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## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**PHONE: 628-4441 • FAX: 628-4440**

The Town Office hours are as follows:

**Town Manager/CEO: 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: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2**

**Deputy Town Clerk: Stacie Rundlett**

*Vital statistics & dog licensing*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday .....11am - 5pm  
Thursday .....2pm - 7pm  
1st Sat. of ea. month (except holiday weekends)..... 8am - 12pm

**LPI: 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](mailto:nwprtInd@tds.net)

**Email for Town Clerk**..... [newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com)

## 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  
Tuesday and Saturday morning from 10:00 am - noon (Thank you)
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station Hours:**  
Wed, Sat, and Sun..... 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Fri..... 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

## NOTICE OF ELECTION:

**Regional School Unit #74 Budget Validation Referendum**

**Date: May 12, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**PLACE: 911 RIVER ROAD, COMMUNITY ROOM/FIRE STATION**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of New Portland Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on May 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Fire Department's Community Room on the River Road in New Portland to accept public comment and vote on the application for permits under the Wireless Telecommunications Facility Siting Ordinance of the Town of New Portland, ME for Central Maine Power Company to install antennas on its existing utility poles in the public right-of-way at the following six (6) locations: Berry Hill Road, 929 Carrabassett Road, pole 17 Meadowbrook Road, pole 19 Atwood Hill Road, pole 33 Gilman Road, pole 16 Atwood Hill Road, and to move two (2) antennas to new locations; pole 60 River Road, and the GTP tower.

**New Portlander article submission deadline is May 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](mailto: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.

## **Announcements**

The Town of New Portland is looking for a few good people to be a part of the Municipal Advisory Committee, better known as the MAC committee.

This committee should have seven members on it to make reports or recommendations of assignments by the Comprehensive Plan, by the Town at Town Meeting or by the Board of Selectmen. If there are residents out there who are interested in participating in the town, this would be a wonderful place to start. The Municipal Advisory Committee Ordinance can be accessed on the town's website: [www.newportlandmaine.org](http://www.newportlandmaine.org) under the Government tab. Or you can also obtain a copy from the town office.

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The East New Portland Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be 6:00 pm, May 11, 2015 at the New Portland Library.

*Submitted: Mike Malesky*

## **Town Clerk**

Hello New Portlanders: First of all, thank you to all who voted for me. It is an honor to be able to be your Town Clerk. As you may have already seen the Town Clerk's office hours are now the same as the Town Office's hours which are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11:00 am -5:00 pm, Thursday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm and the 1st Saturday of the month (excluding holiday weekends) 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

I have made a list and have given it to Lorie Agren, our Animal Control Officer, of the names of people who have still not licensed their dogs. At this time there are 28 people who have not licensed their dogs. If you no longer have your dog, please let me know as soon as possible.

On May 12 there is the RSU #74 Budget Validation Referendum Election, which will be from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at 911 River Road in the Community Room/ Fire Station. There will be only one article that is being voted. This article is asking if you approve the budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the Regional School Unit's Budget Meeting on April 30. The budget can be seen at [www.msad74.org](http://www.msad74.org). You are all encouraged to come and vote because every vote counts. Hope to see you all there.

If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at the office during regular office hours at (207) 628-4441 ext. 2 or you can reach me by email at [newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com).

*Submitted: Kristen Mitchell*

## **Selectmen**

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2015

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Douglas Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Ron Lindner-Demers, John Demers-Lindner, Becky Taylor, Gilbert Taylor

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes from the January 6 and the January 19 selectmen's meeting. Wayne motioned to approve the minutes as written. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Kip Poulin talked to the Board of Selectmen about his choices for a thermal imaging camera. Doug motioned to buy the Eagle Attack for \$8,507.00 from IPS services and use money from the TIF funds. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

Gilbert Taylor updated the Board of Selectmen about the snow removal he has been doing. Ron and John expressed a concern to the Board of Selectmen about the school bus turning around at Stone Wall Drive and how it is affecting the road. Stacie Rundlett said that she will call Scott Leahy regarding this issue.

The Board of Selectmen discussed warrant articles.

The Board of Selectmen and Stacie discussed the possibility about a sand/salt shed. No decisions were made at this time.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary that were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 16, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. KMM*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2015

Members Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett (Douglas Archer not present); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gilbert and Becky Taylor, Ron Lindner-Demers, John Demers-Lindner, Christopher Morse, Taylor Hargreaves.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Selectmen reviewed minutes from previous meeting. Andrea motioned to accept minutes from February 3, 2015. Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Terri reviewed with the board of Selectmen Christopher Morse's request for an abatement. There was a discussion regarding the property. The board agreed to table this abatement until the next selectmen's meeting to give Terri a chance to go to the property to do a site review.

