—no background in art or writing is required. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring images you might want to use in your collage. If you cannot make it to the workshop, materials and instructions will be available until March 31, and finished works will be added to the show as they are created. An artist's reception will be held at the library on Friday, April 3 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm to share and celebrate our exciting creations!

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: It was a wonderful year for the New Portland Community Library! We received a grant which made it possible for us to have a shed built, have the library walls painted, and shades installed to help with heating costs in the winter and cooling in the summer, and many other things. Special thanks to the community for its support of the library! We value your patronage and support immensely!

Special thanks to Tom Polk of Kingfield for his generous donation of a handcrafted toboggan for the library raffle! Congratulations to Joan Sawtell of New Portland, the winner of the toboggan! Many thanks to all who purchased tickets to support the library!

Join us for "Toasty Tuesdays" at the New Portland Community Library starting on January 6. Come to the library for a warm drink and a breakfast pastry, muffin, or bread at any time from 10:00 am to Noon. We hope you will settle in with a cup of coffee or tea, a bite to eat, and a book.

Do not forget that when school closes or the weather is questionable, we will be closed. When in doubt, call 628-6561 or check the New Portland Community Library Facebook page. Happy New Year!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Planning Board

Minutes of September 3, 2014 Planning Board Meeting

Planning Board Present: Brian Rundlett, Peter Gardner, Jim Heichel, Kyle Handrahan; Present: Stacie Rundlett

Peter called the meeting order at 6:35 pm.

An amendment to the original subdivision on 1 lot was talked about for Sanford Furman. Brian made a motion to accept the amendment. Peter seconded. All were in favor.

Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Brian seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the December 3, 2014 Planning Board Meeting. KMM

Minutes of the October 1, 2014 Planning Board Meeting

Planning Board Members Present: Brian Rundlett, Jim Heichel; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Meleskie

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

No minutes from last meeting.

Mike Meleskie was at the meeting on the behalf of David Cary about land bought on Chick Road in 2011, and Mike was advised it is going to have to through subdivision if the land is going to be split up. Brian advised Mike that he needs to meet with Bobby Dunphy to get the permits that he needs first.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Jim

seconded. All were in favor.

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Submitted: Stacey Rundlett

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Comprehensive Plan Meeting for December 3, Members present: Jim Heickle, Lewis Wills, StaceyRundlett, Brian Rundlett, Peter Gardner, Barry Turcotte, Judi Wills.

The meeting started with an overview of what material has been updated or changed. The committee felt there was more work to do on each section, but the committee has done a great job. Discussion on how to survey the towns people on what they would like to see improved, changed or future needs. The committee will plan on working on this area and bring their ideas and thoughts to the February meeting.

Mike Dentico presented his information on agriculture in New Portland. He reviewed farms like Gabe Clark's, Atwood Maple Syrup and a number of other small business that draw from the farm lands, forests and use of greenhouses. A lengthy discussion was held on how to bring back New Portland and the ability for the towns people to reuse the lands.

More review of all the chapters and working on a Public Opinion Survey will be done at the next meeting. The committee will not meet in January but will start the meetings on February 4 at the Community Room. The committee meets at 7:00 pm.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Wire Bridge SnowTravelers

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers meeting called to order at 6:45pm with the following members present: Kevin and Alice Bixby, Dave, Lynn, Zach Carey, Kathy and Bill Capperelli, Brad Bucklin, Rick and Linda DeWolfe, Julie and Paul Fortunati (new members) Joyce and Kendall Knowles were not present, they were enjoying their new grandbaby.

Secretary's report was not available to read, but clubs members remembered different items and information was reviewed. Treasurer's report was read and gave details of cost of building bridges and repairs and maintenance cost for the groomer.

Lewis Wills gave a report on the bridge that was rebuilt on November 29. A good group of people showed and worked hard. Great job done by all. Discussion of bridge that needs to be replaced towards Chick Road. There is enough lumber to do that bridge, no date set at this time. Lewis told club the groomer has been serviced and cleaned and all the oils and filters have been replaced. The work that still needs to be done is to fix the track on the groomer. The parts are in, but it takes more then one person to do this.

There was a discussion about radios which was brought up at the last meeting. Lewis had called the company that allowed the club to be on their frequency to discuss having another base radio and possibly a portable radio. The gentleman said that was not a problem; his business is on the channel so keeping to grooming needs only would be agreeable with him. The cost would be about \$100.00 for a portable and unsure of cost of base if needed. The club voted to allow the club to move forward on the radio.

Bill Capperelli brought up a discussion he had with the Town Manager. It was to have an area for "Park and Ride" for snowmobilers. The pros and cons were discussed. Discussion of the land that the club owns across from the fair grounds to do a Park and Ride. Discussion was held of what work needed to be done, such as plowing after every storm, signing and talking with the person who lives next to the lot. More discussion and reviewing area before making any decisions.

Linda DeWolfe will be planning rides and would love feed back about areas members would like to go and what they would like to do. Members discussed they would like to ride to meetings. Discussion will be held with the Town officials to get permission to use land.

A motion was made to adjourn to enjoy our Yankee swap and snacks. Members had brought food items for baskets. Next meeting January 17.

Minutes submitted by Judi Wills for Joyce Knowles, Secretary

Announcement

The winner of the Historical Society basket raffle was Jacky Arsenault of New Portland. The New Portland Historical Society thanks every one for helping to make the recent craft sale a success.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman, New Portland Historical Society

Community Churches

At the Western Mountains Baptist Church we are excited and thankful to have a full time pastor beginning January 1, 2015. We are eager to see how God is going to bless our church and our local communities by Pastor Tom DuBois having more availability to devote his gifts of leadership, teaching and compassion in the spiritual growth of the Western Mountains Baptist Church. Please join us in welcoming our much-loved pastor in his new full time position. Pastor Tom can be reached at 557-3802.

January 3, 2015 the Men's Breakfast will be held at the church beginning at 8:00 am. All men are welcome. To learn more about this monthly event, call Jean Boucher at 265-2698.

Gems, a Christian club for girls ages four through the fourth grade, will meet after school on January 9 and again on January 23. A typical Gems meeting may include 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! For more information email rbates@roadrunner.com or message Rosie Bates on Facebook.

For more information about WMBC services, events and Bible studies please call 265-2557, email westernmountainbaptist@tds.net or find us on Facebook. We welcome all requests for prayer.

May you be blessed abundantly in this new year.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch





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