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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/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

Notice

Town of New Portland Legal Invitation to Bid

Snow Removal, Salt, and Sand: The Town of New Portland is accepting bids from contractors to remove snow and ice from approximately 40.9 miles of state and town roads for the period of October 15, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

The contract will also include snow removal and sand/salt spreading of the driveways at the Town Office, Fire station and storage building. The contractor will provide all equipment and will supply all sand and salt, as well as sand and salt storage. At the time of contract signing, the contractor will furnish the Town proof of liability and workers compensation insurance. Within 30 days of the signing, no later than October 15 the contractor will provide a performance bond in the amount of 75% of the yearly contract amount less \$50,000.00. A completed bid form, fully completed experience statement, three business references, and bid security in the amount of 5% of the total annual bid amount must be submitted with the bid. The bid security shall be a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Maine. The bid security shall be made payable to the Town of New Portland. Inspection of Town roads prior to bidding is recommended. Bidding documents and a copy of the standard Town contract may be obtained from the Town Office, Mon - Wed from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

No bidder may alter any parts of his bid for 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening, including price. Sealed bids marked "Town of New Portland Snow Removal" must be received

New Portlander article submission deadline is June 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.

by July 7, 2015 at 4:30 pm. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and waive any formality which it deems to be in the best interest of the Town. For more information please call Stacie at 628 -4441 ext. 1. Mail or deliver bids to: Town of New Portland, 901 River Road. New Portland, Me 04961

The Town of New Portland is inviting bids on the following:

- One 1972 Mack 2500 gallon tanker truck, VIN# R685ST32431, red in color. The minimum bid for the vehicle will be \$5000.00.

- One generator model # 4P58 35,000 watt
This is an LP single phase fast response Kohler power system.

The truck and generator can be seen at 911 River Road, New Portland, ME. If you have any questions please call the Fire Chief, Jethro Poulin at (207) 491-0140 or Town Manager, Stacie Rundlett at (207) 628-4441 ext. 1 during regular office hours, which are Monday through Wednesday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Board of Selectmen must receive all bids no later than 5:00 pm on June 15, 2015. Late bids will not be opened or considered.

Each bid must include the bidder's name, mailing address and phone number and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified check or money order in an amount equal to or greater than 10% of the bid price. Each successful bidder's deposit will be credited to the total purchase price for that item. Deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Any bid which does not contain the proper deposit will be rejected. All sales will be as is where is.

In the event that a successful bidder fails, for any reason, to complete the purchase in the time stated, the bid acceptance is void and the bidder's deposit shall be forfeited to the Town. The Board of Selectmen may thereafter negotiate a sale of the property with any or all unsuccessful bidders.

Send sealed bids to 901 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961. Mark clearly on outside of envelope "72 Mack Truck Bid" or "GENERATOR". Bids must be

received by June 15, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Bids will be opened and read at the June 15, 2015 selectmen's meeting to be held at the Fire Station in the Community Room at 6:30 pm.

The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN NEW PORTLAND

This is a friendly reminder to all property owners in New Portland that the town officials will be enforcing the New Portland Junkyard and Automobile Graveyard Ordinance as well as The State of Maine Statute, Title 17 Chapter 91 § 2851 Dangerous Building

Definitions are as follows:

1. **Junkyard** - means a yard, field or other area used to store discarded or worn-out and unusable furniture, metals, appliances, lumber or other waste materials.

2. **Automobile Graveyard** - means a yard, field, or other area used to store 3 or more powered construction, automotive, or other motor vehicles which are unserviceable, worn-out, discarded or junked, or parts thereof. It does not include any area used for temporary storage by an establishment or place of business which is primarily engaged in doing auto body or other repair work to make vehicles serviceable, or season storage of serviceable agriculture equipment.

3. **Dangerous Building** - is structurally unsafe; unstable; unsanitary; constitutes a fire hazard; is unsuitable or improper for the use or occupancy to which it is put; constitutes a hazard to health or safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment; or is otherwise dangerous to life or property.

