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Thursday ..... 1pm - 6pm  
1st Saturday of each month (except holiday weekends) ..... 8am - noon

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## From the Editor

With this edition of the *New Portlander*, it can be noted this publication is entering its 24 year.

This newsletter would not exist if it was not for its readers and the support of the community. It is my sincere pleasure to continue with the editing of this publication.

*Submitted: Dallas Landry*

## Town Office

From the town office, we would like to send a huge thank you to Janet White for doing our flower beds here at the office. They look great.

We would also like to extend our greatest appreciation for those who offered to help with the flags. We will be needing folks to help take them down later in the year, and when will be posted in a future edition of the newsletter.

Due to the holiday the town office will be closed July 1, 3 and 4. Enjoy the holiday.

*Submitted: Kristen Mitchell*

## Selectmen

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2017

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi Wills, Marilyn Gorman, Kim Robinson, Bobbie-Sue Harrington, Superintendent Lyford Beverage, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner.

Mike Senecal called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, with one spelling correction. Mike seconded, and all were in favor.

There was a lengthy discussion with Superintendent Beverage regarding student count in RSU #74, and why the district budget has increased \$463,559. It was clarified that New Portland's portion of this increase will be \$70,749.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed an accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$76,006.54 and four payroll warrants in the following amounts: 1.) \$1,224.65, 2.) \$215.30, 3.) \$538.25, 4.) \$86.12

There was a brief discussion regarding a school board member and the status of that member's attendance to school board meetings.

Stacie mentioned to the board that Kip Poulin did purchase a side by

## 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

side and the \$20,000 check was given to her to deposit, and when the machine arrives at the dealership, she will issue a town check for the purchase.

Mike Senecal reminded all in attendance that there was a scheduled sand/salt shed meeting for Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:07 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the May 2nd meeting. smr*

### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017**

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Kristen Mitchell, Mike Malesky, Marilyn Gorman, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Ron Lindner-Demers and John Demers-Lindner

Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

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

Gary Agren updated the board on his vacation schedule and contact information for whom to call if there was a problem. He also discussed with the board the schedule for grading of the roads. There was a brief discussion on the status of the calcium spreader and some issues with it.

Kip Poulin updated the board on the number of calls the fire department has had. He briefed them on some work which has been done on the vehicles and that two more people have joined the department.

Mike Malesky updated the board on a new valuation that he has discovered.

The board of selectmen reviewed and signed a payroll and an accounts payable warrant.

The board of selectmen briefly reviewed the proposed county budget which was presented to them.

Meeting adjourned 6:42 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 6 meeting. smr*

### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2017**

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Michael Senecal; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi Wills.

Mike Senecal called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

There was a brief discussion regarding the sand, salt shed meeting that was scheduled for May 18 at 6:30 pm.

Mike Malesky briefed the board on the status of the assessing work he has done since the last meeting.

There was a brief discussion on the school budget.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 6 meeting. Smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## **Salt and Sand Shed Committee**

Committee Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm, meeting conducted and recorded by: Michael Senecal

Attendance: Michael Senecal, Ray Poulin, Mike Malesky, Lewis Wills, and Wayne Rundlett,

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

Review of Building Designs: Lewis provided pictures of several of the salt and sand sheds in the area (Solon, Starks and Emden). Mike Senecal brought a design from the internet and the regulations surrounding the designs. The group had a long discussion on advantages and disadvantages of the different types of buildings. The group unanimously endorsed the Starks design but with 8" walls. The Starks building is a laminated wood arch quonset style.

Homework: Mike Malesky will contact the state office that oversees the approval of salt/sand storage and the waiver process for land. Mike Senecal will contact Starks and inquire about the build cost for the building. The next meeting will focus on the land.

Next Meeting: June 15 at 6:30 pm

*Submitted Mike Senecal*

## **Transfer Station**

Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm; 901 River Road, New Portland. Attendance Municipal Officers: Ray Poulin, Mike Senecal, Wade Browne, Raymond Meldrum. Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant), David Taylor (TS Manager). Absent: Clyde Barker, Andrea Reichert, John Dill, Brian Hatfield. Public: None

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Meeting minutes from June 13, 2016 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Raymond Meldrum. seconded by Ray Poulin. All in favor.

November financials are reviewed by board. Board agrees that financials look good. Mike Senecal makes a motion to accept financials presented. Seconded by Ray Poulin. All in Favor.

