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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

Phone: 628-4441 • Fax: 628-4440

Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1
Email nwprtInd@tds.net

Deputy Town Manager: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 0
Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11am - 5pm
Thursday 1pm - 6pm
1st Saturday of each month (except holiday weekends) 8am - noon

Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2
Email newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

Deputy Town Clerk: Stacie Rundlett
Vital statistics & dog licensing
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11am - 5pm
Thursday 1pm - 6pm
1st Saturday of each month (except holiday weekends) 8am - noon

LPI: Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

Assessor's Agent: Ext. 3 newportlandassessors@tds.net

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30pm
- **New Portland Community Library**
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 4pm - 6pm
Tuesday and Saturday morning 10am - noon
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station**
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 7:30am - 4:30pm
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
2nd Tuesday of the month 6pm
- **Planning Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of the month 6pm
- **New Portland Water District**
2nd Wednesday of each month 7pm
- **School Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of each month 6pm
- **Wire Bridge Thrift Shop**
Open every Saturday 10am - noon
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month 10am

FROM THE TOWN OFFICE:

The town office will be closed July 2 in observance of the holiday weekend.

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2016

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, (absent) Andrea Reichert, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner, Wayne Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Mike Malesky

1. Mike Senecal called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Old Business
 - a. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Mike S. seconded. All were in favor.
 - b. Discussion regarding assessor's agent position. Mike S. motioned to table the matter until the next selectmen's meeting.
3. New Business
 - a. Department Heads
 1. Mike Malesky briefed the board as to where the assessor's agents' office was. He has paperwork that he wants the board to review with him before filing. There was a discussion regarding the protocol for the assessor's agent and responsibilities for state paperwork and submissions. Mike M. discussed with the board having the private cemetery lots put on the maps. All were in agreement to do so. There was a brief discussion regarding the waterfront properties. There was a discussion regarding having an assessor's work session in June.

2. Kip briefed the board regarding on the status of the Pierce selling. Kip recognized the proposed contract with Somerset County and providing fire coverage for the unorganized territories. There was a discussion regarding the contract and the details of the contract. The board and Kip were in agreement to keep the contract simple. Mike S would email example of a simple contract for coverage to Stacie to utilize. Mike S. clarified why they were considering a contract with the Somerset County Commissioners to have a contract covering the UT fire coverage. New Portland has been covering the area as a mutual aid department for many years. Unfortunately, the Highland/ Lexington TWP Fire Department has not been staffed well enough to cover their areas, and New Portland Fire Department has been providing most of their call coverage at the expense of the New Portland taxpayers. With this in mind Fire Chief Kip Poulin approached the County Commissioners to contract with New Portland as this department has been the major support to UT for fire coverage. The County Commissioners were in agreement that New Portland should be compensated and have agreed to enter into a paying contract with New Portland Fire Department for coverage. The County Commissioners were thankful to New Portland who has been doing this for such a long time without any compensation from the County.

b. Manager's Items

1. Financials were provided to the board and reviewed.
2. Payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

c. Item's by the Board of Selectmen

1. A member of the public discusses with the board his question regarding the waterfront properties and how valuations are calculated. There was also a discussion with the board the responsibilities of the school board members. The discussion acknowledges that there is no protocol for the school board members to communicate with the public. However, all in attendance agreed that those school board members communicating with the townspeople would be very beneficial. This position has no job description at the town level, and this position cannot be recalled. Mike M. acknowledged that one way for the public to be more aware of what is going on at the school board meetings would be to review agendas and minutes that are on the school districts website. There was also a brief discussion regarding Time Warner

Cable that goes through a part of the town and the franchise fee that is charged to them annually. All in attendance recognized the lack of choices in New Portland for internet services. Stacie clarified that KVCOG recently received a grant to improve internet services in a number of towns. It was confirmed with KVCOG that the grant money that was received was to investigate more in depth what the needs are within those Somerset towns and cities that participated in this grant process with KVCOG. It was not to improve our internet services at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 7th meeting. smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2016

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, (absent) Andrea Reichert, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Kristen Mitchell, Braydon Lovejoy, Muriel Handrahan, Monica Turner, Dan Stewart, Lance Maginnis, Gary Agren, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner, Wayne Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Mike Malesky