After June 30, 2015 violation notices will be going out giving property owners thirty (30) days to be compliant with the Town's ordinance and State Statute.

Property owners that do not comply with these will be brought before the Board of Selectmen for possible legal action.

You can find a copy of the Town's ordinances at newportlandmaine.org under the Government tab. And you can find the State Statute at maine.gov.

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2015

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Kristen Mitchell, Judy Durland, Terri Lamontagne, Christopher Morse, Richard Bearor, Douglas Archer, Kay and Alan Michka, Nora West, Lorie Agren, Karen Pease, Judi Wills, Becky and Gilbert Taylor, Ron and John Linders-Demeris, Mrs. Cobb.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

Andrea motioned for a nomination for Chairman of the Board. Wayne nominated Andrea, Mike seconded. Andrea accepted, all were in favor.

Board members reviewed and accepted previous meeting minutes as written.

Kristen reviewed with the board nomination papers: Andrea motioned to appoint Kyle Handrahan to Planning Board for a three year term. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Kip Poulin as Fire Chief for a term of one year. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Gary Agren as Road Commissioner for a term of three years. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Lorie Agren as Animal Control Officer for a term of three years. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Gabe Clark as a Planning Board member for a three year term. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Robert Dunphy as Licensed Plumbing Inspector for a term of one year. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. Andrea motioned to appoint Stacie Rundlett as the Code Enforcement Officer for a term of one year. Wayne seconded. All were in favor. There was a brief discussion regarding other appointment papers that needed to come before the board. Kristen will have them ready for the next meeting. The board signed all of the appointment papers. Kristen also brought before the board a warrant for the M.S.A.D #74

school budget referendum scheduled for May 12. The board reviewed the warrant and signed it. Kristen also discussed with the board that there were 28 people left to license their dogs and four that never have licensed their dogs. Kristen is communicating with Lorie to get all of these dogs licensed properly.

Terri discussed the abatement request from Christopher Morse that was tabled from the last meeting. She discussed her findings after doing a site review. She discussed the changes that she has made to his account after her visit to his property. Her recommendation is for an abatement in the amount of \$1870.00. Terri and the board discussed her findings with Christopher Morse. Andrea motioned to accept Terri's recommendations; Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Terri discussed with the board the laws of homestead and veteran's exemptions on a property listed as an irrevocable trust or LLC. The board reviewed Terri's findings and that it would affect three properties in New Portland. After reviewing these accounts the board was supportive in Terri taking the necessary actions in removing the exemptions from the three accounts. Terri asked the board on scheduling another workshop. At this point this will be left open until they can arrange a time. Terri shared with the board that her meeting with the Bureau of Taxation went well.

Gary discussed with the board that he had some gravel hauled in on the Hancock Pond Road due to the poor road condition in one spot. He also shared with the board that he hired Jason Emery to operate the grader this year as Tom Boyce will no longer be doing this. There was a brief discussion on the conditions of other road conditions.

Kip discussed with the board that they purchased a muffler for the five ton. The light bar for the Pierce came back and needs to be put back on. There was a discussion regarding the prices Kip has been given on a new fire truck and cost differences on buying new and or used trucks. He is still waiting on figures from another company. Kip and the board

members discussed options for purchasing a new truck. Andrea is not in favor of having a special town meeting to get permission to borrow money for a new truck. Kip voiced that he was disappointed that a more definite direction was not given from the towns' people at the annual town meeting. He stresses the importance of this matter not being put off any longer. Brian also added that if we wait another year the price will only continue to go up on a truck.

Andrea thanked Kip for his research. Kip talked to the board about an order he will be putting in for new gear, per his budget. Brian added that the department did a tour of Enviromats at their last meeting. He noted all of the improvements for sound reduction.

Lorie talked to the board about purchasing new carriers for cats and a medium sized one for a dog. After a brief discussion Stacie will purchase them and make arrangements to get them to Lorie.

Brian shared with the board that CMP applied for six permits for wireless communications for their antennas on top of the telephone poles. The Planning Board accepted their application with conditions. And there will be a public hearing scheduled before the next planning board on May 6 at 6:00 pm. The planning board meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The abutters will all be notified by certified mail and the public hearing will be posted in the *New Portlander* and published in the newspaper accordingly. There was a discussion with the public what the antennas are, some of their locations and that these applications were an after the fact.

