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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 ..... 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 ..... 11am - 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**  
Winter Hours - September 1 to May 31  
Sunday ..... 1pm - 3pm  
Tuesday & Saturday ..... 10am - Noon  
Wednesday & 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 Manager

The town office will be closed on the following days  
Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5 for training,  
and Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

The selectmen will be meeting on Tuesday, October 3 and  
again on Monday, October 16 both of these meetings will be  
at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Town Clerk

### Please note the following dates:

**October 10 to November 2** - absentee ballots can be  
requested for the November 7 Referendum Election

**October 15** - 2018 dog licensing starts

**October 26** - nomination papers can be requested for  
board of selectmen, town clerk, and RSU #74 school board

**October 28** - The Historical Society will be having their  
Annual Craft Sale at 9:00 am and will be held at 911 River  
Road at the Community Room / Fire Station.

*Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk*

## Selectmen

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2017

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Michael Senecal,  
Raymond Poulin. Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky,  
Marilyn Gorman, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren,  
Kristen Mitchell, Ron Lindner-Demers, John Demers-Lindner  
Mike Senecal called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes from July  
17, 2017. Raymond motioned to accept them as written and  
Wayne seconded; all were in favor.

Kristen presented appointment papers to the Board of  
Selectmen to sign for Bobbi-Sue Harrington to be on the  
Recreation Committee. The board reviewed and signed her  
appointment paper.

Gary updated the board on work that has been done and work to be done. He stated that the surveyors that did work on the Hancock Pond Road were due to have that information to him soon. He reviewed with the board an issue with the stop sign on the Airport Road. Wayne will look into it and put up a new sign. There was a brief discussion on a rock on Hancock Pond Road which is in the roadway. Gary will address the issue. Gary updated the board on some upcoming time he would be out of town.

Mike Malesk. updated the board on a few abatements that he will be bringing to the board at a future meeting.

Kip discussed the contract for fire coverage of parts of Somerset County with the Board of Selectmen. Mike Senecal motioned to accept the contract as written, Raymond seconded; and all were in favor. The board members signed the contract. Kip updated the board on some issues with the air pack and regulators that did not pass annual inspection. There was a discussion on options to take care of the issues. Kip informed the board the department is planning to try and apply for a grant to possibly purchase air packs in the future. He shared with the board that all the trucks are now inspected. The department will be putting up a new flag pole near their Fire Department sign thanks to a donation from a local resident. He also discussed with the board that the new 6 by 6 is almost ready to be put into service, and there are just a few lights that need to be put on it.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed an accounts payable warrant and payroll warrants.

Stacie discussed with the board of a violation of New Portland's Wireless Communications Ordinance and that it would be presented to the Planning Board at a future meeting once all the documentation has been received.

There were no items by the Public.

Mike Senecal updated all in attendance the status of the Sand/Salt Shed research. And he also spoke of the AOS meeting that he recently attended.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Smr*

## **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2017**

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Michael Senecal, Raymond Poulin; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Marilyn Gorman, Brian Rundlett, Kristen Mitchell, Ron Lindner-Demers, John Demers-Lindner, Judi Wills, Terry Gaudette, Heather Hilensky, Bobbi-Sue Harrington

Mike Senecal called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes from August 01, 2017. Wayne motioned to accept them as written and Raymond seconded; all were in favor.

Kristen presented to the Board of Selectmen three new member requests for the Recreation Committee. Mike Senecal motioned to nominate Terry Gaudette to the Recreation Committee, Raymond seconded; all were in favor. Mike Senecal motioned to nominate Marilyn Gorman to the Recreation Committee, Raymond seconded; all were in favor. Mike Senecal motioned to nominate Kristen Mitchell to the Recreation Committee, Raymond seconded; all were in favor. Mike Senecal thanked them for their participation. All appointment papers were reviewed and signed.

Mike Malesky updated the board on an error made on the school assessment. There was a brief discussion regarding the matter. No decisions were made in the matter.

Stacie presented to the board payroll warrants and an A/P warrant. The Board of Selectmen reviewed all the warrants and signed them. Budgetary data is scheduled to be reviewed at the next meeting. The Selectmen reviewed a proposal from Cynthia Orcutt for a landscape architect design for the Wire Bridge Memorial Park. There was a brief discussion regarding the process for the grant application scheduled to be submitted by November 1, 2017. Wayne motioned to accept the proposal and start the process. Raymond seconded; all were in favor. There was a brief discussion regarding a survey that had been done on the Hancock Pond Road. It was determined that this road is a three rod road, meaning that the right of way is 33 feet from center line of the road. This will help for future maintenance of the road.

