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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11am - 5pm
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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
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month 10am

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2016

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Marilyn Gorman, Judi Wills, Becky and Gilbert Taylor, Wayne Rundlett

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, it was seconded and all were in favor.
3. Items by the Manager:
 - a. The board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.
 - b. There was a brief discussion regarding a resident who currently has payment arrangement with the Board of Selectmen. The board asked Stacie to invite the resident to future meeting to discuss the status of the payment arrangement.
4. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a. Mike Senecal discusses the people he has in mind to invite to be on a committee for a sand/salt shed project.
 - b. There was a brief discussion regarding the clean-up at 52 River Road. The board asked for Stacie to inquire on estimates for prices to do the clean-up at this location. There was also a discussion on other properties which are in violation of the Junkyard/ Automobile Graveyard Ordinance. Stacie would be sending out notifications to those in violation.
 - c. There was a discussion regarding the requirements of the Snow Plow Contract between the town and G.R. Taylor & Sons. Andrea clarified why the different insurances were required. There was also a discussion regarding the bridge in the East and what issues might come depending on the amount of snow this winter season.
 - d. There was a brief discussion regarding the Community Holiday Dinner on December 4 regarding supplies needed and that there will be NO take out, only delivery to those in the community who cannot get out. Mike Malesky motioned to adjourn; Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the November 1st meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

The November School Board meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance, and after the pledge, the minutes were approved.

Student Presentation: Julieanne Belanger, Brenda Mullin, and GS students Dillon, Jacob and Nick spoke to the board and demonstrated visual thinking strategies. Using the artwork from the book Talking Walls, the students quizzed the board members about what they saw when they looked at the illustrations. The students did a good job, and the board members seemed to be impressed.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Beverage introduced Linda Durland, the new administrative assistant to the superintendent. He said that we were very lucky to have found Linda.

He said that Scott Leahy has contacted the winning bidders on the gym wall project, and that there is optimism that the project can be completed by Thanksgiving.

There has been slow progress in sorting through adult education. A meeting was scheduled, then had to be re-scheduled. Still, things are moving forward. Bonnie White has put together some current records.

The new sign is in place at CHS. There was a glitch, as a sign panel was broken, but it is working now.

The chemistry fume hood has been ordered and could be installed by Christmas.

Overtime laws continue to be an issue, but that is being analyzed.

The audit came back, and it was positive. There is money available that can be used as carryover going forward.

The dropout rate could appear to be rising in the coming year. In looking at records there were some students who were listed as being in school, but they have not been located. This could have a negative impact on the dropout rate.

Alternative Education is going well, and an ed tech has been hired.

Mr. Beverage described the recent school board conference as being the best one that he has attended. He said that MSMA put together a very good program.

GS applied for a school improvement grant. The grant was not approved, but feedback was given on how to adjust the application and submit it again. GS is designated as a priority school.

The Somerset County Sheriff Department has offered RSU 74 the services of a school resource officer. There is no charge, and the officer would be available on Thursdays.

Mr. Beverage said that the administrator evaluation tool will be implemented this year. He will meet with each administrator monthly to go over their goals and their progress toward meeting the goals.

He commended Stacy McCluskey for receiving a masters degree in literacy education.

Resignation: Luke Ellis - CHS math teacher. Mr. Beverage said that Luke would be entering a business endeavor. He said there may be a lead in finding a candidate to replace Luke when he leaves in late November.

Elections: Kirk Robinson - Cobra Power; Lauren Bean - JV girls basketball, CHS; Cody Rich - ed tech II, CHS Alt Ed; Chuck Glidden - JV boys basketball, CHS.

Mr. Beverage said that the DOE wrote a letter commending RSU 74 for meeting the requirements of the IDEA Act. He praised Nicki Richardson and Bonnie Atwood for the work they have done in this area.

We have applied for a waiver with the DOE in establishing a Gifted and Talented program.

Board members were asked for feedback regarding the budget. They were encouraged to make suggestions.

Former Education Commissioner Jim Rier spoke at the recent Blue Ribbon Panel on education, and he expressed the belief that there are flaws in the EPS formula.

According to the October 1 enrollment report, we have 668 students in RSU 74. There are 38 superintendent agreements going out of RSU 74, and 25 in coming. The largest amount of superintendent agreements going out are students who live in New Portland and go to school in Kingfield.

Some enrollment trends in some of the k-12 grades could have implications in regards to staffing in the coming years. Changes in staffing arrangements could have budgetary implications.

