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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 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 ManagernwprtInd@tds.net

NOTICE

Town of New Portland Notice of Municipal Election

Friday, March 6, 2015

Polls Open/Close: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

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

Candidates:

Selectman - Douglas Archer, Leisa Emery, Mike Senecal

Town Clerk - Kristen Mitchell, Donna Stout, Staci Thompson

School Board - Write In

The Town of New Portland Annual Town Meeting will be on Saturday, March 7

Location: Community Room/Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland.

The meeting starts at 9:00 am.

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2015

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert-Chair, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Terri Lamontagne

Andrea called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed each line item for the 2015 budget. There was a lengthy discussion regarding all the budget lines. All were in agreement to the recommendations on each line to present to the Budget Committee.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 pm.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 3, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMM

Submitted: Stacey Rundlett

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
- **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:

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.

Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2015

Planning Board Members Present: Brian Rundlett, Peter Gardner, Jim Heichel, Kyle Handrahan, Lewis Wills; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Melesky, Jean Antonucci, Thomas Dodd, Jamie Eck, David Cary

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Peter asked if anyone had any questions regarding the T.L.C. Subdivision. Mike said that it is going to be used for residential purposes. There is a house being built and the plan is for two more houses to be built sometime in the future, too.

The Planning Board reviewed the minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting. Peter motioned to approve the minutes. Kyle seconded. All were in favor.

The Planning Board, except for Peter, reviewed and signed the Junk Yard Ordinance for Peter Gardner.

Mike showed the Planning Board the deed that goes with the properties regarding the T.L.C. Subdivision. Mike then presented the Planning Board with the septic design for the loft that David Cary is building on the property and the letter from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the impact on deer wintering areas. Peter motioned to accept the permit for the T.L.C. Subdivision. Kyle seconded. All were in favor.

Mike said he will bring in the Mylar for the Planning Board to sign.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. Kyle seconded. All were in favor.

These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Planning Board at the February 4, 2015 Planning Board Meeting. KMM

Submitted: Stacey Rundlett

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting February 4, 2015

The committee had been asked to review Chapter 10 in the plan so we could discuss what we needed to do to complete the project.

The data for the plan has been brought up to date. There are still areas that need to have more work to finish. All the members of the committee have done a lot of research and asking of questions to complete work on areas of the plan. Items were reviewed of what needed to be completed.

Discussion was held on the plan of action that needs to be done. The committee felt it was a little overwhelming to know all the areas to view and form a list of questions that would be part of a survey to the towns people. We reviewed parts, and it was interesting to see and hear more questions, than we had answers. Everyone shared their views, and as a committee we felt we needed more help. It was decided to ask the KVCOG to come to our next meeting. We are in hopes this will give a direction on how to accomplish this part of the plan .

All towns have to keep their Comprehensive Plan up dated to be allowed to apply for grants in their towns. This is a commitment that helps all towns and gives us a future plan with a direction.

Our meeting ended and the next meeting will be March 9 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Community Library

Friends of the Library - Katie Handrahan and Kay Michka: January 100 Club Winners were Nora West, Brook Gardner, Jean Antonucci, Rosemary Drosky, Doug Archer, Deborah Clague, Irene Berry, Sharlene Belanger, Jim & Jane Heichel, Bernard Newell, Arlene Newell, Tranten's Store, Anna Seguin, Enviro-Mats, Mary & Rod Hatch.

Thank you to all who have joined the 100 Club, thus far. For those of you who still wish to enter, we have another incentive for you! The library is hosting the "March Into Action, Spring for the Club!" drawing. If you join the club between February 8 and March 17, your name will be entered into two drawings on March 21, each for one \$15 Jordan Lumber gift certificate. For more information on the

100 Club, contact Kay Michka at 628-2014 or stop by the library and ask for the information packet and form. Thank you for your support, and good luck!

100 Club Winners for February: Gary Cobb, Linda De Wolfe, Jim Taylor, Linda Church, Joan. Moes, Lori Hibbard, Sophie Green, Sheila Hoyt, Shelby Newell, Jordan Lumber, Ronald Bearor, Rosemary Drosky

Art at the Library - Julia Bouwsma: Materials and instructions for erasure and collage poems 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. The artist's reception has been changed to Sunday, April 19 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: Four youngsters joined me for last month's Children's Story Hour at the New Portland Community Library for the reading of Blizzard by John Rocco. We especially enjoyed opening up the map of the main character's neighborhood. I love it when a book has fun ways to interact with pages that flip out to reveal a more in depth look at things. After our book, we had great fun making valentines for friends and family. Be sure to join me on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am for our next Children's Story Hour!

