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## TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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### Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

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

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

**LPI:** Robert Dunphy - Ext. 5

**Assessor's Agent:** Mike Malesky - Ext. 3  
Email ..... 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**  
No Sundays until September  
Saturday and Tuesday ..... 9am - noon  
Wednesday and Thursday ..... 4pm - 6pm
- **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

## Town Clerk

### THE CLERK OF THE TOWN

If they want to get married or fish in the sea,  
If they vote by machine or they vote absentee,  
Whatever their problem turns out to be,  
It's the work of the Clerk of the Town.

We're concerned with such things as the sex of a dog  
And how many bees in a hive.  
And we file, we record, we attach  
And attest anything, be it dead or alive.

Whatever goes on in the Town, we record,  
And often we do it with little reward.  
We often go crazy, we never get bored.  
Oh, it's great to be Clerk of the Town!

*Submitted: Kristen Mitchell*

## Salt Shed Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Meeting conducted and recorded by Michael Senecal

Attendance: Michael Senecal, Ray Poulin, Mike Malesky, Brenda Stevens, Lewis Wills, Hazen McMullen, Brent Davenport, Wayne Rundlett, Dick Parker, Dale Walker, Ted Surdam, Judi Wills

Committee Member and Introduction: Mike Senecal opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

Purpose of the Meeting: Mike Senecal advised the group the town had overwhelming voted to create a committee to investigate the benefits and disadvantages of pursuing a salt and sand shed and to bring that information to a Special Town Meeting for a vote.

Outline of the meeting rules and timeline of future meetings: 1.) Mike Senecal would be the facilitator of the meetings. 2.) The meetings would focus on one of three areas: building, land, potential savings/benefits versus cost. 4.) Discussions would stay on topic.

Overview of Salt and Sand Shed State Requirements: 1.) Mike Senecal reviewed the state of Maine Department of Environmental Protection sitting requirements for new salt and sand sheds. 38 M.R.S.A. 451-A. 2.) Committee had a good discussion on the different types of buildings available: arch quonset style, fabric dome, Yankee ingenuity. 3.) Committee discussed local salt and sand sheds including Embden, Industry, Solon and Dunphy's in Lexington.

Homework: Committee members were asked to visit the local sites and look at the buildings and evaluate what would be best for New Portland. Mike Senecal asked members to email him any questions or recommendations if they could not attend the next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm

*Submitted: Mike Senecal*

## RSU 74 / School Board

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The May board meeting was held at the Solon Elementary School. The food was outstanding, with snickerdoodles and chocolate brownies the particular highlights.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 5 board meeting were approved. The minutes of the April 6 and April 10 special board meetings were also approved.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Beverage said that school districts must solicit bids for property insurance every five years. Bids were submitted by Kyes, Trident, Liberty Mutual, and Maine School Management. The winning bidder has not yet been identified, but it is reasonable to expect that RSU 74 will save approximately \$10,000.

Appointments: Carrie Peabody, sewing for MDI; Tammy Lane, summer food service cook

Resignation (effective at conclusion of 2016-2017): David Daigle, Garret Schenck, Kindergarten

Committees: In a future policy committee meeting, student participation on the school board will be a topic.

Citizens: No one spoke.

Executive Session to discuss legal issue with attorney: Upon returning, the board made no announcement. They moved right to the next item.

Nomination of Director for School Improvement Grant at Garret Schenck: Mr. Beverage nominated Lisa Savage, and the board approved.

Probationary teachers moving to continuing contract: Fran Siroi, Mike Stone, Craig Turcotte

Probationary year two to year three: Carly Cooper, Peter Manning, David Gordon, Dan Gilbert, Hannah Hanson, Laurie Hanson-Hiscock, Richard Reichenbach, Brian Twitchell, Jasmyn Wagg, Doug Larlee

Probationary year one to year two: Joanna St. Germain, Marc Collard, Nate Stubbart, Mat Brown, Brittany Dunham, Kasey Hiltz, Tammy Long, Alethea Schanz

*All of the above were approved.*

Freezer Issue: The board voted to buy a freezer.

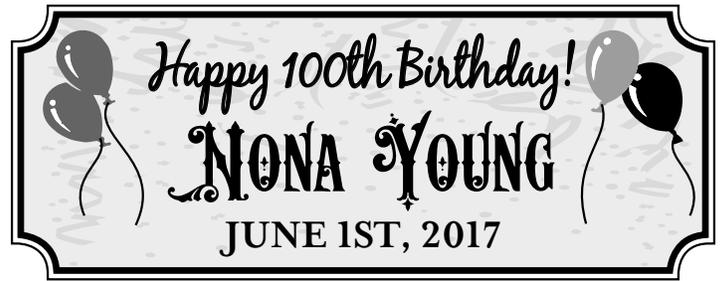
Board Member Absences: The topic of board member absences was discussed. Mr. Beverage said, "We have a policy, but it doesn't say much." In the course of the discussion it was stated that if a board member is not attending meetings, there really isn't much that can be done, unless towns have ordinances that allow for the recall of board members. It did not appear that many - or any - of the towns had recall ordinances that would apply to school board members.

