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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, Wednesday11am - 5pm
Thursday2pm - 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, Wednesday11am - 5pm
Thursday2pm - 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 ManagernwprtInd@tds.net

Email for Town Clerk..... 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, Thurs4:00 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

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2015

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Ron and John Linders-Demeres and guest, Terri Lamontagne, Brian Rundlett, Ed Jesteadt, Kip Poulin, Sue Luce, Rosie Hendrix, Leisa Emery, Marilyn Gorman, Judi Wills, Douglas Archer, Kyle Handrahan, Jeremy (representative for proposed fire truck), Becky Taylor, Amy Peterson.

Andrea call the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Andrea announced that the Public Hearing on the proposed Fire Truck purchase will start.

Kip Poulin explained to those present why the Fire Department has proposed to the town to purchase a new pumper fire truck. Kip spoke of the different trucks that they had looked at and described in more detail the truck that he would recommend to the Board. There were many questions for Kip and the Selectmen regarding the truck that Kip had recommended. Jeremy also helped answer questions about the truck. There was a discussion regarding having the truck painted the same color as the current fleet of trucks and the safety factors as why this should be done.

Andrea closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Board members reviewed and accepted previous meeting minutes as written, with one number change.

Kip briefed the board that he purchased batteries for the Mack. He stated that he has had a few calls about

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the generator and the Mack truck for the bid process. He briefed the board on upcoming purchases he will be making for gear and other things he had budgeted for.

The Board reviewed and signed accounts payable and payroll warrants. There was a brief discussion regarding the complaints that have come in about the Wire Bridge area and all of the posted signs. Stacie updated the board that the lawyer recommended scheduling a meeting to discuss the right of ways with the property owners and see if there could be a common ground regarding the posted and no trespassing signs where we want to call attention to the wire bridge. The Board agreed and Stacie will be contacting the owners to schedule a meeting.

Rosie Hendrix spoke about just learning that she will lose her homestead and veteran's exemptions because her property is in an irrevocable trust. She never received any notification and has had this trust for four years. She only learned about losing her exemptions because she read it in the New Portlander. Andrea stated that the exemptions should have come off her account when the irrevocable trust went into effect. But it was an oversight on the town's part and now that it had been discovered the assessor's agent, Terri Lamontagne, had to make the change. There was a brief discussion regarding the laws. Rosie stated that if she was told before how this would affect her taxes she would have changed it. She also has contacted her attorney to have this changed so she doesn't lose her exemptions.

Judi Wills spoke to the board about repairs to the playground that are necessary. She asked the board for permission to purchase the materials to make those repairs. All the board members agreed.

Mike motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 dealing with personnel matters, Wayne second, and all were in favor. Time was 7:21 pm.

Andrea opened public meeting portion back up at 8:01 pm.

She explains that the board is requesting that some additional security measures be implemented in TRIO, the software program that the office uses. The

Board will be working with Stacie and Terri on how they can work better together to assist the public.

Ron discussed questions why sometimes names are mentioned with complaints that are discussed in the meeting minutes, and some are not. He also asks what else can be done with stopping vehicles from traveling fast on the Wire Bridge itself.

Becky discussed with the board members that there is a very short time frame for people interested in submitting a bid packet for the snow plowing contract. There was a brief discussion regarding why this might cause issues.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Andrea seconded and, all were in favor, 8:11 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 15, 2015 smr

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Minutes of the Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting for Monday June 8, 2015

Members present: Bob Whitten, Stacie Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Jim Heichel, Alisson Thayer, Barry Turcotte, Judi Wills.

The committee reviewed the list of questions that were reviewed and edited at the last meeting. All members made a few changes, but agreed the question are ready to be sent to the Citizens of New Portland.

Discussion was held on the appropriate and best way to send out the questions. It was decided to mail them to all residents. The questionnaire will also be available at the Town Office and New Portland Post Office.

We then discussed how to collect the information. A return address will be put onto the cover sheet, so when the form has been filled out, it can be mailed to the Town Office. We will also have drop boxes at the town office and (we will check) at the Post Office. We are in hopes to have them mailed on June, 22, 2015. The return date will be on the form, which would be July 27, 2015. We are in hopes everyone will take the time to answer the questions. It will help know the

directions the citizens would like to see New Portland go or stay as we are. Everyone's input is needed.

Meeting ended with a date to meet again in August or September.

