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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**

**Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne - Ext. 3** ..... [npassessor1@gmail.com](mailto:npassessor1@gmail.com)

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

**Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4**

**Email for Town Manager** ..... [nwprtld@tds.net](mailto:nwprtld@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

## Town Clerk

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Date:

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

Polls Open/Close:

**10:00 am – 8:00 pm**

Location:

**911 River Road  
at the  
Community Room / Fire Station**

The following is a list of the Candidates

#### Board of Selectmen:

Lorie Agren, Raymond Poulin

#### School Board:

Heather Hilenski

\*Reminders

**The Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 am in the Community Room/Fire Station**

Please keep in mind of these laws: It is that time of year again, and we are stressing that you do not plow, snow-blow or shovel snow or slush into public roadways. This is a state law and causes roads to become more dangerous.

It is unlawful for any dog licensed or unlicensed to be at large except when used for hunting.

Absentee Ballots for the Municipal Election can start to be requested on Wednesday, February 3. I can accept requests for Absentees Ballots up until 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 3.

*Submitted: Kristen Mitchell*

**New Portlander article submission deadline is February 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.

## **Town Manager**

Announcing Meet the Candidates Night - Event: Meet the Candidates Night; Date: Wednesday,

February 17, 2016; Time: 6:30 pm; Location: 911 River Road at the Community Room / Fire Station

There are two candidates for the Board of Selectmen and one candidate for School Board who will be present to introduce themselves and discuss why they are interested in running for the position of Board of Selectmen or School Board. The public is encouraged to attend to ask the candidates questions they may have and meet the candidates.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 17 to meet the following candidates: Board of Selectmen - Lorie Agren, Raymond Poulin; School Board - Heather Hilenski

*Submitted: Stacey Rundlett*

## **Selectmen**

Minutes for the December 15 Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Terri Lamontagne

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Selectmen reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept them as written, Andrea seconded and Mike abstained as he was not present at the last meeting; Andrea and Wayne were both in favor.

The Board members reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.

Kip Poulin reviewed with the board his 2016 proposed budget request. There was a discussion regarding heating, electricity and cleaning costs of the Community Room area.

Gary Agren reviewed his budget request for 2016. He also stressed the need of some building maintenance to be done to the town storage building in the West Village. There was a discussion regarding the disposal of tires from town vehicles and the costs at the KNTS. Stacie would contact Leanna in Kingfield to see what the costs would be.

The Board reviewed the Assessing Budget for 2016. There was a brief discussion regarding digitizing the town maps.

The board reviewed the budget process with Mike.

Wayne asked the other board members to clarify what they wanted to do regarding Enviro-Mats and whether Enviro-Mats are in compliance with the town ordinance or not. There was a discussion regarding recommendations from the attorney and findings from previous information regarding the sound study, complaints, emails, information from the towns' attorney, and other operations in the area. Mike motioned that Enviro-Mats is operating within compliance of the towns' Subdivision and Commercial Development Ordinance. Andrea seconded, and all were in favor. Andrea asked Stacie to draft a letter for the board to review and then mail it out to Enviro-Mats.

Wayne also discussed with the board the options for a sand/salt shed. There was a discussion regarding options and how to go about planning.

The Board discussed the Deputy Town Clerks pay. They agreed with hours submitted that Stacie as Deputy Town Clerk should be paid for additional time for workshops and time spent as Deputy Town Clerk. Mike motioned to authorize this, Andrea seconded, and all were in favor.

The Board motioned to go into executive session for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) at 7:35 pm.

At 8:17 pm the Board entered back into public session. They performed performance evaluations with Kip Poulin, Gary Agren and Terri Lamontagne.

Terri discussed with the board a possible tree growth violation. The Board reviewed the information with which she provided them. The property, which is in tree growth, was sold approximately one year ago. Before the new owner cuts the property the owner has to notify the Assessor or put the tree growth plan in the owner's name. The property has already been cut, and Terri asked the board how they would like to proceed with this issue. The consequences for cutting the property before notifying the Assessor or putting the tree growth plan in their name is a tree growth penalty. Terri shared with the board that they are very close to their one year date from time of purchase and familiar with tree growth laws as they have other properties in tree growth. Andrea asked Terri to send them an email with the amounts of the penalty so they are aware of all of the communications with current land owner.