1. Mike S. called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. Old Business
 - a. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Mike S. seconded. All were in favor.
 - b. Mike S. clarified that the Thursday office hours have not decreased, they have only changed from 2:00 – 7:00 pm to 1:00 – 6:00 pm. The Saturday office hours for December, January, February and March have been cancelled. Typically, the office isn't open the first Saturday of the month in January as it is usually a holiday weekend. The first Saturday in March is always town meeting. So actually we are only canceling two Saturdays during the winter months that we have been open in the past.
 - c. Discussions regarding Dangerous Building at 210 Lemon Stream Road. A certified letter will be issued giving property owner another 30 days until the town acts on having the building demolished and property cleaned up. The board asked Stacie to find out an approximate amount it will cost to do so.

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is July 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.

Donna Agren, her niece Monica Turner and Dan Stewart, Monica's partner have been diligently working on cleaning the property inside and out. No one will be residing in the building until it is up to code. There was a discussion regarding the issues with which there is need to be dealt and having CEO Robert Dunphy do a walk through so that he can better inspect the building now that the debris has been removed from inside. The Board agreed to table the 34 River Road another 30 days to allow Donna Agren to have a plan in order and proposed amounts it will cost do bring the building up to code, as well as scheduling a time for Robert to do a walk through.

Stacie discussed with the board the status of the property at 52 River Road. The property owner stated that the tenant will be moving the trailer on the property around the June 17. The property owner has arrangements for Mark Wahl out of Kingfield to clean up all of the debris on the property. The board agreed to table the matter another 30 days as well.

- d. The Board and Kip reviewed and signed the contract for fire coverage of the Unorganized Townships with the Somerset County Commissioners, for \$12,000 per year.

3. New Business

a. Department Heads

1. Gary briefed the board on the new tires that were purchased for the grader. Also some discussion on upcoming work to be done. Mike S. discussed with Gary an issue with town turn arounds that he would like to have fixed before the winter season arrives.
2. Kristen briefed the board on the primary voting to take place on June 14 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. She also discussed an issue regarding a private burial lot that had not been properly recorded in the past, and she had issued the property owner notification on how to do such and a time frame in which to take care of the matter. She did also contact MMA legal regarding the matter as well.
3. Mike M. briefed the board on the status of all the data entry which he has been doing. He has a few things he would like to double check before he starts the commitment process.
4. Kip requested authorization to purchase a new generator to replace old from the funds of the generator that sold for \$2575. Raymond motioned, Mike seconded, and all were in favor. Kip also discussed with the board two trucks that have been listed for bid. He gave his recommendations for the one he felt would be best to replace the current failing rescue truck. He listed over \$27,000 dollars' worth of extrication tools which also come with the truck he recommends. As well as a \$30,000 cascade system that was installed on this truck two years

ago. There was discussion on repairs that will be necessary on the current failing rescue and the use of TIF funds and the funds from the sale of the Mack and the Pierce. There was a discussion regarding the TIF and the approved projects for which TIF funds can be used. Kip stressed the need for the rescue to be replaced as it has been failing for over a year. Mike asked to table the matter until the next meeting. After a discussion the board agreed to hold another meeting on June 15 at 6:30 pm so all board members can be present to make a decision on this matter.

4. Items by the Public

Judi discussed with the board if they had an interest in doing the community supper again. The board said they had a good time last year, and it would be good to continue. Judi also discussed with the board that in October the Recreation Committee planned on doing the October Festival again. Judi stated that the library showed interest again to participate. Date to be determined.

5. Manager's Items

1. Payroll and Account Payable Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

6. Item's by the Board of Selectmen

1. Mike S. acknowledged the passing of resident, Debra Clague, who served the town of New Portland as a first responder for NorthStar Ambulance, and she was also a part of the library. Mike S. would like to see a recognition in the future of any New Portland residents who might pass away at a selectmen's meeting. There was also a brief discussion regarding options for sand/salt sheds.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 15th meeting. smr

New Portland Library

From the desk of Sheila Atwood, Library Director:

Summer is finally knocking at our door, and we are as excited as you are! We've been keeping super busy at the library with our many spring and summer fundraisers. We really appreciate your support at these events. We wish to send out a special thank you to Judy and Buster Pinkham for their help at the Happy Horseshoe Chinese Auction and also Strout's Sprouts for the hanging plant, Doug Archer for the beautiful portrait. As always Atwood's Greenhouse is a big supporter with their flower/plant donations for the Plant Bake and Book sale. We couldn't do it without everyone's helping hands!

