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## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

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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: Ext. 3** ..... [nnwprtInd@tds.net](mailto:nnwprtInd@tds.net)

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**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
- **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:

Event - RSU #74 Budget Validation Referendum

Date - May 10, 2016

Polls Open / Polls Close - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Location - Community Room at the Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland

The June Primaries are approaching fast! The date for the primaries this year is Tuesday, June 14, 2016. From May 9 - June 9 voters can request an Absentee Ballot. There are four ways to do this. Voters can stop in the office during regular business hours, call the office during regular office hours at (207)628-4441 ext. 2, send me an email at [newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com) or voters can go to this website to request one online at <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. May 26 is the last day for a registered voter to change their party enrollment. Remember, Maine currently has three qualified parties: Democratic, Green Independent, and Republican. Some unenrolled candidates choose to designate themselves as "Independent," there is no "Independent" party in Maine now. If a voter is not registered in one of the three qualified parties the voter will not be able to participate in the June primary! As always if you have any questions, you can always stop into the office, call or email me. I hope, you all are enjoying the spring weather we are finally getting.

*Submitted: Kristen Mitchell*

**New Portlander article submission deadline is May 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@tdsteme.net](mailto:bigd@tdsteme.net)**

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

## Selectmen

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### *Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for April 05, 2016*

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Terri Lamontange, Gary Agren, Marilyn Gorman, Brent and Misty Davenport, Dee Menear, Wayne Rundlett, Judi Wills.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Mike motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded. All were in favor.

#### Old Business:

a. Andrea briefed everyone of a session with Polly and Rob MacMicheal, Terri, Andrea and Raymond to review Polly and Rob's real estate account. The board decided to reopen the MacMichael abatement request. Andrea motioned to grant an abatement to them in addition of \$136.00. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.

#### New Business:

Terri discussed with the board an error in tax billing for Amy Squibb. Andrea motioned to abate Amy Squibb's tax bill for account #769, in the amount of \$282.20 and to supplement this to Thomas Scanlon who is the correct property owner. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Terri discussed with the board another real estate issue regarding waterfront charges for a property owner on Katie Crotch Road. She asked if there should be a charge of waterfront or water access. There was a brief discussion regarding other properties that are similar to this one in question. The board asked Terri to research other properties, and they would like to discuss it more after getting more information.

She also discussed with the board an account that reflects having no electricity in the TRIO system. There was a discussion regarding this, and the board asked Terri to find out if there is a generator or if the property owner is connected to Central Maine Power Company. The board authorized Terri to make the necessary changes in TRIO if she finds the property owner is connected to CMP. Stacie also brought to the attention that she and Terri discussed options for Stacie getting updates from TRIO prior to sending out any tax notices.

Terri also discussed with the board that she needs to change her Tuesday hours in the office. There is a conflict for her with Tuesday mornings in New Portland. There was a discussion regarding her office hours and availability. The board and Terri agreed to work Mondays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and Tuesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Gary brought a question to the board regarding personal property. He specifically inquired about special mobile equipment. It is his understanding that someone who has a special mobile equipment either has to pay excise taxes on it or personal property tax. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject. The board asked Stacie to contact MMA about this matter.

Gary updated the board that he needs to purchase four new tires for the grader. He briefed the board on scheduled work to be done to the roads.

Kip updated the board on a new site on which to list the Pierce and the generator. There was a brief discussion regarding this site and the reserve amounts to be set.

Lorie updated the board on only having about ten people who haven't licensed their dogs. She briefed the board on a class she attended to continue her eight hours for annual training. She discussed with the board she will need to purchase some equipment. She also updated the board that there was a case of rabies in town. She stressed the need for everyone to have their dogs vaccinated. There was a discussion regarding Lorie's term as ACO. Last year, it was changed to reflect a term of only one year. And she feels she is well enough to have it be a three year term. Mike motioned to change the position to a three year appointment. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. The board asked for a copy of her certificate of her training to keep on file. They also noted to Terri that they would like all of her workshop certificates.