The board reviewed and signed A/P and payroll warrants presented by Stacie. Discussions on the Snow Plow Contract was tabled until the next meeting. There was a discussion on advertising for members of the Municipal Advisory Committee as this board had many vacant seats. It has been brought up that there are a few things that this board could be doing research for to benefit the town. After this discussion it was determined it would be put in the *New Portlander* again to try and get some

members, enough to have a quorum.

Stacie presented the Land Purchase Agreement for Amanda Carter to the board for them to review and sign. Stacie shared two other quotes on floor repairs for the town office. There was a brief discussion on two other options for quotes. Stacie would inquire with these other suggestions and update the board on the matter.

Karen Pease, Alan and Kay Michka all members of the Friends of the Highland Mountains presented a power point presentation to everyone in attendance. The members of the Friends of the Highland Mountains is looking for support from neighboring towns in getting some of their rights back as land owners. There is a bill LD 828, the current Citizen's Rights Bill, which has a public hearing coming up in Augusta, and they are trying to get more people involved in the matter.

Mike reviewed with everyone his actions taken regarding complaints on Bennett Hill Road and plowing snow across the roadway and into a ditch that was brought to his attention not long after being sworn in as selectman. Mike talked with all parties involved. Gilbert also shared his suggestions on how to resolve this matter. After a discussion on this matter, Mike stated that he would talk to Bill Cafferelli about changing how he plows in the area of the turn-around on Bennett Hill Road. Judy Durland voiced her concerns and how this has affected her. The board is hopeful that this will resolve this issue.

Andrea motioned to adjourn the meeting it was seconded and all were in favor. 7:55 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 20, 2015.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 20, 2015

Members Present: Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal (Andrea Reichert not present); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Amy Peterson, Staci Thompson

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

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.

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?

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

Selectmen reviewed minutes from previous meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Stacie presented to the board appointment papers for Health Officer and Warden, Registrar of Voters, Deputy Registrar of Voters. Wayne motioned to appoint Stacie for Health Officer, Mike seconded. Mike motioned to appoint Stacie as Deputy Registrar of Voters, Wayne seconded. Mike motioned to appoint Kristen as Warden and Registrar of Voters, Wayne seconded. All in favor.

Stacie had selectmen sign paperwork for previous abatement approval for Christopher Morse.

The Board reviewed and signed A/P and Payroll Warrants.

There was a brief discussion regarding Embden and their proposal to pull out of the school district.

Stacie reminded the Board that there was a public hearing scheduled for the School District Budget.

Amy mentioned that there are going to be building changes within the high school.

There was a brief discussion regarding the snow plow contract.

Staci discussed with the board the upcoming construction planned for the Transfer Station. She also briefly discussed her ideas to be proactive on safety issues at the Transfer Station.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on May 05, 2015

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2015

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Ron and John Linders Demeres,

Marilyn Gorman, Staci Emery, Bob Whitten.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members reviewed and accepted previous meeting minutes as written.

Kip discussed with the Board of Selectmen information regarding the 1972 Mack truck and putting it out to bid. Kip also discussed options for purchasing a new tanker truck. \$338,000 is the price of the one Kip recommends. This does not include the painting of the truck. There was a discussion regarding financial options for purchasing this. He also shared with the Board another truck that is \$50,000 more and the financial options for purchasing this one. The Board and Kip discussed options to publish this information on the website, in the *New Portlander* to have a public meeting at the June 2 selectmen's meeting and then to have a Special Town Meeting on June 4. Kip also discussed with the Board the generator that was given to the town last year and his opinion to not install this generator, but sell it. There was a brief discussion regarding this. The Board made a unanimous decision to go ahead and sell it by invitation to bid.