The Maine School Board Association did a study that suggests there will be no major changes in enrollment in the next 10-15 years.

AD Report: The administrators submitted reports to the board and did not give a presentation at the meeting. Nate Stubbart, the CHS AD, updated the board on the sports season. The boys soccer team beat Morse in a prelim game and then lost to York in the class B playoffs. The girls soccer team finished the season 3-8-3. The golf team had a successful season, and Katie Dixon was the MVC player of the year. The winter sports schedules are in place.

Mr. Beverage praised the boys soccer team, saying they had represented RSU 74 very well.

The football team has a home playoff game on Friday.

Committees: The policy committee met during October.

Talks with Madison: During October some RSU 74 board members met with RSU 59 board members. They are looking for ways to collaborate. A subcommittee will be formed to see if it is possible to align district policies and schedules. Patrick Daubenberger and Tammy Murray will be on the subcommittee.

Drop Out Committee: Laura Layman and Dulcie Welch will be the board reps on the RSU 74 drop out committee.

Citizens: No one spoke.

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is December 20 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

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

FOIA Training: Mr. Beverage said that the board needs to have a training on the Freedom of Information Act. A date will be set for this training.

To approve amended policies GCGA (sub teacher pay) and GDAL (bus driver lifting): The board approved policies to raise the pay for individuals subbing for teachers, and require that new hire bus drivers be able to lift fifty pounds.

To approve first reading of policy DJH (procurement) and policy DKC (expense reimbursement): The board approved.

GS SIG Grant: The board voted to authorize the superintendent to re-apply for the grant.

CHS Graduation: The board approved June 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

JMG Trip to Washington, DC: The board approved the November 9 - 13 trip.

Model State: Model State approved.

School Resource Officer: SRO approved.

Scott Leahy: Currently, six buses fit the state criteria as being eligible for replacement. The fleet is getting older, so we will explore the possibility of getting two replacements. We also need a bus with a wheelchair lift.

CHS Boston-Area College Trip: The November 3 - 4 trip was approved.

Next board meeting is December 7

Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association

New Portland Library

From the Library Director: Fall winds are chilling, and the winter months are looming. It's a great time to take advantage of the library and all the variety of resources we have to share.

Children's Story Hour will be hosted by Shelby Newell December 3. If you would like to say hello or join the children in some Christmas activities, please join us 9:00 - 10:00 am! We recently held our November hour that focused on pilgrims and turkeys. Children of all ages are welcome, as they are less interested in the crafts...they may be more interested in shelving books, organizing or working on other projects, send them along and I will keep them busy!

We will have a new display for several months at the library on the Bill of Rights; please stop in and check it out. (For those of you who had to look it up, like me, the Bill of Rights is the first ten amendments to the Constitution.)

Don't dismay if we don't have a book you want - interlibrary loan can come to your rescue. Books ordered from any one of the Maine libraries in the Maine State Library System, come in every Thursday. Read, enjoy, and return to us within two weeks, and we will mail the book(s) back free of charge. If you need longer than two weeks, let library personnel know and we will renew the items for you.

We are getting a piano for the library! Does anyone has any sheet music they can donate? We are also looking for people that may be interested in teaching lessons.

We will begin hosting Toasty Tuesdays again starting in January. Please join us from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon every Tuesday.

Library director and patron's choices for the month: A graphic novel for youth: *The Creeps - Curse of the Attack-O-Lanterns*; youth: *Applesauce Weather* by Helen Frost (poems); *I am the Mountain Mouse*; youth nonfiction: *Glow: Animals with their Own Nightlights*; adult fiction: *The Professional* by Robert B. Parker; *Death of a Policeman* by M.C. Beaton; *If I Could Turn Back Time* by Beth Harbison; adult nonfiction: *Orphans Preferred* by Christopher Corbett; *Dersu, the Trapper* by V. K. Arseniev; Rick Steves' *Europe Through the Back Door*; *Art of the Western World* by Michael Wood; DVDs: Seasons 1, 2, 3 of *Scrubs*; *I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown*; *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Free for the taking. Can anyone use some tri-color HP inkjet #23 print cartridges? Stop in and pick them up! And books - feel free to browse our book sale annex - anything is available, any donation accepted gratefully!

Items for which we are looking: an avid user of a MacIntosh who can help us set up the one we had donated; volunteers to cover a shift 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday - even once or twice a month would be great! someone to run children's hour reading and/or crafts; someone who would like to be a friend of the library to help on a specific fundraiser or special event. We've got lots of ideas and not enough hands!