Judi updated the board that the Comprehensive Plan should be coming to closure soon.

The board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants. Stacie discussed with the board changing the office hours on Thursdays from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm to 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. She also discussed with the board about changing Saturdays to reflect winter and summer hours. Winter not offering Saturday hours and having summer hours be April through November. There was a discussion regarding how the public felt. Stacie also provided data from other towns and who offered Saturday hours. Out of 496 municipalities that participate with MMA only 41 offer Saturday hours. Stacie also updated the board that in the next year to 18 months the public will have the opportunity to also register their vehicles online, per changes with BMV and manual towns. Andrea motioned to change the front office hours effective May 1 for Thursdays to be from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and from December through March not offering Saturday hours and having the Saturday hours

for April to November hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Mike seconded and all were in favor.

Dee Menear, Brent and Misty Davenport brought to the board's attention their concerns with the sanitary and safety hazards in the West Village. Debris and trash has been blowing all over the village. There are feral cats in and out of the vacant buildings, and with the rabies outbreak they are also concerned with that. Brent discussed with the board his concerns with the trailer at 52 River Road and 34 River Road. There was a discussion regarding the public's concerns. Andrea brought the public up to speed on the stipulations with 34 River Road from a dangerous hearing that was held in January. Stacie informed the board and the public as CEO that a process had already been started to rectify the matter of the trailer at 52 River Road and all of the debris at that site from the building that had burnt in 2014. With new findings all of the permits issued for this site by law needed to be revoked. She also updated everyone that junkyard notification and automobile graveyard violation notices would be going out town wide within the next week or so.

Mike motioned to enter in to executive session pursuant to Personnel matters: 1. M.R.S.A. §(6)(A) at 7:45 pm. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. The board entered back into public session at 8:10 pm. The board decided to notify Terri to attend the next selectmen's meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

*These minutes were approved at the April 18th meeting. smr*

### *Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2016*

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Marilyn Gorman, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner, Terri Lamontagne, Kristen Mitchel, Brayden Lovejoy, Polly and Rob MacMichael, Bobbie-Sue Harrington, Kaitlyn Crawford, Wayne Rundlett

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Raymond made a motion to nominate Andrea as the Chairperson, Mike seconded and all were in favor.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike motioned to accept them as written, Andrea seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea recognizes Polly and Rob MacMichael. They had submitted an appeal to an abatement denial from 2015. The

board members agreed to revisit the original abatement request. There was a brief discussion regarding changes that had been made to their real estate account. The board agreed to set up a meeting with the MacMichael's and Terri to review their real estate account and help them better understand more about the changes made to their account.

The board members and Kip discussed if a pellet boiler would be feasible for a heating system at the fire station. All were in agreement that it was not a viable option for New Portland at this time. The board members discussed with Kip which system from the two quotes received would be the best one for the fire station. Mike motioned to go with Bob's Cash Fuel's quote for the system 2000. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. The board asked for Stacie to confirm that the price would stay the same if the work was put on hold for a month. Kip quickly briefed the board on some maintenance that has been done on the trucks and recent purchases for fire equipment.

Kaitlyn Crawford approached the board on a donation from New Portland for the 8th grade school class trip. There was a brief discussion about the trip and other fundraising that has been done. Andrea stated that she would give a personal donation to Kaitlyn but could not support the use of tax payer dollars going to this. Mike and Raymond were in agreement to give a personal donation as well and supported Andrea's decision to not use tax payer dollars.

Bobbie-Sue briefed the board on the school board budget.

Kristen approached the board with nomination papers.

Mike motioned to nominate Kip Poulin as Fire Chief for one year. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Mike motioned to nominate Robert Dunphy as Licensed Plumbing Inspector for one year. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Mike motioned to nominate Lorie Agren as Animal Control Officer.

There was a discussion regarding protocol for time stamping mail and documents that come into the office. The board reviewed and signed a quitclaim deed. The board reviewed and signed an A/P warrant and payroll warrants.