On another note, wireless users hooking into our system no longer need a password. Just find our connection - New Portland Community Library, and you should be able to get in. How are you finding the wireless connections? I am finding the library computers are responding much quicker!

We have a great raffle at the library for gardeners. \$1 buys you two tickets, and the items include three cloth bags, gardening gloves, a gardening apron, gardening tools, etc. Stop in and take a chance. We will be drawing the raffle at the Ice Cream Social!

Don't forget our idea for a book discussion group using copies of *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt. If you are interested, we will set up times in July; I am also contemplating a Facebook group for those of us who can't get in during the hours we hold the sessions. The book is described by Goodreads as "a moving story of love, grief, and renewal as two lonely people become the unlikeliest of friends and find that sometimes you don't know you've lost someone until you've found them."

Other Library Director's picks of the month: *Brooklyn* (dvd); *Dinosaurs in Space: Out of this World* by Pranas T. Naujokaitis (youth), *The Life of Abigail Adams* (nonfiction).

Stop in to "cruise" the shelves, purchase books in our used book room for summer reading, take out a dvd for a rainy day, and take a chance on the raffle.

Also...A MILE OF PENNIES!!! Clean off those dressers and share those jars, dig into that couch and scavenge your cars!! Donate your spare change of pennies to support the New Portland Community Library. Our goal is to collect a MILE to unroll at the New Portland Fall Festival. We currently have 400 feet of pennies collected. There are 5280 feet in a mile, 16 pennies equal 1 foot. You do the math. Collection jars are located at: Tindall's, the Town Office, the Library, Jordan Lumber and Trantens. We appreciate your support in advance!

Sneak one more peak at Cindy Taylor Clark's work before it disappears. We will soon have work from Karen Campbell gracing the walls so stay tuned and check out the Facebook page for more information! Remember we are stop #19 of the Maine High Peaks Arts and Heritage Loop.

Tired of cooking supper? Let us "cook" for you! The annual Ice Cream Social will take place on Wednesday, July 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. We will have strawberry shortcakes, brownie sundaes, banana splits and other regular treats. Life is short... ice cream for supper and support the library....what could be better?

Stop by the library and pick up info about the upcoming photo challenge during the month of July. The final show will take place at the Pie Social on August 10...mark your calendars and save the date!

100 Club winners for June are Shelby Newell, New Portland Lions Club, Linda Church, Carrabassett Coffee Company, Olive Dulac, Nona Young.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet at the library from

10:00 - 11:30 am on the second and fourth Thursday of July. Everyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend. All levels of expertise are welcome.

Submitted: Tabitha Emery,

Model Flying

Safe Outdoor flying locations have been open for two month now. Before flying at any of these outdoor locations please go to www.rcflyer.org to contact any FCAM officer for more information. Outdoor flying is available to anyone from ten years and up. There is a sign at the access road to our Pease field location next to the Central School building on School Street in New Portland. There will soon also be a new sign at the Whispering Pines field on Embden Pond Road in North Anson. Directions for all outdoor locations can be found at our website www.rcflyer.org.

Free indoor flying of electric, rubber band or glider models for anyone ten years and up is located in the gym of the Calvary Pentecostal church on Old Point Avenue. in Madison. This location is open every Wednesday from 9:00 am - noon. The Tuesday evenings previously posted are now suspended for the summer. Before leaving for any of our flying events and locations go to www.rcflyer.org to verify no changes have occurred.

Monthly Tip: For safety reasons, one must always fly with-in the Flight Line Zone. This zone is determined by the front of and, a straight line from one's left and right sides of where the operator is standing. The Flight Line Zone must be clear of all persons and other traffic (except other flyers). One must immediately land in the event that the zone is compromised.

Submitted: Ron Sarnier

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The following was received after the printing deadline for the June issue of the newsletter.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Judi reported the check for the club grant had been received and deposited into the bank. Bill is having some sample decals made up with different designs, having to do with the club. He will bring them to the next meeting so the club can decide if this is something we would like to have made up for members.