Mike motioned to adjourn, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on January 5. smr*

*Submitted: Stacey Rundlett*

## New Portland Community Library

Do you have a New Year's Resolution to read more? The New Portland Community Library might just become your best friend! We have over 7000 books on the shelves, and we add new titles each month. Do you need a suggestion for a great read? We can do that too! Please consider stopping in to check out all the lovely books we work so hard to fill the shelves with. Also, if you are looking for a particular book or series let us know, and we just might be able to help you out!

Stop in and check out the wonderful photography of Doug Archer. His beautiful work will grace our walls until April. Please keep your eyes open for an artist's reception and showing of his work.

The 100 Club winners for January were as follows: Gary Cobb, Sheila Hoyt, Vi Coffin, Gail Read, Anonymous, Jennifer & Bryan McNaney. February winners: Paula Young, Rosemary Underwood-Nadeau, Carrabassett Coffee, Wanda Calder, Nona Young, Eye1, Thank you so much for your continued support of the NPCL.

Change is in the air at the NPCL. We are sad to see our former Library Director, Shelby Newell leave, but she made so many wonderful things happen while she was in charge. She will be missed, but I'm sure we'll see her cheerful face in the library at various events. We are, however, excited to announce we have hired a new Library Director, Sheila Atwood. Sheila has begun getting acquainted, and you may have already seen her while you visited. Please take a moment to stop in and introduce yourself; she's very anxious to meet you all.

We will begin "warm up Tuesday" in January. Come in for a hot drink between 10:00 am - 12 noon and check out our new books and movies or use our computers. You can always grab a cup of coffee or tea as well. A reminder that if school is cancelled, the library is also closed. If you're not sure you can always call and check before venturing out!

The Library is also seeking volunteers and board members. If you would be interested in either position please call the library or see a board member for more details. Have a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays in February (Feb. 11 and 25) at the library from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Light refreshments, hot coffee or tea, help with projects, and lots of conversation will be available. Please join us.

Petrina "Pete" Bearor

Respectfully. . .

*Submitted: Tabitha Emery*

## Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News - Well, we are now firmly in the midst of winter. Hope everyone is staying warm and well. Things are pretty quiet at the church this winter. Services continue on Sunday mornings with a great bunch of people and ministers. Since the beginning of December we have had several cancellations due to weather and power outages. If the weather looks questionable call Nan Berry (628-6061) or Floyd Cook (628-4327) for cancellation information. Please come to coffee hour at 10:30 am and visit with friends and neighbors. The service follows at 11:00 am.

There will be no service on February 7 as we will be participating in a joint service at the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. This is the annual Jazz Service with music by a variety of church members with the capable backing of the South Street Road Crew, a band of considerable talent. This service is always a fun, upbeat and uplifting way to worship.

The thrift store is open from 9:00 am - 12 noon on Saturday mornings. Sweaters, long johns, warm socks; any of that sound appealing on a cold February morning?

Ministers for the month of February will be: February 7 - There will be NO SERVICE in New Portland, joint Jazz service to be held at Fairbanks Union Church, 10:00 am; February 14 - Rev Stan Wheeler; February 21 - Rev Doug Walrath; February 28 - Rev Tony MacNaughton. Respectfully. . .

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

The Western Mountains Baptist Church has begun the 12 week study of "Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God". It is not too late to join. Classes are offered Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm (childcare provided) or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Pick the night that best fits your schedule. Each week there will be a video followed by small group discussions. Workbooks are \$12. Contact Pastor Tom at 557-3802 or email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net for more details.

A Women's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 13 at 9:00 am. Because it is the day before Valentine's Day, the men have offered to do the cooking. In addition to good food there will be time for a Bible study and spending time with friends. Invite a family member or neighbor and join some other ladies for a fun morning together. For more information call Debi at 684-2050.

Each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am, the Ladies Bible Study meets at the church. They have recently begun a study on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John - "What Love Is". Call

Betsy at 678-2328 if you have questions about how to get involved in this friendly group.