The board discussed with Terri her office hours. The board and Terri came to an agreement of office hours being Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and by appointment starting April 4 for the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

*These minutes were approved at the April 5th meeting. smr*

## *Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 01, 2016*

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Marilyn Gorman, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner, Paul Frederick

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Mike seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea recognized Paul Frederick; he introduced himself as a Starks Selectman, who is running for County Commissioner. There was a brief discussion regarding any concerns from the municipal level involving the County Budget and its services.

Kip gave the Board his recommendation on the boiler option. There was a brief discussion. All agreed that Stacie contact Bob's Cash Fuel and ask them to revise their quote to include different items that are on another quote from Valley Gas, so they are similar as far as costs for labor and material, etc. The board made no decision and opted to wait for a revised quote and to put this on the next agenda.

Kip gave the board his recommendation on a quote for the County to cover Lexington Twp for fire coverage. Kip reviewed what the coverage would entail and protocol for the different types of calls. There was a discussion, no decision was made. Kip also reviewed with the board the ordinance to help with billing for commercial businesses that have accidents that the fire department has to cover for hours at a time. There was a discussion, no decisions were made.

The board reviewed and signed accounts payable warrant and payroll warrants.

There was a brief discussion regarding who is verifying hours for hourly paid employees. There was a brief discussion regarding hours for the assessor's agent. All agreed that there should be at least one day in the office for the public. The personnel policy was briefly reviewed. The board asked for Stacie to reduce Terri's amount necessary to be compensated to reflect the holiday pay for January.

There was a brief discussion regarding a sand/salt shed and forming a committee to look into options for the town to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*These minutes were approved at the March 21st meeting. smr*

## *Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 15, 2016*

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Terri Lamontange, Tracy Gordon

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

There were no minutes to review.

Terri presented to the board information regarding a property in tree growth that had been harvested. This was a property which had been discussed before. This property was sold a little over a year ago, and it was in tree growth, and the new owners had not put the tree growth plan in their name. Based on new information brought to Terri, her recommendation was a \$500 tree growth penalty for not putting the plan in new owner's name. There was a brief discussion on this matter. The board was comfortable with Terri's recommendation and told Stacie to go ahead and produce the supplemental tax bill.

Terri also discussed with the board another property that was past due on the ten year compliance of the tree growth plan. There was a discussion regarding this matter. Based on Terri's recommendations, the board instructed Stacie to go ahead with another tree growth penalty for the ten year compliance law.

Terri reviewed with the board her letters to go out with the supplemental tax bills. Terri clarified another property where a property owner has a lessor, and there was some confusion on who gets a bill for what property. Terri discussed with the board ways to communicate with the public when she does cite visits and the owners are not home. Terri discusses with the board her concerns on subdivisions and when the home owners associations are dissolved. They agreed that there were a lot of subdivisions that Terri would need to be following through with to make sure associations are not dissolved. Andrea reviewed with Terri the labor laws involving overpayment compensation. There was a discussion regarding Terri and her hours and responsibilities. Andrea discussed with Terri that the town's attorney did confirm that the town can withhold up to 10% when an employee is overpaid. Andrea motioned to withhold 10% of the net from Terri's check per pay period, Wayne seconded. Both were in favor. There was a discussion regarding the matter and that it is for an overpayment just for the month of January 2016.

There was a brief discussion regarding a sand /salt shed.

The board reviewed and signed payroll and a/p warrants.

Kip discussed with the board the options for replacing the furnace at the fire station. It can be an approved project through TIF revenues. The board wanted more time to

review things before making any decisions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

*These minutes were approved at the March 1st meeting. smr*

### *Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2016*

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Terriann Lamontagne, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner, Raymond Poulin, Heather Hilensky, Bobbi-Sue Harrington

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

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the Pierce and the generator and that there have not been any serious inquiries. Kip also discussed with the board the grant for the Fire Department through Maine Forestry. To complete the process, we just needed to list our DUNS #. Andrea gave suggestions on where to find this information, and Stacie would look into it. Kip also updated the amount of calls the department has had so far this year. He also informed the selectmen that he had new lights installed outside for better lighting when moving the trucks in and out of the bays. And he also had lights fixed inside the bays. Kip told the board that he was having Three Rivers Recycling hauling the trash from the fire department. The cost is less than the department has paid in the past.