During the month of February, many participated in the New Portland Community Library Winter Photo Contest! Participants posted one photo each week in February, based on various daily themes. We had a great time enjoying each other's work on the New Portland Community Library Facebook page. Each participant had the opportunity to submit ten of their favorite photos from the challenge for a special presentation. Join us at the New Portland Community Library for a showing of our work on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 pm! You'll be amazed by the incredible creativity! Light snacks will be provided.

I have been adding books to our library collection. If you are looking for a particular book or genre, I would be more than happy to help get it for you if at all possible or try and make some suggestions. I'd love to find out what genres you'd like to see the library have more available. Is there a particular biography you've been itching to read? How

about mysteries? Is there an author that you love but you've noticed we don't have anything by that author? I would love to hear from you and get your input. You can contact me at newportlandcl@gmail.com or call the library at 628-6561.

We are open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 am to noon. Hope to see you at the library soon!

Submitted: Kay Michka

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water District Annual Meeting will be held March 11, 2015, 7:00 pm at the New Portland Community Library. Trustees will be elected. The regular monthly meeting will follow immediately after the annual meeting. Officers will be elected. Everyone welcome! Thanks.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

From the Candidates (in alphabetical order)

To the Citizens of New Portland.

I have lived in New Portland pretty much all my life. I reside in the West village in the same house that I grew up in with my grandparents. Roxanne is my wife of 27 years. Also have two grown daughters, Bethanie and Jessica. I've pretty much always worked in management positions all of my working years. I'm currently pursuing to work for myself through photography.

I have been Selectman since 2003. My current term is coming to a close, but I would very much like to be able to continue working for the citizens of New Portland as Selectman. I enjoy the position and have learned much over the past 12 years. There have been bumps along the way, but because I do not get frustrated and give up, we (the Selectman) have been able to work through the problems and keep the Town on an even keel. Over the last ten years the mill rate has stayed pretty consistent while improving the quality of our roads. Making decisions for the Town of New Portland is not an easy task, especially nowadays. You have to look at all aspects of the problem and get input from the citizens to try to please the majority of them as it is impossible to please everyone. Then before you make the final decision you need to research all of the legality of what you want to do, so that you do not position the Town in a legal dispute that could end up costing thousands of dollars.

I have no problems with people contacting me by phone or email at any time of day. I consider the Selectman position as one being available 24-7. I have even called people back while being away on vacation. Since I currently do not have a regular full time job, I will be able to focus even more on helping the Citizens of New Portland to make the Town an even better place to live. I plan on attending some of the Governor's Town Hall meetings so to learn more about what he is trying to accomplish with his plan to eliminate municipal revenue sharing.

I always treat everyone with respect and always have a positive attitude. I very much would like to have your positive vote on Friday March 6. Thank You.

Submitted: Doug Archer

Fellow New Portlanders: I hope you will come out and vote on March 6. and it would be great if you could vote for me, Donna Stout, current deputy, running for town clerk. I have experience, integrity and a friendly personality. I also have strong organizational skills, an important aspect of clerking. Thank you and sincerely...

Submitted: Donna M. Stout

Wire Bridge Snow Travelers

The February meeting was called to order with six members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Trail Master: Lewis reported he had purchased a new radio, two new antennas and two new batteries. The club now has a radio at Wills's, one at Cafarelli's, and one in the groomer. We should be able to have contact with the groomer now pretty much anywhere on our trails. The trails are now in really good condition. Lewis, Bill, Kevin, and Bill Emery have been sharing grooming time. New Business: The club discussed the landowners' supper. It was decided to table discussion until March meeting when more people are present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be March 21, at the fire station meeting room starting at 6:30 pm. Have fun but, be safe on the trails.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Nowetah's American Indian Museum

The Shiffer Publishing Company of Pennsylvania just released a large in color, hard cover, quality book titled

Indian Basketry of the Northeastern Woodlands by Sarah and William Turnbaugh. This book showcases a large number of our over 600 fancy Maine Indian baskets we have on display at the museum.

In other museum news: With the help of a local construction company, the new museum addition annex is coming along fine. We spent last summer staining the front porch and all the log-look siding and painting the trim boards and window frames. The track lighting and beams are now in and we have spent last fall painting all the walls. We are now waiting for warmer weather so that we can finish the log stair and porch railings, floor and glass shelving.

