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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

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3npassessor1@gmail.com

Monday and Wednesday.....9am - 5pm

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Email for Town Managernwprtld@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

Public Notice

The municipal officers of the Town of New Portland will meet at 911 River Road, New Portland, ME on the sixth day of October 2015 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of holding a public hearing on and enacting the following ordinance:

General Assistance Ordinance

The public will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the consideration of the above ordinance by the municipal officers. A copy of the ordinance is available at the town office, 901 River Road, New Portland, ME.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

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

One 1995 Pierce Truck, VIN# 4PICA02D4SA000386, automatic and yellow in color. 87,484 miles, LED lights, sirens, newer tires with roughly only 500 miles on them. 1500 gallons a minute pump and 750 gallon poly tank. Front and side suction, foam system, covered hose bed and crosslay. Telescoping scene lights, 4 man cab, on spot chain system. The minimum bid for the vehicle will be \$35,000.00.

The truck can be seen at 911 River Road. If you have any questions, please call Fire Chief, Jethro "Kip" 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 October 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

New Portlander article submission deadline is October 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.

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 "Pierce Truck Bid". Bids must be received by October 15, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Bids will be opened and read at the October 19 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.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Clerk

Hello New Portlanders,

Please take note the following dates: October 5 - October 29 - Absentee Voting Starts.

You may come into the office to request an absentee ballot, request over the phone, or you can go to <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. If you decide to request an absentee ballot online, then when I receive the request and verify you are a registered voter here in New Portland I will mail out an absentee ballot to you. October 29 is the last day you can request an absentee ballot without special circumstances.

October 15 - This is when I can start to process dog licenses. In this month's *New Portlander* there is a form that has instructions as to what you will need when licensing your dog(s) and to make it more convenient there is also a section at the bottom of the page for you to send with proof of rabies, payment for license(s), and a self-addressed stamped envelope. You can send it in before October 15, and I will hold onto the information until October 15, and I will be sure process them and mail them out.

The Referendum Election is on Tuesday, November 3, and the polls will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. We hope to see you all there.

As always, if you have any questions you can contact at the office during business hours or email me at any time.

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Leisa Emery

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Board members reviewed previous meeting minutes as written. Mike motioned to accept, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Kip briefly spoke with the board members about an offer on the Mack for \$4,000 from Foster Robinson. Andrea motioned to accept. Mike seconded, and all were in favor.

Terri invited the Board members into her office to review tax commitment information. Leisa Emery also went in and helped explain some of the information to Andrea. Terri printed off the commitment paperwork. The selectmen reviewed all of the paperwork. They agreed to take \$53,000 out of surplus to keep the mil rate at 17. After thoroughly reviewing the documents the Board members all signed the commitment paperwork and turned them over to Stacie. The board members reviewed and signed payroll warrants. Mike asked Stacie when the bills would be in the mail. She said by Tuesday, the latest.

Mike also talked about office hours for Terri. He asked Terri to think about what hours she will be holding now. She said she would let Stacie know so it could be posted on the website and *New Portlander*. Mike also asked Terri and Stacie to think about ways to better assist the public, and there would be a discussion at the September meeting.

Andrea inquired about a possible vacancy on the school board. She asked for Stacie to confirm that, and if there was a vacancy Eugene Hutchins has offered to be on the school board. The board discussed that if there was a vacancy that they should post something in the *New Portlander*. Stacie would follow up with them her findings.

All Board members agreed to cancel the August 17 Selectmen's meeting, with Andrea being out of town on business and Wayne being on vacation.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 1, 2015 meeting. smr

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Monday, September 14, the Comprehensive Committee met at 6:30 pm at the Community Room. Members present were Marilyn Gorman, Bob Whitten, Jim Heichel, Stacie Rundlett and Judi Wills.

The survey results from the Community Survey that had been mailed to all residents of New Portland, seasonal homes and land owners, were reviewed. The surveys were divided and the tasks of gathering information to be compiled began. Each item on the survey was reviewed and result was recorded as it was read. One person entered the responses as each member read the same question and gave response to that entry. 83 surveys were returned; each survey had 20 questions, some needing comments to be entered. The committee got as far as question 8. This will be continued at the next meeting.

The survey will help the committee and town see what citizens view as problems, what they would like to see change etc. This information should help all citizens see and hear how New Portland is viewed, where are strengths are and weak areas.

The committee will meet on October 5 at 6:30 pm at the Community Room. Respectfully. . .

