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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

## Selectmen

Minutes for the June 15, 2015

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

Andrea call the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

There was a brief discussion regarding Rose Hendrix and her exemptions on her real estate account. Selectmen reviewed minutes from previous meeting. Mike motions to accept them as written, Wayne seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed two bids submitted: one for the Mack truck and one for the generator. \$3,972.72 for the Mack- truck from Gas Motors from NH with no deposit. \$1500 for the generator from Jeremy Goding with no deposit. Andrea motioned to reject all bids; Wayne seconded, and all were in favor. There was a brief discussion regarding other options for selling the two items. Mike motioned to put the Mack up for sale for \$6,000, Wayne seconded, all were in favor. Mike motioned to put the generator up for sale for \$10,000, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Selectmen reviewed and sign A/P and payroll warrants. There was a brief discussion regarding the Brann property on Wire Bridge Road. Stacie informed the board members that she was still waiting to hear back from the Brann's since they went out of state for a few days. She would keep them posted. Mike informed the board members that he would be going to Jean Antonucci's on Wednesday so she can discuss Enviromat issues with him. Andrea noted that she was going to be out of town for a few days, but available by email or cellphone. Brian reiterated to the board members all of the changes that have been made to the Enviromats' location. The fire department had a recent tour of the facility. He noted all of the extensive changes they have made to the facility. Others present did state that they only hear it every once in a while.

**New Portlander article submission deadline is August 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.

There was a brief discussion regarding snow plow contract. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Wire Bridge Road and the public right of way being a four rod road. There was a discussion about of what the Municipal Advisory Committee's (MAC) mission consists. All of the board members asked Judi Wills to speak on this as she has been on that committee for many, many years. Judi discussed how the committee came about and how it has worked.

Kip discussed with the board about creating an ordinance to allow the town to bill the larger commercial trucking companies for the fire department having to be on scene for many hours to help offset the costs for the town.

Mike motioned to adjourn at 7:09 pm; Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the July 07, 2015 meeting. smr*

## **Community News**

Folks in New Portland have probably noticed the flags are finally up. The rules/regulations had changed from years ago when we could just put flags up. The town discovered this when the new light poles were installed. The town needed to add a 5 million dollar bond to the town's insurance policy to cover damage to the poles or TDS / CMP lines. Having to wait for CMP and TDS to review the coverage the town had updated, took some time before we got the contracts back. The Selectmen signed that contract at the last Selectmen's meeting.

Some folks were available to help right away, and the flags were put onto the poles that CMP had designated. The old poles will eventually be removed, so all flags went onto assigned pole numbers. I wanted to give the information to towns people who were upset or asked why New Portland did not have flags up.

Everyone in town is encouraged to help. There has never been a set date to put up flags, but it would be nice to plan on trying to do this the second week end in May. The flags should come down just after Veterans Day. If you would like to help, call town office and leave your name and what part of town you would like to put up flags. This will help organize the task and not have confusion of where and who will put the flags. All the flags are stored at Town Office.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## **Comprehensive Planning Committee**

New Portland Comprehensive Committee Meeting took place with the following members present: Alison Thayer,

Barry Turcotte, Stacy Rundlett, Judi Wills and Chuck Taylor (representing the New Portland Lions Club).

The committee met on June 29, 2015, with Michael Colella, who works as a program coordinator for the Somerset Public Health. Michael explained what the program is working on is partnering with people, such as our committee. He is working with a grant towards a healthier lifestyle for Somerset County. Since this is a new grant, they are in the process of conducting needs assessments throughout the county. The third and final piece he is working on is the reason why we connected with him. This purpose is to help promote physical activity in Somerset County.

As a committee we discussed what can be done in New Portland to help get people outside and moving. We discussed fitness trails, walking trails, or bike trails that may be able to connect with other towns who have those type of trails. The questionnaires that have been mailed to all citizens, ask for your ideas. This is where we really want input from all New Portland Residents.

Meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## **New Portland Community Library**

Friends of the Library: Congratulations to July's 100 Club winners: Carrabassett Coffee, Jennifer & Bryan McNaney, Atwood's Greenhouse, Audrey Kalloch, Pat Meldrum, Jean Antonucci

Knitwits will be meeting on August 13th only. Join us for a Pie Social on August 19th from 6-7:30 pm at the NPCL.

Please come enjoy the local, handmade quilts on display at the library. New ones are being added intermittently. The talent is really incredible!

From the Librarian - Shelby Newell: Warm summer greetings from the New Portland Community Library! Be sure and stop in to check out a book or DVD. We have many new selections available! We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 am - noon.

NPCL held a five week Summer Photo Challenge. Participants took lots of pictures throughout the summer based on daily themes. Some participants have submitted their photos for a slide show taking place on Sunday, August 2 at 2:00 pm. Please join us for this fantastic presentation!

Don't forget that the Summer Reading Challenge for Children and Young Adults is going on through August 15! Complete five book reviews by the 15th and you

will receive a special surprise. Visit the library for more information.

*Submitted: Kay Michka*

## **New Portland Lions Club**

Once again it is time to think fair time. The date of this years fair is September 18, 19, 20, 2015. It is our 83rd year and only 48 days until gates open. It is also the 20th Annual Maine Crafts Festival. New to this years fair is wrestling on Saturday at 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Rain date Sunday. Friday night come see local music and special guest Elvis by a local Lion. As always, there will be Farmer Steer and Ox pull on Friday. The midway opens on Friday at 4:00 pm, and the midway is being brought to you by Miller Amusements. At 7:00 pm there will be the ATV pulls. Saturday we will have the Sixth Annual Lumberjack competitions again at 10:00 am. Wrestling at 2:00 – 3:00 pm and Local Boys Truck Pulls at 6:00 pm and at 9:00 pm will be the fireworks for the whole family. Sunday as usual is Kid's day, most activities are for kids, pig scramble at 10:00 am, followed by frog races, sack races, a pie eating contest, sawdust coin hunt, and eel races. Also at 12:30 pm two # rock pull in the animal pull area and at 3:00 pm Demolition Derby. Contestants must register by noon. Please remember to enter your crafts, cooking, baked goods, paintings, photos and flowers and vegetables from your garden. Exhibition building will be open all day Tuesday, September 15 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm for the Grange and Extension Clubs.

On Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm all other individuals may bring in exhibits to be entered.

*Submitted: Catherine Horne*

## **Community Churches**

Although Kingfield Days were a bit wet, our crew from Western Mountains Baptist Church had plenty of fun making snow cones, popcorn and supervising the bounce house for all the visitors on Depot Street. The Gems Club, a Christian group for young girls ages 5 - 12, entered a float representing two moose pulling a wagon to go along with the theme Wild, Wild West-ern Maine. A good time was had by all. If you missed us this year, please plan to stop by next year. June 12 was a beautiful day at Embden Pond, and a blessed time for everyone involved as two people publicly announced their love for Jesus Christ. Pastor Tom encourages anyone who would like to be baptized or anyone who would like to learn more about baptism to talk with him. He can be reached at the church, 265-2557 or 557-3802.

We are excited about Vacation Bible School, to be held

from August 3 to August 6, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This year's program is Son Spark Labs; four days of laboratory adventures and fun. For more information call 265-2557 or 628-2036. It may not be too late to get your child (preschool to fifth grade) involved.

The Men's Bible Study continues to meet throughout the summer on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. On the first Saturday of each month, August 1 for this month, men are welcome to join in on a hearty breakfast and devotional. (Rumor has it that it is more like a bacon feast!). This time of fun and fellowship begins at 8:00 am. Jean would like you to call him at 265-2698 for more information or if you need a ride.

Our Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:00 am. For more information about Western Mountains Baptist Church and the variety of Bible studies offered throughout the week or other opportunities to grow in your faith, please call the church at 265-2557, email us at westernmountainbaptist@tds.net or visit our Facebook page.

May this month be filled with many blessings for you and your families.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*



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**Kingfield  
Phillips  
New Portland**

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## Friday September 4, 2015

**9:00 AM–1:00 PM**

**Kingfield Transfer Station**

**304 Lexington Road**

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