Staci shared with the Board that she would like to cancel her previous request for the town grader to go up to the Transfer Station to do some grading. There was a discussion of the ad for her position and that it was already posted on the *Daily Bulldog*. Staci shared with the Board that she was concerned about Brandon not being able to keep his position at the Transfer Station because he has not been able to obtain his driver's license. The Board recommended to her to personally give him a letter of recommendation, and he can use it if he needs to. Andrea apologized to Staci that things didn't work out for her enough so that she could stay working at the Transfer Station. Gary talked to the Board and Stacie and asked for her to order more calcium. He shared with the Board his intentions to repair culverts and his grading and ditching schedules for the roads. He also shared with the Board that he has been having some trouble with people vandalizing

cones that are set out for safety issues on the roads. He had four cones completely destroyed on the Middle Road. He described some details of the vehicles that did the damage as he has evidence and plate numbers.

Andrea discussed a complaint that came in from Steve Abell on the Airport Road and damages that were done in his field from the snow plow contractor. Stacie also discussed that Steve came into the office, and he described that damages that were done in his field. Steve has had this happen before by a previous contractor. Stacie will be contacting Gilbert to see about getting these damages repaired.

Stacie discussed with the Board that there were many Junkyard/ Automobile Graveyard Ordinance, and Dangerous Building violations throughout the town. There have been a number of complaints, mostly of the West Village and a few other places in the other villages. But Stacie reminded the Board that if she sends out notification of violation to one she has to send to all. She discussed with the Board that she would like to put something in the June *New Portlander* notifying residents that New Portland has these ordinances and properties in violation after June 30 will be getting a notice of violation and possible court action. There will be a clear definition of what a Junkyard, Automobile Graveyard and a Dangerous Building is in the newsletter. The Board was in agreement with her in doing these things, and there was discussion on other options to publicize this notice.

The board reviewed and signed A/P and payroll warrants presented by Stacie.

Stacie also shared with the Board that CMP is now requiring towns to obtain a five million insurance bond to hang flags on the poles. Stacie is working on this with MMA and trying to make sure this is done in time for Memorial Weekend. Stacie also shared with the Board that she is still waiting to hear back from the lawyers' office regarding the issues at the Wire Bridge. wMarilyn reminded everyone to vote

on the school budget on Tuesday the 12.

Ron discussed with the Board that the culvert near the end of Stonewall Drive is plugged and asked if someone could come try to unplug it. Wayne agreed to go look at it on Wednesday and try to take care of it.

Brian reminded everyone that there is a public meeting scheduled before the Planning Board meeting on May 6 at 6 pm. This was to inform residents about the wireless antennas that are on top of the poles throughout the town that fall under the Wireless Telecommunications Facility Ordinance.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded and all were in favor, 7:49 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on May 18, 2015 smr
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Town Clerk

Hello Everyone:

Thank you to everyone that was able to come out and vote on the RSU #73 School Budget on May 12. We had 23 YES votes and 14 NO votes. As you may already know the school budget did pass. A big thank you to Marilyn Gorman, Arlene Newell, Nancy Steuber, and Winona Emery for being Ballot Clerks. They did an amazing job as usual. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. Regards...

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell

New Portland Comprehensive Plan Committee

The committee met at the Community Room, Monday, May 18, 2015, at 6:30 pm.

Over the past months the committee has met and reviewed and updated data information in the Comprehensive Plan. We still have more to do and will continue to do this. At the meeting on Monday, a discussion was held to form questions to present to the citizens of New Portland. These questions will ask for their thoughts, views and visions for New Portland.

The citizens' input is very valuable to this plan.

The lists of questions have been made, and we will meet in June to finalize the list. We will then plan on how to get each citizen the list so they can answer the questions and return to the responses to the committee. The information everyone writes will help us look at the needs and direction citizens would like New Portland to move toward.

The Comprehensive Plan is an important part of planning the future of New Portland. The committee will meet June 8 at 6:30 pm at the Community Room in New Portland.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Community Library

New Portland Community Library: June 6, from 9:00 – 10:00 am is the Children's Story Hour hosted by Shelby Newell. Bring your children for a story, a snack, and some fun!