David is then recognized by the Chair for a manager's report. David says the backhoe has had some tire issues. He did purchase and install a second battery. Travis put in a new block heater yesterday. He has gone three weekends with the same MSW can and Demo has been slow as well. On November 18 he fell in the demo can, and there was a workers comp claim done. He feels we really need to change where the chains are because he fell from leaning on them and the buckle snapped; he feels

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is July 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.

we should change that as he is worried for residents. Chairman Browne says the previous manager had discussed this with the board and about maybe installing some wooden doors that can be open when needed. Mike Senecal suggests looking at some netting. Chairman Browne asks if a box has been made for the compactor motor. David says it has not he has been using a heat blanket on it. Ray Poulin suggests contacting Jordan's for a mesh that they use on their trucks that heats up to 100 degrees. David says the plowing is going well; however, he will talk with Brian and Mike about doing more around the demo can. Chairman Browne suggests looking at foam filling the tires at the transfer station as they will last for years. Chairman Browne asks if maybe we should look at purchasing a tracfone for the transfer station instead of spending \$35.00 per month with US Cellular. AA, Targett says she will need to look at the contract first. Chairman Browne says the transfer station looks great.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chairman Browne notes that Mike Allen is not present to discuss using transfer station.

Budget is then review and discussed. Motion is made by Mike Senecal to accept budget as presented. Seconded by Ray Poulin. All in favor.

Board reviews the new rates proposed from Waste Management. Mike Senecal makes a motion to sign new contract. Seconded by Ray Poulin. All in Favor. Chairman Browne signs new contract.

Board reviews print-out indicating that tire recycling costs have increased. Board agrees to leave rates currently being charged at this time.

David Taylor asks the board for permission to close the transfer station for the upcoming holidays. Sunday December 25 and January 1. Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to close both Sundays as requested. Seconded by Mike Senecal. All in Favor

Next meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm in Kingfield.

Public Comment/Other: There is no further business to discuss. Motion to adjourn by Raymond Meldrum. Seconded by Mike Senecal. All in favor.

\*The minutes provided above are a summary. A voice recording is on record at the Kingfield Town Office and is available upon request. Minutes by Leanna Targett.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## **RSU 74 / School Board**

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The June board meeting was held at CHS.

Minutes: The minutes of the May regular board meeting were approved. The meetings of the special board meetings that were held on March 22, April 27, May 17, and May 31 were approved. The minutes of the May 11 emergency board meeting were approved.

Student Presentation: There was no student presentation.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Beverage informed the board

a bid had been awarded to Norman Luce. The bid was for the purchase of the portable unit behind the high school.

It has been a worry all year the budget would not have sufficient carryover funds at the end of 2016-2017. Mr. Beverage is optimistic that the budget will have close to \$300,000 left over, which has been a goal.

Appointments: Grace Cram, Mary Keenan, Billie Lawrence, Jessie Cates for special education summer school extended school year instructors. Hollye Dunphy, Darcie Nichols, Brenda Mullin, Hannah Hanson, Mary Keenan Carol Campbell for title one summer instructors. Dave Ela for MELMAC/GEAR UP grant lead, Brian Twitchell for certification committee chair, Tanya Carey for new teacher mentor, Mary Keenan for ed tech authorization chair. Kirk Robinson - CCS cross country, Lesa Weggler - CCS cheerleading, Erik Carey - CCS 8th grade girls basketball, Luke Tewksbury - CCS 8th grade boys basketball, Mike Cahill - CCS 7th grade girls basketball, Terry Corson - CCS 8th grade girls soccer, Patrick Daubenberger - CHS jv girls basketball, Heath Cowan - CHS boys basketball coach, Roy Morris = CHS boys jv soccer coach. Scott Hall - Data Steward for Gear Up grant

Nominations: Anthony Prances - Math Teacher, CHS; Debbie Haynie - lead teacher, Solon; Julieanne Pearson-Belanger - Lead Teacher, GS; Craig Turcotte - transfer, CHS to CCS

Resignations: Debbie Brown, Jaime Ela, Scott Leahy, Nicki Richardson

Board Chair Bobbi Sue Harrington commented that some of the people who were leaving had been with RSU 74 for many years, and she was sad to see them go. She also mentioned t board member Wayne Rugh was finishing his term, and he would be missed, also.