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Community Library

Congratulations! September 100 Club Winners! Debra LeBeau, Arlene Trudel, Olive Dulac, Petrina Bearor, Atwood's Greenhouse, and Anonymous

From the Librarian - Mainerd the Moose has moved back in and said he's hiding out until the hunters are gone! He came out of the woods last week and has made himself right at home in the library. You never know where you will find him. He likes to snuggle right in with a good book. Bring the children in to spot him and enter our "Where's Mainerd?" contest. Fill out the form with your name and where you spotted him. A winner will be drawn at the end of moose season. One entry per visit.

Children's Hour will be on Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 am. This month we will have a moose theme since Mainerd has stopped in for a visit. Hope to see you there!

Save the date of October 24th for a Fall Festival! The New Portland Community Library and the Recreation Committee, with help from the Fire Department, will be hosting a fun-filled day. There will be all sorts of activities going on from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm! A fry pan toss, ball drop fundraiser, children's library activity, bee keeping demo and talk, quilting chat, firetruck tour, scarecrow contest, photo show, food sales and many other exciting activities and events are in the works. Once the details are confirmed, a schedule of the events will be posted at the Post Office, Tindall's Dam Diner and Country Store, the Town Office, and the library porch bulletin board. Also, check the New Portland or New Portland Community Library Facebook page or try the www.newportlandmaine.org site and look for the schedule under "Town Events Calendar" on the right side of the page. If you cannot access any of these schedules, leave a message for Kay at 628-2014, and she will figure out a way to get a schedule to you. Hope to see you all!

The New Portland Community Library has a Fall Photo Challenge going on. Be sure to check out the library's Facebook page for the online participant submissions and join us at the library on October 24th at 2:00pm for the show! You won't want to miss the outstanding work!

We are not accepting any book donations at this time. We have finished our book sales for the year and don't have a

lot of room for storage. We do appreciate your donations but have reached capacity. Please ask us again in the spring.

We have many new selections of books and dvds for all ages, available at the New Portland Community Library! Be sure to come in for a visit! We are open 10:00 am - Noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays and 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Be sure to follow us on Facebook. You can call or email with any questions or suggestions! We want to know how we can best serve the community. Phone - 628-6561 or email newportlandcl@gmail.com

Friends of the Library - Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet on Thursday, October 8 and 22 at 10:00 A.M. Hot coffee, tea, and cocoa will be offered. Join us!

From the Board President, Kay Michka - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the resignation of our beloved Library Director, Shelby Newell. She tells us, "The demands of the teaching profession ...require a huge amount of time beyond my "school hours" and I just cannot keep up. Something just has to give, and it makes me sad that I will be leaving, but I know it is what I need to do for me...It has been an amazing experience that will always remain dear to my heart." We cannot imagine how the library will function without her, but we wish her all the best. She has been a beacon and a blessing to the community.

Now, perhaps you can imagine *yourself* as the New Portland Community Library Director! Beginning immediately, we will be searching for someone to step right in to Shelby's well-blazed path and take over as the new director on December 1, 2015. Printed copies of the paid job description will be available at the library circulation desk by October 3, and a copy will be available online by inquiring at newportlandcl@gmail.com. Please direct your questions to the same address, and they will be forwarded to the Hiring Committee. Attending the October 10 or November 13 monthly Board Meeting would be a bonus to help you get a better handle on the library workings. We meet at 6:00 pm at the Conference Room of the library at 899 River Road, across from the Town Office.

It is also time for me to bid farewell. After five years as Board President, I, too, will be resigning my position as board member (hence the appeal in last month's edition of the *New Portlander*). A few new things have been courting my attention over the past year, and it's time I made time to explore those opportunities. I cannot thank the Board enough for all the hard work they have done to propel the library to a top notch community source! I count them as true friends and allies. I have equally enjoyed my time with community members at activities, fundraisers, and while working my volunteer shifts. Many good wishes to this library in the future!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Recreation Committee

The recreation committee has a few people who are willing to work on trying to keep a few activities happening. Having said this, the New Portland Library and the Recreation Committee are combining a Fall Festival.

The group had a meeting, ideas were shared and plans were made. The event will take place, Saturday October 24, 2015 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The Recreation Committee will do the scarecrow contest. The theme will be “story book characters” and does not have to be a scary theme (but can be). The stakes will be put up the 14th of October so all entries can be in place, in time for judging on October 22. The winners will be announced at the Fall Festival. I hope “kids” of ages will make a “scarecrow” so all can enjoy them. If anyone would like to be a judge, call Judi Wills.

The Recreation Committee will also be doing a “pie contest”. It was decided to do an apple pie or a pumpkin pie, your choice of what to enter. You can enter one in each category or just one. The judging will be separate for each pie type. The pie should arrive on October 24 by 11:00 am. Judging will start at 11:30 am and the winner will be announced that day.