A BIG "thank you" to the committee for the work all have done and will continue to do.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Citizens' Corner

I have been selected as a member of the Community Guided Planning and Zoning Committee which was part of the Maine LUPC (Land Use Planning Commission) restructuring in 2012. According to the Steering Committee's Process Plan, the Committee's task is to help "...improve the effectiveness of land use planning and zoning in the unorganized and deorganized areas of Maine... (focusing) on the need for more prospective and proactive planning for these areas, particularly in identifying appropriate areas for development."

The initial areas of focus of the planning effort (is recommended to) be anticipated land uses needed to support outdoor recreational growth in the area, especially in the hub communities. Reference 2012 LD1788, An Act to Reform Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory, on the maine.gov web site for actual language.

Part of the CGPZ's charge is to include the public in the decision making process. If you are interested in attending meetings or reading the meeting minutes, please go to the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (kvcog.org) web site and click on the "Western Maine Plan" link in the blue box across the upper section of the page to find out meeting times/dates/information. We usually meet from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on the last Thursday of each month. Ideas for compatible development or personal concerns are welcome, and they are much more effective if delivered in person. That being said, I am your liaison to this Committee and proactive zoning, so please do not hesitate to call me! If you have further questions, comments, or interests, please leave a message on my home phone with your name and phone number, and I will call you back as soon as I am able. My number is 628-2014.

Those who live in the UTs, I urge you to participate! As in all aspects of life, someone else will shape your future if you do not show up and speak up. Thank you...

Submitted: Kay Michka

New Portland Community Library

From the Librarian, Shelby Newell - A very big thank you goes out to all of you who donated and supported our recent fundraisers. We truly appreciate your generosity. This year's Plant, Book, and Bake Sale was a success all due to your donations of plants and baked goods and also the purchases of those items. A special thank you to Buster and Judy Pinkham for allowing us to do an auction and used book sale at Happy Horseshoe Campground. We all appreciate your support of the library.

Summer Reading - Children Pre-K to Eighth Grade, complete five book reviews by August 15 and those children will receive a reward. See Shelby at the library for more information.

Upcoming Events: Annual Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm! Join us for a sundae at a very affordable price! We make our own chocolate sauce and caramel sauce and offer strawberry shortcake, too. We will have a nice selection of used books for sale that night, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

**Date change - Children's Hour will be the second Saturday in July, July 11 at 9:00 am this month instead of July 4.

Art at the Library - Stop by to see the collection of quilting items displayed on the walls and racks. They are made by locals or have a local connection. More handiwork keeps coming in, so pop in several times during the month to enjoy what's new!

Friends of the Library - Knitwits and Happy Hookers meet on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 10 am.

100 Club Winners: Shelby Newell, Anonymous, Gregory and Patrice Drummond, Jim and Jane Heichel, Greg West, Anna Boucher

Submitted: Kay Michka

Special Town Meeting Warrant

State of Maine
May 21, 2015
County of Somerset

Greetings:

To Stacie Rundlett, Warden, a resident of New Portland, the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of New Portland, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Community Room of the Fire Station, on Tuesday, the ninth of June at six-thirty (6:30 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 01. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Motioned to nominate Robert Dunphy, 2nd; Two written ballots were cast for Robert Dunphy. Town Clerk, Kristen Mitchell swore Robert Dunphy in as Moderator.

Moderator announces Roberts Rules of Order will prevail over said meeting.

Art. 02. Shall the Town (1) **approve** a capital acquisition consisting of the purchase of a new fire truck, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) **appropriate** an amount not to exceed \$360,000 to fund the acquisition (including \$50,000 from the TIF account, \$25,000 from undesignated surplus, \$25,000 from Fire Truck Replacement Account and \$260,000 from bond proceeds); (3) **authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$260,000 to partially fund the appropriation; and (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

Moderator states, motion is in order. It was motioned and 2nd to cast written ballot. It is motioned to move the article as written to start discussion. Motion was seconded. There were several questions during the discussion; Fire Chief, Kip Poulin; Selectman, Mike Senecal; Treasurer, Stacie Rundlett; Assistant Chief, Brian Rundlett all participated in answering the many questions from the public.