Dulcie Welch asked Nicki Richardson about the report which Nicki had submitted, and why she had not shared some of the information with the board previously. Nicki said that she had been updating the superintendent regularly on the contents of her report.

Tim Richards reminded the board that CHS graduation is Friday at 7:00 pm.

Board member Kathy Bertini thanked Jaime Ela for her service to the district. She noted that Jaime had done a lot of work that had been of great benefit to the RSU. She spoke of the large amount of money RSU 74 has received due to the many grants that Jaime had submitted.

Nate Stubbert said that the CHS softball team and the Bridgeway Bandits have home playoff games on Thursday.

Committees: The policy committee met on May 24. The administrative restructure committee met prior to the board meeting. The committee made some recommendations that the board voted to approve. 1.) Scott Leahy's position will be split among two people. There will be a maintenance supervisor and a transportation director. The stipends for these two positions will be determined after the budget is approved. 2.) The CCS principal position will be a k-8 principal position, and the principal will receive a stipend to serve as special ed director.

The compensation for this position will be determined after the budget is approved. 3.) Another administrative position will consist of k-5 principal at GS and Solon, as well as curriculum coordinator for all of k-5. The compensation for this position will be determined after the budget is approved.

A bid for insurance (property insurance, I believe) was awarded to MSMA.

Citizens: Mary Keenan spoke to inform the board that she wished to speak on a later agenda item.

District Technology Plan for 2017-2018: It was approved.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018: For the last few years the June board meeting has been held at CHS. With all that is typically going on at the high school the first week of June, it was decided that next year the June board meeting would be at CCS. The August board meeting has been held at the New Portland Fire Station in the past. Because other meetings are held there on the first Wednesday of the month, the school board meetings have been held later in the month. In order for the August board meeting to remain on the first Wednesday, the location for the August 2017 meeting has been moved to CCS.

School Board Committee Meeting Schedule: It was approved.

2018 Baseball Trip to Florida: The board voted to allow CHS baseball players to play baseball in Florida in April of 2018.

2018 Softball Trip to Florida: The board voted to allow the CHS softball team to go to Florida in April of 2018.

The Bridgeway Bandits: The board voted to continue the CHS/Madison High School cooperative baseball team in 2018. Dustin Crawford, the Mountain Valley Conference player of the year, spoke to the board about the Bandits' season. They are 13-3 and ranked number one in Class B. Board member Heather Helinski asked Dustin if he felt it was a good idea to have the Carrabec and Madison baseball players have a combined team at a younger age. He said it was a good idea. Kathy Bertini asked if the players felt like they lost their identity, by not being Cobras or Bulldogs. The players did not feel they had lost their identity. Evan Bess, a Madison Bandit, said he believed combining was the best option. Nate Stubbert stated it was likely that due to changes made by the MPA, the Bridgeway Bandits will be in Class C next year, rather than Class B. He said that having combined teams made sense "based out of need and necessity."

Policies: The second readings of policies regarding Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers, Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, and Federal Procurement were approved.

Support Staff Evaluations: The board voted to move the date from April 1 to June 1.

Personal Day Donation: The board voted to allow personal day donations to an employee who has a child with inoperable brain cancer.

Sale of Modular Building at CHS: The building will be sold to Norman Luce for \$8,020.

Adjourn: the meeting ended at 6:47 pm.

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

## New Portland Library

We are happy to have a new member on the library board, Wenda Spooner. Her enthusiasm and energy is a great benefit to the library!

A big "thank you" to all who donated to our Chinese Auction with a special thanks to Happy Horse Shoe for their generosity. We had a good selection of items for the auction and raffle.

The Book, Bake and Plant Sale was also a success with the help of bakers and gardeners, especially Atwoods Greenhouse for their donations. Thank You!

Thank you Shelby, Tabitha and Nan for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon. The hot day did not stop 30 ladies from attending the Annual Ladies' Tea. It was cool in the library while we enjoyed delicious sweet delicacies with tea, hot and iced, while listening to Nan Berry on the piano. What a nice treat and an opportunity to meet new summer visitors and catch up with friends. All your baking and attention to detail is greatly appreciated!

*July 8 - Children's Hour Saturday 9:00 am*

*July 12 - Cream Social Wednesday 5:30 - 7:00 am* This summer our annual ice cream social will be recognizing our local veterans and currently serving military. Thanks to Gifford's our sundaes and banana splits will be made from a "world class ice cream"! Come join your patriots for a delicious ice cream treat. All disabled veterans will be served free and all military names will be in a drawing for a Reny's gift certificate.