A few weeks ago we received a large donation of southwestern Indian art and artifacts from a patron in Texas; so this winter has found us very busy cleaning researching, cataloging and labeling each item for display.

For those who want to learn more, check out Nowetahs on Facebook or visit in person. Free brochures are available at the Town Office and at Tindall's Country Store. The museum is admission free and open all year, seven days a week from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Phone 628-4981, 2 Colegrove Road, (Route 27), New Portland, Maine.

Submitted: Tom and Nowetah Cyr, owners and curators

New Portland Community Churches

New Portland Community Church: Winter is rapidly moving along. March already. Time for town meeting and warmer temperatures. Well, we know the town meeting will happen at least! The New Portland churches will be holding their annual meeting on March 15. There will be a potluck following the usual 11:00 am service with the meeting following around 1:00 pm. All are welcome to attend (though only members can vote). It's a good opportunity to see what goes on at the community church and enjoy the fellowship and good food of a potluck lunch.

Several times during this winter Sunday services have been cancelled due to weather. If the weather looks 'iffy' for Sunday morning please call Nan at 628-6061 or Floyd at 628-4327 on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to make sure there will be a service.

There will be no service on March 1 at the New Portland

church as a special joint JAZZ service will be held in Fairbanks. This is a fun, active service held at 10:00 am at the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. The music is provided by congregation members from both New Portland and Fairbanks with the South Strong Road Crew as the 'house' band. Please join us, this service is always great fun!

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am – noon, except for the fourth Saturday of the month. Maybe your long underwear has been getting a little too much wear this year or your favorite sweater has finally unraveled. Get that warm, soft, lived-in feeling right off the shelf!

The thrift store is looking for several people who might be willing to help out with staffing at the store on Saturday mornings. If anyone can spare a few hours for the thrift store please contact Floyd Cook at 628-4327. This is a great project for high school students who need some community service or for anyone who would like to spend a few hours out in the community.

Services continue being held in the West Village Church until summer. Come meet in the West for coffee hour from 10:30 to 11am. Services begin at 11am. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of March: March 1 at 10:00 am – Jazz service- Doug and Sherry Walrath and friends; Saturday March 7 at 5.30 pm – potluck supper and movie night; March 8 – AnnMarie Simone; March 15 – Rev Doug Walrath, New Portland Church Annual Meeting following the service; March 22 – Rev. Dick Waddell; March 29 – Rev. Tony MacNaughton. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church will be hosting their third annual sliding party on March 14 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Join children and "their adults" on Gilmore Hill for some fast and furious sledding. There will be folks on snowmobiles to haul sledders back up the hill. After sliding go to the church to get warmed up by cooking hotdogs on an open fire. There will be other goodies to eat and lots of hot chocolate. Be sure to dress warm. For more information call Kathy at 265-4651.

March 8, there will be a potluck lunch right after church.

Bring your favorite Mexican food dish to share with some "amigos". If Mexican food is not something you enjoy, please feel free to bring a dish more appealing to your taste. Potlucks are a wonderful time to meet new friends and to spend more time with your church family.

The men's breakfast this month will be held on Saturday, March 7, beginning at 8:00 am. Rumor has it that these men enjoy bacon...and lots of it! This breakfast is open to all men, young and old. After breakfast, the men gather for a Bible study or devotion and a time of sharing. New members are always welcome. Call Jean for more information. He can be reached at 265-2698. He can also answer any questions you may have regarding the men's Bible study that meets every Monday evening at 6:30 at the church.

Sunday morning services at the Western Mountains Baptist Church begin at 10:00 am. Nursery and children's church is available during the service if desired. Before the service, at 9:00 am, Sunday school is held for all ages. For more information about the Western Mountains Baptist Church and the variety of Bible studies and opportunities to grow in your faith, please call the church at 265-2557 or email us at westernmountainbaptist@tds.net. Pastor Tom can be reached on his cell phone, 557-3802 or by calling the church.

During this last month of winter, may we be blessed and may we be a blessing to those around us.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

From the Editor

I received a request from Laura "Scoop" Dunham for some help from New Portlanders. She needs some help in keeping up on the news in and around the New Portland area for her column in the Irregular. Feel free to fill her in on updates. She is interested in birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, or just "newsy" news. As many of you know, Laura was born in East New Portland and lived there for 19 years before moving "across the tracks" to Kingfield. She graduated from Central High School in 1953. She can be reached at 125 Harvey Lane Ebensburg, Pennsylvania 15931 or 1-814-886-4450 or ldscoop@yahoo.com. On behalf of Laura, a big thank you.



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