The Annual Ladies' Tea date was posted incorrectly in the last issue, so please mark your calendars accordingly. The tea will be held at the library on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 pm. Shelby and Tabitha Emery always host a lovely tea party with beautiful and delicious treats. Bring all the important ladies in your lives and join us. Shelby tells me there are a couple of surprises in store this year.

The library will have a NPCL Summer Photo Challenge! This time our challenge will run five weeks. Stop by the library for more information or keep watch for details on the New Portland Community Library Facebook page.

Louise McCleery of Farmington has donated two copies of a book written by her mother, Edith Edwards McCleery, to the New Portland Community Library. The nonfiction work is entitled *Memoirs of New Portland Hill - An Autobiography*. She was born in 1925 on New Portland Hill, and these are stories and memories are from her first 13 years. Edith died in 2011, and this book was published by

her children. Her daughter is certain that there may be many people in New Portland who would be interested in reading her mother's book. Please come by the library and check out one of our copies. Louise also has copies still available for purchase.

Friends of the Library: Thank you to the many people who called and offered donations of gently used items for the auction at the Happy Horseshoe Campground on Memorial Day Weekend. Your support makes this fundraiser a big success for the library! As always, thank you to Judy and Buster Pinkham for graciously hosting this event and donating items to help us out.

May 100 club winners were Olive Dulac, Anonymous, Melissa Green, Joseph LeBeau, Sharon Bernard, and Kenneth Atwood. Way to go! Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet on June 11 and 25 from 10 to Noon

Art at the library: We have a new art exhibit at the library. Many of you came in to enjoy the Erasure Poetry display pages made by workshop and library patrons, but now the walls are full of a different type of texture and color. Maddy Pierce has shared some of her quilting handiwork with us. Her talent employs various styles and methods of quilted wall hangings depicting loons, frogs, scenery scapes, Americana subjects, and such. Many of them are for sale, too! Shelby also unearthed a quilt that was made by Central Elementary students quite some time ago. It is hanging in the children's reading area. This exhibit will continue to have pieces added as time goes along, so stop by regularly to see what is new.

The front page of the *New Portlander* lists the library operating hours. We have a drop box on the porch for after hours returns and free high speed internet for your wireless electronics. If you have a question or need help finding library materials, the phone number is 628-6561. Emailing Shelby at newportlandcl@gmail.com is also a good option. Stop in for your summer reads!!!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Community Pride Challenge

New Portland is a small town with villages within its geographic layout. Each area has special places that draw people traveling through to stop and look. It is an area where we have historical landmarks and rivers for swimming, canoeing, kayaking or floating in a tube down river. We have so much to be proud of as a town and the people who live here.

I am writing this because in June the Trek Across Maine will be biking through our towns. These people raise money to donate in memory of loved ones or to help friends, family or anyone who needs help with medical care and cancer research. The bikers ride from Sunday River to Belfast, rain, snow, or sun, because they are committed to this ride. I know that companies, business and individuals all sign up to ride to help raise money to help. The number of people riding are approximately 2,600 or more; each year the number grows. They cover 180 miles in three days, all on bikes.

I would like to ask people to take pride in our surroundings and to make the view of our town a pleasant sight for those riding through. As the bikers turn off Route 27 onto Route 146, the ride for these folks takes them through New Portland. I would like these people to have the image and memory of New Portland as inviting and pleasant. Have it appeal to them, so they will stop and get off their bikes and look at the streams, the history of our town, the old churches, the old mill, the Wire Bridge, East New Portland Bridge, Katy's Crotch Road and onward.

You can stand on the road side and applaud them for their cause, send them through with a lasting memory of our town. Each of us can look at our surroundings and clean and move trash and waste. Make the area free of mess and junk and give it a pleasant appeal. Take pride in your home and yard, so those riding through and others who live here, will be proud too.

So, I would love for all of you to take the challenge to do what it takes to make our town

look great. Look at road sides for trash which you can pick up, clean our lawns, organize our yards, move our trash cans, put out flowers and plants. Let's take time to make everyone in New Portland proud to live here as all the bikers and tourist go through. Let's do this as a town.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Sno-Travelers

The May meeting was called to order with 11 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

TrailMaster: Kendall told the club he had received a letter from the state stating they had received the grants and the check would be sent soon. The groomer will need to have the radiator fixed, tracks need to be spliced, and regular service before we start grooming again next winter.