For the men, the monthly Men's Breakfast for this month will be held Saturday, February 6 at 8:00 am. Also, the men meet every Monday evening at 6:30 pm for a Bible Study. Jean is the person to call more information. His number is 265-2608.

Mark your calendars now for March 12 for our annual Family Fun Day. In years past, families met at Gilmore Hill in Kingfield for sliding and/or snowboarding then gathered at the church for a bonfire to cook hotdogs, marshmallows and to get warmed up with hot chocolate and other goodies. More details will be provided next month.

Worship services at the Western Mountains Baptist Church begin at 10:00 am and Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:00 am. Visitors are welcomed.

"For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope". Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

## **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

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The January meeting was called to order with ten members present.

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

Lewis Wills reported he had been out with the groomer and opened many of the club trails. He found we were still lacking snow in some spots, and there were many spots with open water or mud. He, Bill and Kendall had replaced an idler wheel on one of the groomer's tracks.

Social Director: Linda has come up with a tentative schedule for some rides. January 1 - ride to Longfellow's in Kingfield for lunch. February 13 - ride to Carrabassett Valley to the Sugar Bowl for lunch and bowling, for those who wish to bowl. As it gets closer to the dates, you can check out Facebook (Wire Bridge Sno Travelers) for meeting places and times.

New Business: A thank you note was read from the People Who Care Food Cupboard, thanking the Club for our food donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. Our next meeting will be February 20 at the Fire Station meeting room, starting at 6:30 pm. Hope you can join us.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## **Animal Control Officer**

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If you are reading this and you have not licensed your dog, then late charges will be added to the dog license fee. The next rabies clinic in Kingfield at Webster Hall: Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1. You should be there at 10:15 am.

*Submitted: Lorie Agren, ACO*



## FCAM Indoor Fly and Meeting

Garrett-Schenck Gym, Anson

Feb. 26 - 6:00-9:00PM

### PRESS RELEASE

The Franklin County Aircraft Modelers (FCAM) is your local club for radio controlled model aircraft using all methods of RC control communications, model, size and type including fixed wing, helicopter, drone, quad+, sailplane/glider and power configurations (fuel, electric, etc.).

During warm weather months we have 3 flying fields open located in the towns of Carrabassett (the airport), New Portland (behind the central school building) and North Anson at 136 Embden Pond Rd. In addition we also float fly from Lily Pond in Concord (Rt. 16).

We also have 3 sponsored indoor flying (for small electric/free flight) gymnasiums located in the towns of Anson, Madison and Fairfield. There is no membership requirement to fly (meaning free of charge) at any of the indoor venues. You are invited to fly at any of our locations or just come to watch or ask questions. Ages permitted to fly at any venue is from 10yrs. to Seniors. We have instructors and of course much information, experience and advice to offer for this fun hobby. If you have recently received a RC model as a gift, if it's electric and small enough to fly indoor then we offer a great opportunity to get started flying now!

Our next scheduled indoor fly and club meeting is February 26 at 6PM in the gymnasium of the Garrett-Schenck School in the Town of Anson. The flying (and instruction/advice) is free and a good opportunity to come meet and watch the club members as they fly, including 3D (stunt) flying!

However, there is other indoor flying at the other locations (day and evening) going on now!

For complete information including event schedules, locations with maps and so much more please go to our web at: <http://rcflyer.org> You may contact any club officer by clicking on the "Contact Us" link.

You may also contact the FCAM Secretary, Ron Sarner, email: [nightvapor1945@gmail.com](mailto:nightvapor1945@gmail.com) and, in the subject line please type "Want to Fly". Ron Sarner's phone: 265.6380

END PRESS RELEASE



Your Local Radio Control Flying Club is the

### FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRCRAFT MODELERS

4 OUTDOOR LOCALES + 3 INDOOR AREAS

N. Anson - New Portland - Carrabassett - Concord - Anson - Madison - Fairfield

**Web Address**      **Email FCAM Secretary at:**  
<http://rcflyer.org>      [nightvapor1945@gmail.com](mailto:nightvapor1945@gmail.com)



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**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
**FEBRUARY 2016**