Terri briefed the board on a property that was bought and was in Tree Growth. She notes that the land had been stripped, and it has not been changed over into the new owner's name for the Tree Growth. She recommends a Tree Growth penalty for lack of notifying the assessors of the cut prior to changing it over into the new owner's name. The board members reviewed her worksheet that determines the penalty amount. Terri also updates the board on other notices she has sent out regarding their Tree Growth plans. The board also discussed with Terri they had a personnel issue to discuss with her and asked if she wanted it in executive session. She said public session was fine.

Andrea reviewed the terms of her hire and her pay. Andrea noted that in 2015 she worked less than what she was required to do. Andrea told Terri that she was to turn in hours prior to receiving a pay check from now on. And that she was overpaid in the month of January of 2016. And the board wished to have Terri pay back the overpayment of \$459.00. There was a brief discussion regarding this matter and the overpayment. The board was not asking her to

repay the overpayment of funds in 2015, only the month of January of 2016. Terri stated the town could not recover any of that overpayment. The board would review the labor laws for overcompensation and discuss it more in detail at the next meeting. Terri stated to the board that there were a few things she needed to make her job easier. She requested that when her mail comes into the office it is stamped the date it is received. She would also like the password to the wifi and the password to the town's email address. There was a discussion regarding her requests. The mail having documentation of when it is received was not a problem. Stacie stated that the wifi password is the same as it always has been. Stacie stated Terri did not need the password to the town's email address that she uses as Kristen, Terri and Stacie all use their own email addresses and the passwords should not be shared. The board agreed with that. The board scheduled a work session with Terri for the February 15 meeting at the town office.

Terri also acknowledged she had an issue with her computer and had lost all of her data. There was a discussion regarding this issue and putting a plan in place so important information would not be completely lost. It was discussed that computers should be backed up after the end of a shift so the data entered that day would not be lost. Mike discussed different programs that do this automatically. Mike stated that he would do some research and try to find something better for the office. Stacie stated that she and Kristen back up their data daily and recommended that Terri do the same. She stated that there were flash drives or CDs available for Terri. There was a brief discussion about the town office curse with electrical devices. The board also want to discuss Terri's hours and what works best for the job and what works best for the townspeople.

The board members reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants. Stacie updated the board on her deadline for the town report. Andrea offered to proofread. Andrea also said she would work on the selectmen's letter of transmittal.

Stacie asked the board for Gary if there would be a separate line item for the work to be done on the storage building in the West Village. There was a discussion regarding this.

Bobbi-Sue Harrington and Heather Hilensky were present to talk to the board regarding school board members and the budget process for the school district. There was a brief discussion regarding the meeting, those who attend and how to ensure that New Portland has all three members present to be able cast votes for New Portland.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

*These minutes were approved at the February 15th meeting. smr*

## **Community Churches**

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During April, the Western Mountains Baptist Church hosted two groups of teenagers. The first group of eleven young people, Snowboarders for Christ, spent the night at the church then were up bright and early to be on top of Sugarloaf Mountain for a day of fellowship and snowboarding. The second group was made up of youngsters from our own WMBC Youth Group. Both groups enjoyed an evening of watching Christian movies, popcorn, pizza and Bible lessons. Members of WMBC enjoy and are blessed by the number of young people (and youth leaders) who visit and/or are active participants in our congregation. As the weather gets warmer, we expect to see these active young (and older) folks out on the soccer field. Anyone interested in joining in on some soccer fun, please call the church at 265-2557.