Terri reviewed with the board of Selectmen the abatement request from Tabitha Burke. They also reviewed maps of this property. Andrea motioned to deny this abatement based on the fact the measurements show this property to be taxed in the right tier. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Kip Poulin reviewed with the board the purchase of the new thermal camera. He states it seems to be all that they were seeking in a camera, as they have already used it on a fire scene. He stated that they are up to 26 calls from November to date. He updated the board on upcoming purchases of equipment once the budget is passed at town meeting.

Gilbert Taylor discussed with the board his plans for clean up during and after a storm. There was a discussion on snow drifts and pushing back of the banks.

Becky Taylor asked the board how the road commissioner gets elected. Andrea stated that it is an appointed position, not elected. It is a three year term. Maine Municipal Association has informed the town that with an appointed position if the board is satisfied with the performance of the individual the town can re-appoint the person. If the board was not satisfied with the performance then the board would advertise for that position and try to seek more quali-

fied individuals.

Stacie Rundlett presented payroll and A/P warrants to the board. Andrea asked about an invoice from Jordan Lumber Company. Kip clarified what the bill was for. The board reviewed warrants and signed them.

Ron Lindner-Demers asked about the school district budget time frame.

Taylor Hargreaves asked the board what their thoughts were about a project she had done for her senior project that involved the old Central School in New Portland. There was a discussion regarding her project that was a floor plan for senior citizen home. The board shared with her that they would love to see that building be used for something similar to her project.

The board discussed briefly thoughts and possible options for sand/salt shed.

Meeting adjourned 7:28 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen Meeting on April 07, 2015 SMR*

## **Planning Board**

### Planning Board Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2015

Planning Board Members Present: Peter Gardner, Brian Rundlett, Lewis Wills, Jim Heichel; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kristen Mitchell, Brook Gardner

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

Minutes were reviewed and approved from the January 7 Planning Board Meeting. Lewis motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jim seconded.

Stacie Rundlett let the Planning Board know that CMP is in violation. CMP has eight (8) antennas up, and they have only pulled a permit for three (3). Stacie said that she has pictures and will be sending CMP a letter. No decisions were made.

Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

*These minutes are a draft summary which were approved by the Planning Board on April 1, 2015 at the Planning Board Meeting. KMM*

## **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

The meeting was called to order with 11 members present.

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

Trail Master: Kendall Knowles reported the grants would be ready to mail out this week.

New Business: Justin Jordan, owner of a local fabrication business and sells, repairs, and operates groomers, attended the meeting and answered the club's questions about leasing one of his groomers. The club will now need to decide if we are interested in leasing or purchasing one of his groomers.

The winner of the 2015 club scholarship was decided.

Land Owners' Supper: The annual land owners' supper will be held May 16 at the fire station meeting room from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. We will be setting up for the supper on May 15. Anyone interested in helping can contact Judi or Joyce for details.

The May meeting will be after the land owners' supper on May 16. Just a reminder, elections will be held at this meeting. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## **New Portland Community Library**

From the Librarian, Shelby Newell: Happy May! Bring on the spring weather! Be sure to stop by the New Portland Community Library to check out our newest selections in books and DVDs. If you enjoy nonfiction, you might be interested in *One Way Out: The History of the Allman Brothers Band*.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Children's Hour on the 1st Saturday of every month. Bring the children to the next one on May 2 at 9:00 am for some fun and remember to check out some books while you're there!

This year's Annual Ladies Tea will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm. Bring all the special ladies in your life and enjoy some tea and delicious treats.

Friends of the Library - May is a big fundraiser month for the library. We have two fun and busy events planned!

Our third annual Chinese Auction at the Happy Horseshoe Campground is scheduled in the dance and bingo hall on Saturday, May 23. Buy your tickets and choose the items you want to try to win from 10:00 - 11:00 am. You must be present to win when the drawings begin at 11:00 am. There will be door prize drawings and a 50/50 raffle, too. We already have lots of good things donated for the auction, but we can always use more! If you have used or new items in clean, good condition that you want to clean out of your barn or attic or camp, contact Kay Michka at 628-2014 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Just about anything sells! Camping / kitchen items and holiday whatnots are especially popular. Please understand that we cannot accept VHS tapes, clothing or shoes, stuffed animals, or encyclopedias. Thanks for donating your items and come join the fun that day! (Directions - from Tindall's Country Store, travel north on Long Falls Dam Road for 2.7 miles; campground is on the left and very obvious.)