The other event the Recreation Committee will be doing is the “fry pan toss”. This was a lot of fun and I know there will be a good competition with some of the people. Prizes will be given for longest toss, most elegant toss and best try.

It is all in fun, so come join your friends and neighbors to a day of activity by the New Portland Library Committee and Recreation committee. Make it a day to celebrate New Portland.

Submitted: Judi Wills



**FALL FESTIVAL
ENTRY FORM**

Scarecrow: _____
Character Name (what story)

Name of Contestant: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number on Stake: _____

*Please make sure to place entry in box at Town Office
or give to Judi Wills.*

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The September meeting was called to order by the vice president with seven members present.

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

Trail Master: Brad reported the state has made a few changes. The state is cutting back on signs which they are supplying, and the mileage reimbursement for the club grant has gone up \$20 per mile. Brad also added that some sign work had begun, and he wanted to remind people if they work on trails to keep track of their time, what trail they were on, and the date they did the work. This information can be used on the club grants.

Old Business: Judi said she had received both of the checks for the grants, and the money had been deposited into the club account. She also stated she had been in contact with our insurance agency trying to find different insurances. When she hears back from the agent, Judi will report back to the club. Joyce read a thank you note from Eli Pease, the recipient of our club scholarship.

New Business: Bill brought up an idea for getting more recognition for the club. He suggested we look into stickers to be given to club members for them to put on their snowmobile. Judi volunteered to go to SignWorks in Farmington to talk to the owner about possible designs and cost. She will bring this information back for the October meeting. Bill is also working on a plan so the club could hold some winter barbecues. He thought this would be another way to bring more recognition to the club, as well as earn some extra money. Details are in the developmental stage. Joyce will bring to the next meeting, membership forms and self-addressed stamped envelopes so club members can have them to give to people, who are interested in joining the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Our October meeting will be held on Saturday 17 at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there. Just a reminder, it is now time to join for the 2015-2016 season.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

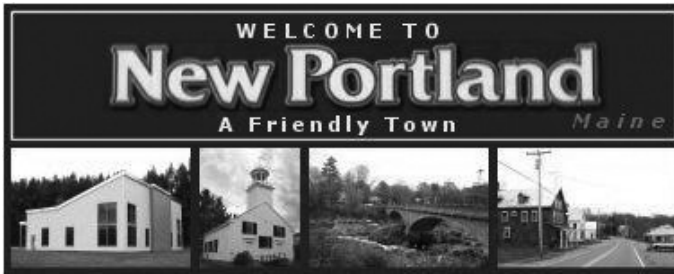
Citizens’ Corner

Dear Residents of New Portland,

We need strong innovative leadership in this town. Somerset County has become the poorest in the state. We seem stuck too often on sarcasm (the last time I tried to post on fb) and rumor mongering/unpleasantness and other behaviors that waste time and create ill will. The town has many assets we could bank on. I guess, I think, we need new leadership. Mike Senecal has set a great example so far, and though I have yet to get back the quiet that I moved here for, he is an example of how people should treat each other. We have got to work together, folks.

The noise from Environmat has been going on for three years now, a little softer, but still at 6:00 am and night after night

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DOG LICENSE REMINDER

New Portland Town Clerk's Office

Dear Dog Owner,

It's that time again! Please come to the Town Clerk's Office to license your dog(s) at your earliest convenience. **Be sure to come in before January 31, 2016 to avoid paying the late fee of \$25.00 per dog.** Any dog that remains unregistered may also be summonsed to court by the Animal Control Officer.... So please do not delay! These fines and deadlines are required by state law and cannot be waived.

Remember if your dog(s) is here for more than 7 days then you need to license your dog(s). If your dog(s) is 6 months or more in age then your dog(s) need to be licensed. In addition, if you no longer have your dog please call me at 628-4441 ext. 0 as soon as possible so that we may update our information.

To re-license your pet, you may come to the Town Clerk's Office. Our regular office hours are Monday – Wednesday 11:00am – 5:00pm, Thursday 2:00pm – 7:00pm and the 1st Saturday of the month 8:00am – 12:00pm (*providing it is not a holiday weekend*). You may also re-license your dog through the mail. Please send a copy of the dog(s) Maine rabies certificate and a check payable to the "Town of New Portland" for the appropriate fee and I will process the license and return the paperwork and the new dog tag(s) to you. Please use the form provided at the bottom of this notice.

Thank you for your attention to this important notice. Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination, which protects the health of your pet and your family. **Remember, all dogs in the State of Maine are required to be licensed.** The fees are used to stop animal cruelty in Maine and to support our local Animal Shelter, which is located in Farmington.