The Women's Ministry has planned two events for the month of May. Friday evening, May 6 at 6:00 pm is "movie night". Women of all ages are invited to the church to watch a Christian based movie (TBD). Snacks will be shared in a relaxed atmosphere while spending time with each other. Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm women are invited to meet at the church for a cookout and a devotion. Both of these events are wonderful opportunities to meet new friends and connect with people you may already know. For more information about these and other upcoming events for women call Pat at 265-4164 or Shelly at 265-2037.

May 14 at 9:00 am will be our yearly "clean up" day at the church. Many hands will be needed to deep clean the inside and the outside of our church building. Bring gloves, wheel barrows, rakes, and lots of "elbow grease". Hot dogs and salads will be provided for lunch. For more information, call Kathy at 265-4651.

Have you ever thought about going on a mission trip out of the country? The Western Mountains Baptist Church is planning to send a group to Haiti in October. If this is something you have thought about and would like more information, please call Jamie at His Hands Support Ministries at 652-2911. Exact dates have not been determined as of yet. The trip will be between one and two weeks. Jamie can give you more details about what is expected and the price.

Sunday worship services start at 10:00 am. If interested there is a Children's Church (ages four to third grade) and nursery (birth to age 3) during the service. Before the worship service, there is Sunday school offered for all ages at 9:00 am. Contact Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802 with questions or prayer requests. He can also be reached by email at [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net).

Isaiah 41:10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. (New Living Translation)

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

## **New Portland Community Library**

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Spring has finally sprung and with it bringing many exciting events at the library! We are in the process of updating the website and Facebook page. Some people have asked if we could send them emails on upcoming events. If you would like to be added to emails for this purpose, please let us know.

From the Librarian: We had several children attend storybook hour. I had a wonderful time as we talked about gardening; we ended the session by planting so the children could take them home and hopefully have a flower by Mother's Day. The children also colored diagrams that showed what they hoped their flowers would look like and created a sign that is displayed in the children's section.

The library has now been here at its current location for ten years! We held an anniversary party April 9 and have kept the pictorial history up on display; please, stop in and see what has transpired in ten years! A nice photo album was created as well as several posters.

Our first shipment of books from the Junior Library Guild for children and youth has arrived. These books are part of the grant the library received from this organization and include science fiction and graphic novels, as well as the latest in children's books on science and easy reading.

In May during Children's Book Week (May 2 - 7), we hope to have a children's book reader for every day the library is open: Tuesday and Saturday 9:00 - 10:00 am, and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 pm. We will read from some of the newest books we received from this grant. I am asking for any volunteers who would be interested in reading to the children during this week; this would take no more than 30 minutes of your time. Let's make sure children know what a wide world a book opens up to them! On Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am we will have a special children's story hour on a subject chosen by one of the attendees in April. Our haiku display will remain up through the end of April. Please feel free to stop in and write your own so that we can post in our display area. Yes, even you, can write haiku!

We need to have a cleaning day for the library. This time will be used to give the library a good cleaning - vacuuming, getting rid of all the dead flies on the windowsills, washing windows, polishing furniture, cleaning some of the cupboards, boxing up books for the upcoming sales, and cleaning up any area that looks a bit grungy. If you are interested in helping, please contact us, and we will notify you of the time and date.

100 Club Winners for April: Ron Bearor, Sharlene Belanger, Joye Earle, Wardy Atwood, Sheila Hoyt, Sophie Green

## **Model Flying**

Free Indoor Model Flying: All ages are welcome to fly your small electric fixed wing, helicopter, quadcopter, glider or rubber band powered model every Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm and every Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. These events are in the gymnasium of the Calvary Pentecostal Church at 160 Old Point Ave., Madison. The events at this location are seldom cancelled due to inclement weather or holidays. No membership or AMA credentials are required for the indoor events.