Old Business: The members discussed whether or not to rent another groomer for next year. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to continue to operate as is with one groomer. The motioned passed 10-1.

New Business: Elections for the 2015-2016 were held. Dave Cary - president; Mike Senecal - vice president; secretary position is open; Judi Wills- treasurer; Brad Bucklin - trail master.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting will be August 15. Have a great summer!

Prior to the meeting, the landowners' supper was held. A huge thank you goes out to all members who were able to help.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News June 2015: As church members met for their monthly breakfast at Tindall's on May 7 an anonymous donor graciously left \$100 with Jim and Annette

to be given to the church. The church is deeply appreciative of the support it receives from the town; those who donate to the church suppers, those who lend their time and talents in many helpful ways, and those who quietly give without fanfare. We are reminded of how blessed we are to have such fine individuals in our midst. Thank you all.

Work on the foundation of the North New Portland Church meeting house began the third week of May. The east wall of the meeting house had quite a bow in it and needed to be fixed. Other work to the east wall of the meeting house includes new windows, and a new door and steps. Most of the work will be covered by a grant that was secured for the church, but donations to the renovation fund are always helpful and appreciated.

The monthly church supper at the West Village Church will be held on June 18. 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 from 10:00 am – Noon, except for the fourth Saturday of the month. Monthly breakfast will be held on June 4 (first Thursday of the month) at Tindall's Dam Diner at 8:00 am.

*Services are moving to the North New Portland Community Church on Father's Day, June 21. * Service and coffee hour times will remain the same. Please join us 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 June: June 7 [Communion] – Rev. Doug Walrath, June 14 – Rev. Stan Wheeler, June 21 [Father's Day] – services held in the North Village Church, Rev. Doug Walrath presiding, June 28 – TBA, Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is now offering a Young Adults (ages 18-30ish) Bible study at 9:00 am every Sunday morning. This is held in the Music Room just before our 10:00 am

Worship Service. The group will be reading and discussing the book "Recovering Redemption" by Matt Chandler. For more information on how to get involved with this new Young Adults study or any of the other small groups offered by WMBC call Pastor Tom at 265-2557 or 557-3802.

For the month of June, our potluck will be a barbecue held after church on June 14. Please bring a barbecue type dish to share and join us for fun and fellowship. Kathy can be reached at 265-4651. If you would like more information about this potluck or on any of our other fellowship gatherings.

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children is being planned for the first full week in August at WMBC. If you have a child that is interested in attending and/or if you would like to help with this event please call the church at 265-2557. If you leave your name and phone number, someone will return your call.

The Ladies Walking Group is "off and walking". All fitness levels are welcomed. They meet at WMBC at 5:30p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. To get involved or to get more information about the walking group feel free to contact Denise at 652-2630, Crystal at 491-7433 or meet up with the ladies at the church.

Did you know you can listen to our Sunday morning messages online? Visit our website at www.westernmountainchurch.com and click on messages. Or, if you prefer, you can email us (westernmountainbaptist@tds.net) your mailing address to receive a free cd delivered to your mailbox.

Our Sunday worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:00. Sunday School is available for all ages beginning at 9:00a.m. Come as you are, you will be welcomed.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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	1 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 PM	2 School Board Meeting 6:00 PM Planning Board Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 PM Library Board Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM New Portland Water District Meeting 7:00 PM	4 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	5 Town Office 8:00 am – noon Children's Hour 9:00 AM at NPCL	6
7	8 Comprehensive Plan at 6:30 Meeting Room	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Deadline for bids Mack Truck/Generator 6:30 PM	16 Public Pot Supper West Village Church	17	18 Public Pot Supper West Village Church	19	20 New Portland Deadline at 4:00 pm
21 Father's Day New Portland Sunday Services move to North Village	22	23 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 PM	24	25 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL	26	27
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