Election of officers was postponed until the August meeting, in hopes more people will be in attendance and be willing to fill some of the vacant positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be August 20 at the fire station beginning at 6:30 pm.

Prior to the meeting, the annual landowners' supper was held. We, as a club, would like to thank all of the landowners

who allow us to use their land for our trails. Thank you for your generous support to the snowmobiling community.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the dedicated club members who helped the club this season; whether it was holding an office, grooming the trails, maintaining the groomer, signing, brushing, cooking, washing dishes, etc., all are integral roles that help our club keep functioning.

Enjoy your summer and hope to see you at the August meeting.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News July 2016:

Summer time, school is out, the gardens are growing, the air smells of fresh cut grass, and the air is soft and warm. Hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy it. You can get out and enjoy an evening at the church supper once a month all summer long. The next supper will be held on Thursday, July 21 at 5:00 pm. Ham is on the menu! Come join your neighbors and enjoy a great dinner.

Summer is also the time when church work groups are about town doing home improvement projects for North Parish Housing (part of Mission at the Eastward, M.A.T.E.). The largest group of the summer, all the way up from Flemington, New Jersey, comes to the North Village Church for the week of July 24 – 29. They will be arriving on Saturday night and will be camped on the church lawn for that week. You will see them all about the community. Stop by and say hello. It's always fun and interesting to meet new people.

As always, the folks from Flemington Presbytery Church will also run Vacation Bible School from July 25^t- 29^t from 9:00 am to noon every day. The program is free and open to all children four years old – those entering sixth grade. The theme this year is Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!! Kids will enjoy bible stories, music, bible themed crafts and projects, snacks and tie-dyeing t-shirts. On Friday morning there is a program presented for parents and friends followed by a taco lunch. Posters are going up around the community to advertise this event.

Don't forget to visit the Thrift Store for your summer wardrobe needs. Open every Saturday from 10:00 am to noon!

Worship services are now being held in the lovely North Village Church. It is a joy to be back in that wonderful building for the season. Services have moved to the North, but they are still held at the same time. Join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am with the service following at 11:00 am.

There will be no service at the New Portland Churches on July 31. This is the day of our annual visit to the Historic Log Church in Oquossic. The congregation will meet between 7:30 and 7:45 am at the West Village Church to car pool to Oquossic. We will have brunch at the Gingerbread House following the service.

Ministers for the month of July will be July 3 – Doug Walrath, July 10 – Stan Wheeler, July 17 – Roy Scribner, July 24 – Phyllis Blackstone, July 31 – There will be no service at the New Portland Churches. Annual visit to the Log Church in Oquossic. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church holds church services Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Nursery and Children's Church (up to grade three) is offered during the worship service. Beforehand at 9:00 am, there is Sunday School for all ages, including a Ladies Bible study. Coffee and snacks are provided. We welcome you to come as you are.

Saturday, July 16, during Kingfield Days, WMBC will be offering two bounce houses, sno-cones and popcorn on Depot Street near the library and health center. Stop by to say hello, enjoy free refreshments and give the little ones a chance to bounce off some of their energy.

A trip to Haiti is being planned for October 1 - 10 with His Hands Support Ministries. If interested, please call Jamie Charles at 652-2911 for details.

For more information about WMBC or to talk to Pastor Tom DuBois, feel free to call him at 557-3802 or at the church 265-2557. Email is also an option: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net.

May you have a blessed and happy summer.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

From the Editor

In editing this month's newsletter, I noted in the Selectmen's minutes there was a concern about school board members not having a vehicle for communicating information from the school board meetings to members of the community. I believe, the New Portlander's purpose is to be a vehicle for just his sort of communication. Any school board member can freely submit a report or minutes of the meeting(s) prior to each month's deadline. I will happily see the article is printed for the members of the community. The newsletter with this issue is now entering its twenty-third year. In many of the very early newsletters, which I have on file, there were communications from the superintendent and board members. Somewhere through the years this practice has stopped. School board members, please feel free to utilize this service to the people to whom you represent.

Also with this issue there will be a few minor changes in the layout of the newsletter. Hopefully, these changes will help in the readability of the newsletter and its overall appearance.

Submitted: Dallas Landry, Editor



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR						
JULY 2016						
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