Beginning on Saturday, May 7 our first outdoor fly will be taking place at our Pease Field location which is behind the old Central School on School Street (Rt.146) in New Portland. On May 21, we will be flying from our Whispering Pines Field, 136 Embden Pond Rd. located approximately ½ mile on left just past the red brick home after turning at Pinkham's store in North Anson. On May 28, we will be having our first seasonal Float Fly at Lily Pond located on Rt. 16 in Concord. Concord is a public location which does not require AMA or FCAM credentials to fly there. All are welcome to come observe and ask questions. If you need free set up help, bring your model. If you hold current AMA credentials, present them and fly as a guest. No AMA or FCAM credentials are required for Lily Pond! Flying at all outdoor locations usually begins around 9:00 am and continues until 1:00 pm. We strongly suggest that always before leaving for any of our events that you log on to: [www.rcflyer.org](http://www.rcflyer.org) to confirm there have been no schedule changes. At any of these events it is always free to watch, 3D included! There is free model set-up and certain repairs. Free instruction is also offered (with credentials) with an AMA member instructor.

Monthly Tip: The true definition of a Drone is any UAS aircraft (unmanned, under radio control) regardless of prop and rotor count and any power source. The FAA special rule for model aircraft (Drone) is that the pilot of any unmanned aircraft weighing between 0.55 pounds and up must hold a FAA issued registration number appearing on the aircraft. Failure to comply is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$27,000. Criminal penalties may include a fine up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment up to 3 years. For more information Email: [nightvapor1945@gmail.com](mailto:nightvapor1945@gmail.com)

*Submitted: Ron Sarner*

## **New Portland Cemetery Association**

The East New Portland Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm at the New Portland Library.

*Submitted: Mike Malesky*

## **Upcoming events!**

The Annual Ladies' Tea will take place on Sunday, May 15 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Bring the special ladies of all ages in your lives and celebrate with some tea! There will be many delicious snacks and lots of great company. We hope to see you there!

Do you have a woodlot and are wondering what you can do with it, or how to improve it? Explore the world of small woodlot management: what do you have on the lot, what do you want to do with it, when do you want to do it? Enjoy talking and listening to Michael Kankainen, a private forester with 45 years of experience in land stewardship, public lands, industrial lands and private wood lots. He is the owner of 430 acres himself in Phillips, Solon and Kingfield. Michael will be joining us at the New Portland Community Library on Saturday, May 21, at 10:00 am. Come for Michael's presentation and then explore the various resources the library has available on the subject. Books and pamphlets are available to borrow. We are located at 899 River Road in East New Portland. Please call 628-6561 if you have any questions.

Also...The Annual Chinese Auction to benefit the library will be Saturday, May 28 at Happy Horseshoe Campground, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We are looking for donations of useful items (no clothes or books). Please call the library, 628-6561 and leave a message and phone number or contact a board member. A Chinese Auction is great place to have fun, help your local library and find that "hard to find-didn't know you needed" artifact, cheap! Mark the date: May 28!

Another Save the Date! The library's annual Plant, Book, and Bake Sale will be held on June 4 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We would love your donations of plants or baked goods, so please keep us in mind when planting your gardens! Donations can be dropped off at the library the day before the sale.

Don't forget the Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet at the library from 10:00 am - 11:30 am on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Everyone interested in knitting, crocheting or other types of hand work is very welcome. We have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water available. There will also be some goodies to eat while we work and chat. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Petrina "Pete" Bearor

*Submitted by Tabitha Emery*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Children's Book Week May 2-7 at NPCL	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm			Town Office Open 8:00 am - noon Special Children's Hour NPCL 9:00 am
8	Mother's Day	9 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm Cemetery Association 6:00 pm NPCL	11 New Portland Water District 7:00 pm	12 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10:00 am	13	14
15	16 A Maine Forester Talks NPCL 10:00 am	17 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19	20 New Portlander Deadline at 4:00 pm	21 A Maine Forester Talks NPCL 10:00 am
22	23	24 New Portland Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm	25	26 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10:00 am	27	28 Chinese Auction NPCL Benefit at Happy Horseshoe Campground, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.
29	30 Town Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	31 Tuesday May 10 RSU #74 School Budget Validation Referendum Vote 10:00 am - 8:00 pm				



**NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR**  
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