The Licensing fee is \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$11.00 for male or female dogs **if licensed BEFORE January 31, 2016.** The fees will be \$31.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$36.00 for unaltered dogs **if licensed after January 31, 2016.**

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your copy of the Maine rabies certificate and payment to:
Town of New Portland
901 River Road, New Portland, Maine 04961

Please clip this section and return with your check made payable to the Town of New Portland

Name of Dog Owner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Dog(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Telephone: 207-628-4441 . FAX :207-628-4440 . **website:** www.newportlandmaine.com
901 River Road, New Portland, Maine 04961

at 7:00 pm when I get home and want to relax and at 11:00 pm and on Sundays, etc. The town does not seem to value its citizens' right to peace and quiet. The town does not seem to know how to get value and promote the sweetness and assets of the environment. There is a whole organization NOISE FREE AMERICA that could help.

A neighbor told me last week s/he was about to take a gun to that plant. Last year two of our town reps went to Environmat and reported that the grinder was being enclosed and the noise softened or something with mill matting (?), I believe, I have no idea what that is or how well it insulates sound. There is nothing that cannot be soundproofed. I have no idea what was done or what effort was made, but I can tell you that this town continues to operate as if its own citizens are second class beings. I have been the chief spokesperson about this issue but no one bothered to ask me along to see the grinder and the changes being made and to meet the staff at Environmat.

So I note with interest that in the current issue of the *New Portlander* a select person was bothered that she was not approached about a rumor about the town manager, though others were. This is the same behavior of lack of direct communication to which I was subjected! I think, this town can do a lot better. Let's take the high road, look at the big picture and stop with the small mindedness. It may take new staff and new leadership. Look how much the library accomplishes! The long term sustainability of a town is what matters. I am anxious to hear what has been submitted to the committee working on this.

Sincerely,

Submitted: Jean Antonucci

Community Churches

Portland Community Church Services for the New Portland Community Church will move to the West Village Church on the first Sunday in October. We say goodbye to our lovely summer church. It has been a busy summer with work groups and outings scheduled throughout.

The construction on the Joyce Pease Meeting House, which is attached to the North Village Church, was finished in July and the results are lovely. If you have not seen it do take a drive by. The side facing Hancock Pond Road has been changed. The door is now centered, and the windows clustered on either side of the door. A small deck and steps lead up to the door. Thank you all who worked on the project. Special thanks to Mike Wales, Austin Luce, Floyd Cook and Gilbert Taylor who all lent their time and talents to helping us get this done.

The monthly church suppers at the West Village Church have been great. We thank everyone who has helped out with donations of time and edibles as well as those who attended. The next supper will be held on October 15. This will be our final supper of the year. 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 now open for business EVERY Saturday

morning, 10:00 am – Noon. If you have not been in recently it's worth checking out. I know many people don't want to hear this but.....there are some very nice winter items in stock.

Monthly Breakfast will be held on October 1 (first Thursday of the month) at Tindall's Dam Diner at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings. **Remember we move to the West Village Church on October 4.** Times for services remain the same: Coffee hour from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Services begin at 11am. The following is a list of ministers who will be joining us in the month of October: October 4 [Communion] – Rev Doug Walrath; October 11- Rev Stan Wheeler; October 18 – Rev Doug Walrath; October 25 – Rev Tony MacNaughton. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church has several spiritual growth opportunities held throughout the week: included are Bible studies that take place at homes and or at the church. There are studies for women, men, youth and combined groups. All are open to members of the church as well as non-members - everyone is welcome.

Youth Group has started again up after a summer break. Youngsters from fifth grade to twelve grade meet at the church on Thursday evenings from 6:00 -7:30 pm. This is a fun time to get together with friends for activities, a Bible study and snacks. Parents are welcome to help out and to be involved. For more information call the church at 265-2557.

"Sermon on the Mount" with speaker Jen Wilkins is the new learning opportunity for the Ladies Bible study held Wednesday mornings. This group meets at the church at 9:00. For more information call Betsy at 678-2328.

The monthly Men's Breakfast will held, October 3 at 8:00 am. And, the weekly Men's Bible study is held on Monday evenings at 6:30p.m., Both are held at the church. For more information call Jean at 265-2698.

Gems Club meets every other Friday at the church from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. This group is for young girls, ages 4 - 11. Arts and crafts, learning about God and snacks are offered. Call the church for more information.

October 11, directly after church we will have a Fellowship Potluck. Church begins at 10:00 am. Bring a dish to share and join us for a time of good food and connecting with old and new friends.

To speak with Pastor Tom DuBois about the happenings at Western Mountains Baptist Church or about how to get involved with our church, please call him at 265-2557 or 557-3802. Also, feel free to check out and "like" our Facebook page.

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven". Ecclesiastes 3:1

Happy fall!

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
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