The annual New Portland Community Library Plant, Book, and Bake Sale will be held on May 30 from 9:00 am -noon at the library. Locally grown seedlings at reasonable prices, tasty home baked goodies, and good reads will be available for you. Look for face painting for the kiddos, too! Circle the date and join us. We are looking forward to seeing you. That's May 30 from 9:00 am - 12 noon at the library.

April 100 Club Winners are Anna Boucher, Joan Moes, Anna Seguin, Linda Church, Anonymous, Kay & Alan Michka. Congratulations!

Art at the Library - The next Art Show at the library will go up in May and will feature the gorgeous work of several very talented local quilters! There will be a reception (date TBA). For more information, please email [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com).

*Submitted: Kay Michka*





## Community Churches

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New Portland Community Church News - Spring brought out a great crowd for the first West New Portland Church Supper! A big "thank you" to all who helped out and to everyone who came and enjoyed supper at the church on Thursday, April 16. The next supper will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 pm. Our famous pot roast dinner will be served. Price for supper is \$8 per person. As always, take-out is available as well as sit-down dining. We are hoping by May 21 the grass will be green and the tulips blooming. It will be nice to have a little more color in the yard.

As always, the thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am - noon, except for the fourth Saturday of the month. It won't be long before shorts will be the height of fashion. Find yourself a pair at the thrift store.

Monthly breakfast will be held on May 7 (first Thursday of the month) at Tindall's Dam Diner at 8:00 am.

Services continue being held in the West Village Church until the beginning of June. There will be a notice in the June New Portlander announcing the date that church services will move to the North Village Church. In the meantime, come meet in the West for coffee hour from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Services begin at 11:00 am. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of May: May 3 [Communion] - Rev Doug Walrath; May 10 [Mothers' Day] - Roy Scribner; May 17 - Rev Doug Walrath; May 24 - AnnMarie Simone. Respectfully ...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

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The sunrise service on Easter morning at the Western Mountains Baptist Church was cold and crisp, yet, we had a large gathering at the cross for the early morning service. Breakfast was a wonderful time for fellowship and the men, once again, did a terrific job cooking.

The men get to practice cooking every month. For May, they will meet for their regular breakfast, fellowship and time of devotion on Saturday, May 2, at 8:00 am. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info call Jean, he can be reached at 265-2698. Or just show up at the church.

A potluck lunch is planned for May 17 immediately following church. Service begins at 10:00 am and lasts approximately an hour. This month we will enjoy an Italian theme. So, bring your favorite Italian dish to share. Call Kathy at 265-4651, if you would like more information.

May 18, a Ladies Walking Group will start up. This is an informal time for women to get together for encouragement, companionship and exercise. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. All fitness levels welcomed. For more information call Denise at 652-2630 or Crystal at 684-3000.

If you are unable to attend the Sunday worship services at the Western Mountains Baptist Church, you do not have to miss out on the messages. Visit our website at [www.westernmountainschurch.com](http://www.westernmountainschurch.com) to hear the weekly sermons. Or, you may request a CD of the recorded messages to be mailed to your home each week; there is no charge. Call the church at 265-2557 or email [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net) to give us your name and address. We will be happy to send you a CD.

May you be blessed and/or be a blessing this Happy Mother's Day, May 10.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

*Happy  
Mothers  
Day*





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Town Office 8:00 am - noon Children's Hour 9:00 am at NPCL	2 Town Office 8:00 am - noon Children's Hour 9:00 am at NPCL
3	4	5 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	6 Public Hearing 6:00 pm at Meeting Room	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 East New Portland Cemetery Association at 6:00 pm NPCL Vote 10:00am - 6:00 pm Meeting Room	12 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	13 New Portland Water District 7:00 pm	14 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	15	16 Land Owners' Supper 5:00-6:30 pm at Meeting Room
17	18 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Chinese Auction Happy 10:00 - 11:00 am at Horseshoe Campground
24	25 Memorial Day Observed	26 New Portland Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	27	28 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	29	30 Plant, Book, and Bake Sale 9:00 am - noon at NPCL
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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**MAY 2015**