Policies, First Reading: The board approved the first reading of policies on the following topics: Graduation Requirements, Procurement, Staff Assignments and Transfers, Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Wellness Policy: The board approved amendments to the Wellness Policy.

Reminder: Next board meeting is June 7.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association*



## The Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

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The May 13 monthly meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm with eleven members present.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The treasurer reported both the checking and savings account balances. All bills are paid up to this point. The club received one of the grant checks, which will be deposited this week. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The trail master indicated both grants were submitted, and so far, we have not heard back from the state. There will be upcoming work on bridges in the summer and/or fall. We will be installing a sign in Friend's Field and possibly one on Welcome Hill. There are no major projects coming up to get ready for next winter. The trail master's report was accepted as stated.

Old business: Members discussed purchasing another acre of land behind the club lot to build a pole barn but discovered the owner is unwilling to sell. The club can still build on the lot we own if we choose, or we can plow it and making a parking area similar to Kingfield's. Also, we have looked into buying another groomer; Carrabassett may have one to sell us that is in excellent shape and has an 18 foot drag with it. Lewis and Bill will get pictures to bring to another club meeting so members can check it out. Lewis talked with the bank to go over specifics in the event we proceed with the purchase. If we decide not to purchase another groomer, we can continue on as is. All business with the pole barn and the new groomer is on hold for now.

New business: This fall the club can hire someone to provide a professional maintenance check on the groomer for a reasonable rate. Members were in agreement that this would be a great idea. The club received two thank you notes. One was to thank the club for a donation made to the benefit dinner for Mr. Tindall. The other was from Kendall and Joyce Knowles to whom the club sent flowers after the passing of Kendall's mother.

The election of club officers was held for the fall of 2017 through spring of 2018 season. Results are as follows: President - David Cary, Vice President - Mike Malesky, Trail Master - Brad Bucklin, Treasurer: - Judi Wills, Secretary - Lynne Cary, Social Director will continue to be Linda DeWolfe. Memberships will still be handled by Joyce Knowles. MSA Directors are Darren Collins, Lew Porter, and Kendall Knowles.

The next meeting will be Saturday, September 9 at 6:30 pm at the fire house.

*Submitted: Lynne Cary*

### **NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is June 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.

## Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News June 2017: The big news this month is we are moving to the beautiful North Village Church on June 4. That is the first Sunday in June. We will have our services there for the summer. As always, coffee hour starts at 10:30 am with the service following at 11:00 am.

The church supper will continue to be held at the West Village Church. They have been well attended this spring. Thanks to everyone who came out on a very warm evening in May for roast pork. The June supper will be held on Thursday, June 15 at 5:00 pm at the West Village Church. The menu is meatloaf, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and for a special treat, Stacy's famous whoopie pies! If that doesn't bring out the crowd nothing will. As always, feel free to eat in or carry out!

Due to difficulties in staffing the Thrift Store, it has been decided that the Thrift Store will be open on Saturday mornings from September through December. All seasons of clothes will be available during those months. However, if there are needs to be met and the Thrift Store can be of help please feel free to call 491-2620 or 399-3742. The store can be opened at any time by appointment.

The New Portland Churches, together with Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington, have been moving forward with our search for a minister. We have a candidate selected and are hoping that all required 'hoops' will be jumped through to see this person in our pulpits sometime this summer! A more formal introduction and an announcement will be in the New Portlander when it is finally time to welcome our new minister.

The ministers who will be joining us for the month of June will be as follows: June 4 [Communion] - Rev Doug Walrath, June 11 - Rev Stan Wheeler, June 18 - Rev Dick Waddell, June 19 - TBA. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is looking forward to a busy June. To begin the month, Windy Boucher of Kingfield and a longtime member of WMBC will be the featured speaker on June 3 at the Spring Brunch potluck. She will be speaking on God's provision and how He sees things way before we do. The Women's Ministry invites all women to join us at 10:00 am for food, fun and fellowship. Bring your mom, daughter, aunt, neighbor or friend... all women are welcome. For more information call the church or Pat Sanders at 265-4164.