100 Club winners for the month of December are as follows: Brian Drosky, Jordan Lumber Company, Wire Bridge Photography, Gregory and Patrice Drummond, Mary Hatch, Tyler Gayne.

The art work of Wenda Spooner is now on display at the library. Please take a few minutes to stop by and check it out. Wenda's reception will take place on Sunday, December 11th from 2:00-4:00.

A special "thank you" to Dave Weiland for the beautiful and durable event signs made for us. Your time and financial donation is very much appreciated. Also, "thank you" to Bob Dellert for his time and energy during his recent fly tying demonstration.

Knitwits and Happy Hookers will meet on Thursday, December 8 and 22 for this month. All experience levels welcomed.

Submitted: Tabitha Emery

New Portland Historical Society

The New Portland Historical Society would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for backpack, pelts and axe handle and the two L.L Bean backpacks. The winner of the pack basket was Lewis Wills of New Portland, and Joy Earle of Auburn and New Portland won one back LL Bean pack and Ruby McMullen of New Portland won the other one. I would like to thank Jamie Eck for donating the pack basket and Lori Hibbard for donating the backpacks. It was a very successful raffle, thanks again.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News: The Annual Christmas sale will be held on the first two Saturdays in December. Come down to the West Village Church on December 3 and 10 to get your Christmas shopping done. Many new toys, games, books, bikes and other goodies will be for sale. Not just items for the kids but also good gifts for the adults in your lives. This is a great fundraiser for the church and a benefit to the community as well. The Thrift Store will be open on these two Saturdays but is otherwise closed for the winter season.

The Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 pm in the West Village Church. This is a traditional service of lessons and carols, fragrant pine boughs and candlelight. There will not be a service on December 25, Christmas Day.

Worship services are being held in the West Village Church for the winter months and will meet there on Sunday mornings until June. Coffee hour is at 10:30 am and the worship service follows at 11:00 am. See you there.

Ministers for the month of December: December 4 [Communion] – Rev Doug Walrath; December 11 – Rev Stan Wheeler; December 18 – Rev Doug Walrath; December 20 at 7:00 pm – Community Service of Care and Compassion; Christmas Eve candlelight service – 5:00 pm; December 25 – There will be no service on Christmas morning.

Wishing all a safe and joyous Christmas season filled with family, friends and much peace. And sincere hopes that all are warm and well for the whole winter long. Respectfully. . .

Submitted: Nan Berry

Western Mountains Baptist Church : As the year 2016 comes to an end, members of the Western Mountains Baptist Church have much to be thankful for. We have been blessed with many answered prayers, increased membership, several baptisms, well attended outreach events in our local communities and beyond as well as many opportunities to help and encourage our friends and neighbors. We do look forward to what God has planned for our place of worship during 2017.

Speaking of the new year, WMBC is hosting a New Year's Eve get together at 6:00 pm. The evening will include food (We do this so well!) highlighting a taco bar. For entertainment there will be a "talent show", an opportunity for folks in the congregation to showcase their hidden talents. This is sure to be a good night of fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcomed, so bring a friend for some good family friendly fun.

The Christmas holiday falls on a Sunday this year. There will be worship service as usual beginning at 10:00 am. Join us for Christmas carols as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Youth Group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. There are a few special events being planned for this winter. If you have an interested teen, please call Cheyra at 684-2050 for more information or show up at the church on a Thursday evening.

The Ladies Bible study that meets at the church on Wednesdays mornings at 9:00 am is beginning a new study beginning January 4. Just in time for the new year the study is called "All Things New" from 2 Corinthians. If you have been

looking for something new and enjoy spending time with other women please call Betsy at 678-2328 for more information.

Did you know there are a group of people who meet weekly to pray for people, situations and concerns? If you have a concern that you would like prayer for, please contact the church at 265-2557 or Pastor Tom at 557-3802.

Church services are held Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. There are Bible studies held throughout the week as well other activities to gather and be an encouragement to each other. You may call or text Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802 for more information. Email is also an option: westermountainbaptist@tds.net.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The November monthly meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm with sixteen members present.

The secretary's minutes from the October meeting were read and accepted. The club received a thank you note from a local student for scholarship money received.

