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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, 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
Thursday 4pm - 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

Meet the Candidates

EVENT: Meet the Candidates Night
DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: 911 River Road, Community Room at the Fire Station

DESCRIPTION: Candidates for the board of selectmen and the town clerk will be present to introduce themselves and discuss why they wish to run for their positions. Please join us at the fire station in the community room at 7:00 pm on Thursday February 12 to meet the following candidates: TOWN CLERK: Kristen Mitchell, Donna Stout, Staci Thompson; BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Douglas Archer, Leisa Emery, Michael Senecal

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2014

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert - Chair, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Bruce and Deborah Agren, Chris Williams, Terri Lamontagne, Kristen Mitchell, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes from the December 2 Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

The bids were opened for the following properties: Map 017 Lot 091 - Land only on Carrabassett Road. There were no bids for this property; Map 004 Lot 004-003 - Land only on George E. Cole Road Richard Carrier Trucking - \$20,000.00, Randy Grover - \$5,001.00, Nathan Lattin - \$24,400.00, Ronald Masure - \$12,300.00, Mike Adams - \$15,300.00, Gary Agren - \$27,252.00; Map 004 Lot 004-001 - Land only on George E. Cole Road Randy Grover - \$5,001.00, Nathan Lattin - \$24,000.00, Dan Nile - \$7,000.00, Mike Adams - \$12,300.00, Ronald Masure - \$11,600.00, Richard Carrier - \$20,000.00; Map 016 Lot 034-001 Carrabassett Road Glenna Barden - \$7,021.00, Chris Williams - \$6,100.00, Randy

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
- **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 February 20 by 4:00 pm.

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

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

Grover - \$5,001.00, Bruce Agren - \$6,737.17 The Board of Selectmen agreed to go with the highest bidders on the three properties.

Doug motioned on Map 004 Lot 004-003 on George E. Cole Road the highest bidder to Gary Agren in the amount of \$27,252.00. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Doug motioned on Map 004 Lot 004-001 on George E. Cole Road the highest bidder to Nathan Lattin in the amount of \$24,000.00. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Doug motioned on Map 016 Lot 034-001 on Carrabassett Road the highest bidder to Glenna Barden in the amount of \$7,021.00. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

A/P and Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie and the Board of Selectmen discussed budget items.

Terri talked to the Board of Selectmen talked about mailing out the List of Estates paper to taxpayers. The Board of Selectmen agreed to try it and see how it works out.

Stacie is going to call Enviro-Mats regarding questions about RSE.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the January 6, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMM

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2014

Planning Board Members Present: Brian Rundlett, Peter Gardner, Lewis Wills, Jim Heichel, Kyle Handrahan; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Bobby Dunphy, David Cary, Mike Malesky, Brook Gardner

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Minutes from the November 1 meeting were reviewed and approved.

There was some discussion amongst David, Bobby, and Mike on the proposed TLC Subdivision. Brian motioned to accept the application. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

The Planning Board agreed to have the Public Hearing on January 7 at 6:30 pm. The Planning Board Meeting to follow after the Public Hearing.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the January 7, 2015 Planning Board Meeting. KMM

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian, Shelby Newell - As we venture into 2015, the library is going to be offering a Children's Story Hour from 9:00 - 10:00 am on the first Saturday of each month. Join us for a snack, a story, and an activity. While at the library, check out some books to read together at home.

If you haven't heard, the library is having a February Photo Challenge. Check the New Portland Community Library Facebook page for details or stop by the library for a list of the daily themes. Each week, participants will post one photo from that week's themes on the library Facebook page. At the end of the month, participants can pay a small \$5.00 fee and submit ten photos from the month's challenge to be included in a slideshow presentation which will be held on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 pm. Proceeds from the photo slideshow participants will be donated to the library. All photo submissions from the challenge need to be sent via email to Shelby by 5:00 pm on March 4.

Send photos to snewell@msad58.org or shelby_newell40@yahoo.com if you wish to take part in the slideshow. We have had lots of fun with our photo challenges, and I hope,

Town Clerk

Hello New Portlanders.... I would like to take a chance and thank all of you for your support while I have been your Town Clerk. Sadly, my journey ends in March, and I have decided for right now not to run again. Life has been keeping me very busy at home with my family, and I need to report to those duties. I have learned so much, and I'm very glad I have been able to get to know so many of you while I have been town clerk. There have been many updates and changes, and with your support, these changes happened smoothly! So thank you again New Portlanders, best wishes to you all!!

Respectfully,

Submitted: Alicia Wills, Town Clerk

you can participate or at least join us on March 8 for the show!