*July 13 & 27 10:00 am Knitwits*

*Every Tuesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm* is Get Together Day We are trying to be a meeting place for adults to get together for some fun, cribbage, chess, cards and perhaps bring in speakers. We would like some feedback on what we can do for you. If you have questions or suggestions, call 628.6561, email newportlandcl@gmail.com or stop in when the library is open. Saturday 9:00 am -12:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am -12:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Check us on Facebook New Portland Community Library!

The library has computers, even a Mac, for patrons use. Wifi is also available in the parking lot if we aren't open and you need a connection.

*Submitted Rosemary Drosky*

### **Library Notice**

ATTENTION ALL PATRIOTS To HONOR those who have served our country, we are presenting a true RED, WHITE & BLUE ICE CREAM SOCIAL and will be serving Gifford's Finest Ice Cream thanks to their community spirit and generosity.

All are welcome and as a special TRIBUTE, ALL DISABLED VETERANS will be served FREE! Wednesday, July 12, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at New Portland Community Library.

*Submitted: David Weiland*

## Community Churches

The Western Mountains Baptist Church will once again be participating in Kingfield Days, on Saturday, July 15th. Bring the kids by to get rid of some of their energy in the bounce houses and fill them up with hot popcorn and flavored snow cones. There is no charge and all kids (young and old) are welcome to visit. We will be located on Depot Street near the Mt. Abram Regional Health Center.

A new Ladies Bible Study has begun in New Portland. The leader, Jean Sawtelle, welcomes any interested women to meet at her home on Wednesday mornings from 9-11. The book they are using is called, "She's Got Issues" by Nicole Unice. Several of the topics to be addressed include anger, insecurity, comparisons, bitterness and unforgiveness. For more information and directions to her home please call Jean at 628-3331.

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:00am. Sunday School is available for all ages beforehand at 9:00. During worship service nursery and Children's Church (up to 3rd grade) are offered. Coffee and snacks are available before and after the worship to encourage fellowship. Call or text Pastor Tom at 557-3802, call the church at 265-2557 or email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net for more information--or you are welcome to just show up any Sunday morning.

May you have a blessed and happy summer,

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

## Lexington/Highland Historical Society

The historical society will hold a Chinese auction at the Happy Horseshoe Campgrounds on July 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Numbers are to be called at 11:00 am. On July 8 there will be a silent auction and bake sale also held at the Happy Horseshoe Campgrounds from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Saturday, July 28 "Old Home Day" will be held at the History House 3 Back Road in Lexington from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This will include open house, special exhibits, Lexington/Highland tour led by Steve Pinkham, historian. There will be a noon time barbecue. Come and Visit with friends and neighbors. Sunday, July 30 the Lexington/Highland Historical Society will meet at the History House at 6:00 pm. The program will include scenes from the 1940's and 1950's, an 8mm film that focusd on Lexington, Highland, New Portland, Flagstaff and Dead River places and people. During the summer months the History House will be open each Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm until October 10. Again, come by for a visit.

*Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham*

## Recreation Committee

June 20th, 2017

### New Portland Recreation Meeting

An interest to be involved with the recreation committee has increased. After discussion at selectmen's meeting and talking with a few people who are interested, a time for a meeting was set.

July 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the New Portland Community Room the meeting will held. An agenda will be made available at the meeting, so we can all follow plans and discussions. Anyone is welcome to the meeting. Please think about being a committed member so we can organize and schedule events, etc.

I want to make sure people understand this is a recreation committee, not the park meeting, which is on a different night, separate committees. But if folks want to be on both, great, the meeting times will be posted for the park committee.

A group discussed on June 19, at the selectmen's meeting ideas and showed an interest in recreation committee at that time. So, some may be reading this or hearing this information for the first time. Please think about attending this meeting with ideas to make "recreation" be fun events.

The selectmen have requested me to be chairperson for recreation committee. One person to navigate the meetings, put together thoughts, and suggestions for the committee. Work together to make the chosen activities happen. I look forward to having involvement and ideas being discussed and planned. There are a few events that have been done over the years, and they were well attended. I hope we can maintain those and add more.

Look forward to meeting with all who wish to be involved. If you can't make that meeting ,please call me or email me at [jwills@tdstelme.net](mailto:jwills@tdstelme.net).

*Submitted: Judi Wills*