The treasurer ran through a list of recent purchases, bills paid, and deposits. Judi Wills indicated that all bills are paid to date. The checking and savings account balances were read as well. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The trail master reported that he had recently attended a trail workshop in Augusta. More trail signage and markings have been done to our trails, and as of now we are ready for the snow. All of the grant applications have been submitted. We will work on brushing when the snow arrives. The trail master's report was accepted as read.

The social director reminded club members that the Christmas party will take place on Saturday, December 10 after the meeting. There will be a Yankee Swap and snacks; we will once again be collecting non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry.

Old business: Bill brought the finished stickers to the meeting and distributed them. If anyone has any suggestions for changing the design, the stickers can be re-worked. Judi brought everyone up-to-date on the club insurance coverage.

New business: Lewis Wills said that the groomer needs servicing and the rest of the stakes need to go up in the fields. Judi thanked Brad Bucklin for his leadership and all of the work on the trails, as we are way ahead of schedule. A motion was made and accepted to donate to the Giving Tree in lieu of a landowner's supper.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted: Linda DeWolfe & Lynne Cary, secretaries

New Portland Recreational Committee

The Fall festival held on the October 23 and drew a number of people. The scarecrow contest with theme being "Super Hero's" was very challenging. The entries showed each individuals interpretation and the results were awesome. The judges really followed the criteria and did a great job.

Winners were as follows: first place - the Dulac children (Ethan, Madison, Natalie, and Ronald and their grandmother) with their presentation of "Batman"; second place - Peyton Handrahan with the presentation of "The Soldier"; third place - Mike and Billie Senecal with "Wonder Woman". Thank you to all who took the time to enter a scarecrow to go with the theme.

The community room was a very busy place. Marilyn Gorman once again had a great display of New Portland history. She challenged people with unique old articles to see if they knew what it was. An old ice cream scoop, I thought, it was a candle snuffer. There were many articles like this and people enjoyed learning the name and use. The articles from old newspapers and more drew quite a crowd. A BIG thank you to Marilyn for "caring for the past to show in the future".

The pie contest was a challenge this year. It was not specified what type of pie the contest was going to judge. So, a number of different pies were entered. The judges were good sports and did the task of doing the judging. The judges were Arlene Newell, Marilyn Gorman and Christeen Mudgett. First place went to Jane Heichel, second place to Judi Wills and third place to Dee Steward. This year ladies choice went to Russ Morey with his maple syrup pie. Thank you all for your entries, and the judges for having to choose between so many types of pies.

Christeen Mudgett also did face painting for anyone who wanted their face painted. What a great job, and the creations she did were beautiful. The children actually sat still while she did the painting free hand. Christeen asked the children what they wanted or liked for a design and then she painted .

A BIG "thank you" to Doug Archer for doing a presentation on the use of a camera, how to take pictures and use the different settings on the cameras. He talked about how to get better pictures and change the shadows, light contrast, bring what is most important to the front and lessen the backgrounds. He also shared his photos, amazing scenes, colors and exciting sights. The presentation was well done, and his knowledge of how to get what one wants for a picture was excellent. Games were inside the community room due to rain. Bean bag tosses, ring toss and more. Out side was the bouncy house, which the Western Mountain Baptist Church brought to the event for all to enjoy at no charge. The volunteers from WMBC stood by the house to make sure no was hurt. The volunteers made popcorn for free and watched the children who entered the bounce house to make sure safe actions were being used. Thank you so much, you made many children very happy and your presence in the crowd was such a positive time.

The library had many activities in the library for children and parents. They were continuing to sell "Ball Drop" tickets, had children hour and a presentation on "fly tying".

The ball drop happened at 2:00 pm and Mike Senecal had the winning number. The fry pan toss was held and the challenge was tough. The pan was a little bit bigger. The results were, Josh Handrahan first place with 100 feet, Wayne Rundlet with 91.1 feet, Thomas DuBois threw 80.3 feet (first timer). Kids threw also Braedon Wills threw 23.4 feet, Peyton Handrahn threw 17.2 feet. This once again was a fun competition and the laughter was great.

Thank you all for attending and making this a family time in our home town.

Submitted: Judi Wills





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Selectors Meeting 6:30 pm	School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Knit Wits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10:00 am		Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers 6:30 pm Community Church Christmas Sale West Village Church
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Artist's Reception at NPCL 2:00 - 4:00 pm.		Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Selectors Meeting 6:30 pm	New Portlander Deadline at 4:00 pm		Knit Wits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10:00 am		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas	REVISED 11:33 am, Nov 30, 2016	Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm		REVISED 11:42 am, Nov 30, 2016		