Don't forget about "Toasty Tuesdays" at the New Portland Community Library! Come in to get warmed up, enjoy a little snack and a warm beverage, and settle in with a book or magazine! We'd love to see you any time from 10:00 am - Noon.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet February 12 and 26, at 10 am. New faces are always welcome.

Friends of the Library - Kay Michka and Katie Handrahan It's time to sign up for the 2015 100 Club, which is our most important library fundraiser of the year. Patrons may purchase multiple memberships and signing up in your business's name will get you free advertising right here in the New Portlander every time you win!

Library Patrons will soon be receiving more information in the mail, and anyone may pick up a copy of the form at the library. Join for \$60.00 per membership. You will be given a number. The library treasurer draws three winners twice a month. Each drawing has a \$30 first prize, a \$20 second prize, and a \$10 third prize. You can win over and over during your 12 month membership! The first 100 people to return completed forms and full payment will get to be included in the drawings, so please respond quickly.

To encourage you to join soon, we have created two prize drawings. In FEBRUARY, we are hosting a " LOVE THE LIBRARY!" DRAWING - If your membership form and full payment are received by February 7, your name will be placed in a noon drawing on Valentine's Day, February 14. One winner will receive a \$30 Tranten's Family Market gift certificate. Then, the next drawing will be our "MARCH INTO ACTION, SPRING FOR THE CLUB!" DRAWING - If your membership form and full payment are received between February 8 and March 17, your name will be placed in a noon drawing on the second day of spring, March 21. Two winners will receive a \$15 Jordan Lumber certificate. So, there you have it! We look forward to your support, and we hope you have a lot of fun with the drawings.

Congratulations to December's 100 Club members: Randy and Tabitha Emery, Tranten's Store, Jennifer and Bryan McNaney, Doug Archer, Ed and Bonnie Jesteadt, Jim Taylor, Marcia Siebermann, Anonymous, Greg West, Agnes Dodd, Ella Clague, and Arlene Newell.

Art at the Library - Julia Bouwsma Everyone had a great time

at the Erasure Poems and Collages workshop. Materials and instructions will be available at the library until March 31, and finished works will be added to the show as they are created. Please stop by to give one a try or just to enjoy the ones on display.

Submitted: Kay Michka

From the Candidates (in alphabetical order)

To the Citizens of New Portland:

My name is Leisa Emery and I am running for the position of Selectman.

I was raised in New Portland, the youngest daughter of Donald and Jo Emery. I moved to the Town of Skowhegan in 1981 and lived there for eight years. To quote a saying from the book *The History of New Portland*, "If you are born a native of New Portland, those roots will eventually bring you back to your home town." I moved back to New Portland in 1989.

I was first introduced to Town government in 1980 when I was a senior at Carrabec High School. Bertrand "Bun" Dyer asked me to help the Selectmen and the Town Manager with all the duties at the town office. At the time I didn't realize that he had just introduced me to my life long career. "Thank you, Bert".

After I moved back to New Portland, I served as a Selectman for the Town of New Portland for four and a half years in the 1990's.

I love municipal government. I have worked for the Town of Skowhegan for 34 years in the Assessor's Office. I have experience working as a collections clerk doing automobile/truck, boat, ATV, and snowmobile registrations, tax collections, hunting, fishing, and dog licenses, marriage, death and birth certificates. I currently do accounts payable, and I am the Assistant Assessor for the Town of Skowhegan. I have been a Certified Maine Assessor since 2006, and I am a Passport Acceptance Agent since 2014.

I live on the New Portland Hill Road with my financé Richard Burns, who is also a native of New Portland. I have one daughter Aryke Coombs, her husband is Brian Coombs; and I have two grandchildren Patrick and Jasmyne.

I would love the chance to bring my municipal experience to the Town of New Portland. I make no promises to anyone; I will do the best that I can, keeping an open mind. I will not only work for the Town of New Portland, but for you the citizens and residents of "our" town. If elected, I encourage

people to contact me with any problems you may have, and most of all I would love to hear any and all thoughts for positive changes you would like to see in the future for our town. Awareness.... Positivity.... United.... Equals growth and a vibrant country town!