Does your food budget get spread too thin at times? Are you wondering how you are going to feed those hungry kids when school lets out? The Good Shepard Food Mobile will be at WMBC the morning of June 13 from 10:00 to 11:30 am to provide free food assistance to folks. Everyone is eligible; there is no need to provide income information, nor do you have to do any paperwork. Just bring your own box or bags and choose from a good variety of fresh produce, frozen and canned foods, etc. If needed, volunteers will be available to help everyone through the process and carry boxes/bags to vehicles. Please help by letting your family, friends and neighbors know of this opportunity. Call or text Crystal at 491-7433 or Pastor Tom at 557-3802 for more information.

At the end of the month during the week of June 26-30, Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place at WMBC. All children ages four (4) and up are welcome. The fun begins at 9:00 am and goes until noon. The theme/title this year is "Galactic Starveyors: Searching the Visible and Discovering the Invisible". There will be Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts, missions and music. Georgie Woodford from Freeman Township and director of VBS stated she is "looking to have a great time so invite all the kids". For more information about VBS, or if you would like to volunteer while your child attends, please call Georgie at 265-4971 or call the church at 265-2557.

Worship services are every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Come early or stay after for coffee and snacks. Sunday school is available for adults as well as children at 9:00 am. More information about WMBC can be found on our new website: [www.westernmountainchurch.org](http://www.westernmountainchurch.org). Let summer begin!

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

## New Portland Library

The library has become the recipient of a wonderful piano through the will of Deb Clague and Geoffrey Shovelton. We are honored by their gift and would like to show our appreciation by making the best use of this beautiful instrument. Now, we need people who know how to play it. It is not necessary to be a Brahms or Chopin, perhaps a Gershwin, Cole Porter or some of the less cacophonous modern tunes. Wouldn't it be nice to have a soothing musical background for our Ladies Tea or at our Plant, Book and Bake Sale? It has even been suggested that we have a Piano Bar some dreary winter evening! We'll drink to that! We are, therefore, putting out a call for any New Portlander who can play the piano. Perhaps you would like to teach. If you are interested call the library 628-6561.

June events at the library to mark on your calendars: June 3, Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm the library's Annual Plant, Book and Bake Sale. We will have a variety of plants for your summer vegetable, herb or flower gardens. We will also accept donations of plants you would like to share! Our book sale selection is large and of full new hardcovers and western paperbacks, fiction and nonfiction, all good for summer relaxing! Don't forget to get some deliciously baked home goods to enjoy! June 10 - Saturday 9:00 am Children's Hour Flowers - the spring growing season. June 11 - Sunday-1:00 pm is the Annual Ladies' Tea. Please join Tabitha and Shelby as they host the Annual Ladies' Tea. This is a special day for the ladies of our town. Enjoying delicious pastries, baked with love, while visiting with old and new friends can be a great way to relax. Come alone or maybe bring a neighbor who doesn't get out often. We hope to see you there! June 14 and 28 -Thursdays 10:00 am Knitwits. All knitters and crocheters or wannabes are welcome. Every Tuesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm is "Get Together Day" Would you, or someone you know, like to get out of the house for a few hours once a week for a cribbage challenge or to play chess? How about a game of cards? Maybe you're looking for someone to walk with you. We are hoping to create a senior center. Just show up at the library and give us your ideas. Call ahead if you need a ride. We will do what we can.

From our Librarian: There are many new books from Maine authors, both fiction and nonfiction. For Children: The story of E. B. White *What a Life*, also *Solutions for Cold Feet* by Carey Sookocheff 2016, EZ READING! Our movie selection includes new and classic movies and TV series from *Call of the Midwife to King of Thrones*.

Our summer hours have a change: No Sundays until September, Saturday and Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

The library is doing a 60 Club fundraiser. For a \$60 donation, your name will go into 12 monthly drawings. You can win \$50-\$25 or \$10 each month. The money is for you to keep or donate it back to the library. Only 60 members are allowed in this club! The 2017 drawings will begin in June, and winners are notified in the *New Portlander*. For more information call the library 628.6561 or e-mail [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com). Visit us on Facebook-New Portland Community Library, or stop in!

### Mail to: New Portland Community Library 899 River Rd New Portland, Maine 04961

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Winners choices, please check one:

\_\_\_\_ Donate my winnings to the library

(In memory \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Send the winnings to me

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Town Office 8:00 am - Noon Annual Plant, Book and Bake Sale NPCL 9:00 am - Noon
4	5	6 "Get Together" NPCL 10:00 am - noon Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	7 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Wire Bridge Park Project Meeting at 6:30 pm.	9	10 Children's Hour NPCL at 9:00 am
11	12	13 Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm	14 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10:00 am New Portland Water District at 7:00 pm at Fire Station	15 Sand Sait Shed Meeting at 6:30 pm	16	17
18	19	20 New Portlander Deadline at 4:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm	28 Knit Wits & Happy Hookers NPCL - 10:00 am	29	30	

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