Motioned to amend the motion by reducing the total by \$17,000.00 and it was 2nd. 9 voted yes; 12 voted no- amendment motion failed

Moderator announced that the ballot box was open for voting. All registered voters cast their ballots. The Moderator asked if all who wished to cast a ballot had. Ballot box is closed. The ballot clerks emptied the ballot box and counted the ballots. 35 ballots were cast. 26 yes/ 9 no Article 2 passes as written.

Motioned and 2nd for meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 6:56 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding balance of bonds previously issued:	\$218,922
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
F.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$260,000</u>
	Total:	\$478,922

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 2.95% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$260,000
Interest:	<u>\$38,000</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$298,000

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

Stacie Rundlett
Treasurer Town of New Portland

The registrar of voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters in the Community Room, at the Fire Station at 6:15 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY (21st) OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN (2015).

Town of New Portland
Board of Selectmen

A true copy of the Warrant:

Andrea Reichert, Chairman

Stacie Rundlett
Town Manager
Warden & Constable

Wayne Rundlett

Mike Senecal

Happy



Community Churches

Services for the New Portland Community Church have moved to the North Village Church for the summer. On Father's Day the congregation met in the beautiful historic church for the first time since last fall. It is such a lovely sanctuary, but remember to wear a sweater on those chilly days!

Construction on the meeting house is moving slowly, as construction often does, but we are pleased that it is being done.

The monthly church supper at the West Village Church will be held on July 16. Check the posters for the menu as the date approaches. Price for supper is \$8 per person. As always, take-out is available as well as sit-down dining. The thrift store is open for business on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am – Noon, except for the fourth Saturday of the month. Monthly breakfast will be held on July 2 (first Thursday of the month) at Tindall's Dam Diner at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

The New Portland Community Church Annual Meeting and Potluck has finally been rescheduled and will be held following the church service on July 12, 2015. Bring a dish to share and find out what is going on in the church.

The North Parish Housing work group from Flemington, New Jersey, who visits us every summer, will be setting up camp at the North Village Church from July 18 to July 25. We are blessed to have them come and work in our communities. Please stop and visit them, just to say hello. This group has been coming every summer for over 30 years! We appreciate the time they spend with us and the work they do here.

Anyone with kids? Put this on your calendar: Flemington Presbyterian Church leads Vacation Bible School Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24, 8:30 am – 12 noon. This is always a fun week for VBS leaders and attendees. Attendance is free and open to all children ages 5-13. There are crafts, songs, snacks, bible stories and tie-dye T-shirts, too. What's not to love?

Please note that there will be no worship services held in the New Portland churches on July 26. However,

you are welcome to join the congregation on its annual visit to the historic Log Church in Oquossic, Maine. We will be carpooling, leaving the West New Portland Church parking lot between 7:30 and 7:45 am.

Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings. 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 July: July 5 – Rev Doug Walrath, July 12 – Rev Stan Wheeler, July 19 – Rev Doug Walrath, July 26 – There will be no church held on July 26th at the New Portland Churches. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Western Mountains Baptist Church: Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be the happening place to be August 3 - 6! "At the amazing SonSpark Labs, children will explore God's life-changing plan as they find out the answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them and that through Jesus they can be members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us—GP4U=J!". Details are still being worked out, however, if you would like your child to attend call Western Mountains Baptist Church at 265-2557 or email:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net. There is no charge and snacks will be served. We are looking for a few parents willing to help out before, during and after this fun-filled event.

Look for us during Kingfield Days, July 17. We will be hosting two bounce houses and giving away free popcorn and snow cones.

July 12, we are planning a Baptism Service at Embden Town Beach. If being baptized is something you would like to do, or if you would like to know more about baptism, please talk to Pastor Tom at 557-3802 or meet up with him at the church.

A reminder that our Sunday morning worship services are held at 10:00 am. Nursery and Children's Church (up to third grade) is provided during the service.

Happy Fourth of July.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 School Board Meeting 6:00 PM Planning Board Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3	4 Town Office Closed Children's Story Hour 9:00 am NPCL
5	6	7 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 PM	8 New Portland Water District 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Children's Hour 9:00 am at NPCL
12 New Portland Community Church Annual Meeting following Church Services	13	14 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 PM Library Board Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	15 Annual Ice Cream Social 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Meeting Room	16 Church Supper West Village Church	17	18 Public Pot Supper West Village Church
19	20 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 PM New Portland Deadline at 4:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 PM Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	29	30	31	



NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
JULY 2015