Live... Love... Laugh and most of all be positive! Respectfully,

Submitted: Leisa D. Emery

Hello New Portland Residents,

I have finally been able to move to New Portland, and I am excited to let everyone know that I am running for Town Clerk. I have been the Deputy Town Manager here in New Portland for almost three years now and love working for and with this town. I hope to have your support, as I know that being Town Clerk will be just as fun and rewarding as my time here in New Portland has been. I'll be at "Meet the Candidates Night" on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room/Fire Station and hope to see you all there so you can hear what I have to offer. Regards,

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell

Hello. I would like to introduce myself to the citizens of New Portland and to announce my candidacy for selectman for the Town of New Portland. My name is Mike Senecal. During the summer my girlfriend Billie Jo Peterson and I purchased a beautiful home on School Street from Ezra Pease. We are still settling in, but if you drive by you may see the four dogs, horse or three cats and two teenage girls Jordan and Amy patrolling the yard.

I have been a paramedic for the past 24 years, the last 13 years for Franklin Memorial Hospital. I am currently the Director of NorthStar Ambulance. I have eight years of experience in town government for the town of Industry as Selectman, Health Officer and General Assistance Administrator. With uncertainty at the state level on state funding and proposed changes to the tax code in the upcoming year will prove challenging too many small towns in Maine, I feel my experience will be beneficial in addressing these uncertainties.

If elected I cannot promise to fix all issues or concerns. I can promise that I will listen to any issue or concerns you may have with the management of the town business. I thank you for your support and hope to see you in March. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 628-1001.

Submitted: Mike Senecal

Hi. My name is Donna Stout, and I am running for the office of Town Clerk. My husband, a retired school teacher, and myself moved here five years ago, but we have owned the property for over ten years. I have a small greenhouse business on the George Cole Road which has allowed us to get to know many residents. We love living here in New Portland.

I have been the Deputy Town Clerk for the past two and a half years. During this time I have taken three classes in Vital Statistics, Clerk Training and Elections. I have also become a Notary. I know that I can keep the office organized and maintain a friendly professional atmosphere. I enjoy working in the town office, and on March 6, I would very much appreciate your vote so that I can continue to serve the people of New Portland. Thank you. Sincerely...

Submitted: Donna M. Stout

Wire Bridge Snow Travelers

The January meeting was called to order with 8 members present.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. In her treasurer's report, Judi gave a 2013-2014 expenses overview. The club spent around \$29,000, with a lot of that being spent on the groomer being overhauled. The club took in around \$14,000 from grants and around \$336 from memberships.

TRAIL MASTER: Kendall reported that two bridges had been replanked. He wanted to thank everyone who had helped with those projects. Lewis stated most of the trails had been opened up. He said some trails were in great shape and others were in rough condition, needing more snow. There are several logging operations that are sharing the trails with us this winter so please us caution. Kendall wanted to remind anyone that does any trail work to mark down the date the work was done, where it was done, and how much time was spent doing the work.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS: Lewis checked with Yankee Communication in Albion about the club radio. They can not fix it, too old and parts not available. Discussion was held about what type of radio and where it should be located. Lewis felt if there was a radio on the west side of town, as well as the one at his house, it should make it so the groomer would be able to communicate with someone at all times. A motion was made and seconded for Lewis

to go ahead and purchase a 40 watt mobile radio and two inverters.

Joyce read a letter announcing the Kingfield Sno-Wanderers Club annual breakfast on February 15.

The Club would like to thank Lewis Wills for all the hours he has spends opening trails, brushing, signing, talking to landowners, and everything else he does. He spends numerous hours making the trails so that everyone can have fun and enjoy their ride on our great trails. Anyone interested in helping the club, by learning these skills, can contact Lewis.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting February 21.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary

New Portland Community Churches

The Western Mountains Baptist Church has had a blessed and busy beginning to the New Year. Pastor Tom officially began his role as full time pastor and has already added some fun and interesting events for all to enjoy. Check out our facebook page to learn more of upcoming happenings.

A couples study, "What Did You Expect -Redeeming the Realities of Marriage" is being held Friday nights at the church. If this is something you are interested in, please call Pastor Tom at the church at 265-2557. To have an opportunity to spend the evening with your sweetheart join us for a Valentine's Day dinner on Saturday the 14th at 6:00 pm.

February 7 at 8:00 am there will be the monthly Men's Breakfast. Bring a breakfast food to share and enjoy some good fellowship along with a Bible study. Call Jean Boucher at 265-2698 for more information on how to get involved with the breakfast or with the Men's Bible Study held on Monday evenings at 6:30.

If you or anyone you know has a need for prayer, would like information about our church, opportunities to learn more about the Bible or on how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please contact the Western Mountains Baptist Church at 265-2557 or email westernmountainbaptist@tds.net. If you would like to speak with the pastor, call Tom DuBois at 557-3802.

May you experience God's love and blessings each day.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