The Board of Selectmen discussed some issues with the Recreation Committee. Judi Wills, Chairman of the committee, shared her notes from recent meeting. There was an issue with an event scheduled for September 1, being a movie night and copyright issues. For the movie, proposed to be played in advertisements already out, it would cost \$350 to obtain a permit to play this movie at a public event. It was presented to the Board of Selectmen by Bobbi-Sue that another older movie could be played for \$145 dollars, which included a discount for the town. For copyright reasons for each movie being played at a public event you need to obtain a permit to do so. There was a discussion regarding the Board of Selectmen

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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.

wanting all events to get approval from them before any advertisement takes place. This had not happened for this event. There was a lengthy discussion on what the Board of Selectmen expected from the Recreation Committee for planning future events. The Board had a discussion amongst themselves about how they wanted to proceed with this matter. Because of the short amount of time for planning this proposed event and the issues that arrived regarding the copyright issues and costs for a permit to publicly play a movie as a town department, Raymond motioned to cancel the event. Wayne seconded and there was a vote. Wayne and Raymond voted to cancel the event and Mike Senecal abstained. The motion passed. The Board of Selectmen made it very clear that any future events would need the support of the majority of the Recreation Committee and be presented to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Mike Senecal asked Stacie to call *The Irregular* and retract the ad that Heather Hilensky placed for advertising the movie event. There was also a brief discussion regarding fund raising or collecting money for any events.

Raymond motioned to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded; and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Smr*

### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2017**

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Raymond Poulin, Michael Senecal (absent). Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Marilyn Gorman, Brian Rundlett, Judi Wills, Kip Poulin, Dallas Landry, Brenda Stevens

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

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes from August 21, 2017. Wayne motioned to accept them as written and Raymond seconded; all were in favor.

Kip updated the board members on status on repairs being done to air packs. He stated that they were at approximately 48 calls year to date. Sign Works was scheduled to do lettering on the UTV this week.

Mike Malesky submitted five abatement requests to the board: Steven Thurston in the amount of \$13.89, David Osgood in the amount of \$358.00, Stephanie Dunn in the amount of \$167.74, WM Scotsman in the amount of \$14.20, Prog Leasing in the amount of \$30.43. The board reviewed all of the information presented. Wayne motioned to accept the abatement requests as submitted and Raymond seconded; all were in favor.

Judi Wills briefed the present board members on a proposed policy for the Recreation Committee. She presented it to Michael Senecal as the chairman of the Select Board and is waiting to hear back from him.

Stacie presented an A/P warrant in the amount of

107,602.44 and five payroll warrants. The board reviewed and signed all warrants. She also inquired with the board members what they wanted to do regarding the portable toilet and trash receptacle being at the Wire Bridge area and how long they wanted those to remain in place. It was agreed upon to keep them both there until September 25. Stacie also presented to the board members to review two months of check reconciliation. The information was reviewed and signed off. She also reminded the board members that the office will be closed for training on October 4 and 5.

Dallas voiced his concern that the road commissioner has missed a few meetings since April. There was a brief discussion regarding why the road commissioner missed a couple of meetings. No other discussions on the matter.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Raymond seconded; all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned 6:42 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

### **Salt and Sand Shed Committee**

Committee Meeting Minutes for September 2017 at 6:30 pm. Meeting was conducted by Michael Senecal. Meeting recorded by Michael Senecal

In Attendance: Michael Senecal, Mike Malesky, Brenda Stevens, Lewis Wills, and Gilbert Taylor

Regrouping: Committee had not met since July.

We used this meeting to review our notes and discussion around the positive and negatives of building a salt and sand shed. Gilbert shared his experience and thoughts on the subject. Committee discussed several options that currently need more research and input from residents and experts. Everyone was concerned with cost and the impact on property taxes.

Committee also discussed the need to review and update the current plowing contract. We have one more winter season left on the current contract.

Options included: 1. Purchasing land and building a facility, 2. Leasing a current salt and sand storage area 3. Continuing with current practices.

Timeline: Committee discussed having a public meeting in October to get public input. Committee will contact all the attendees from the first meeting and reach out to residence to attend the next meeting October 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Next Meeting: October 11 at 6:30 pm

*Submitted: Mike Senecal*

## RSU 74 / School Board

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Minutes: The minutes of the August board meeting were approved without discussion.

Presentation: Mercedes Pour and Pauline Stevens addressed the board about College 4 ME. It is their goal that every student who wants to go to college and has the potential to succeed in college has a route to get there. They praised the CHS dual enrollment classes, saying that these courses make the dream of attending college far more attainable for students. College 4 ME puts people "on the ground in high schools" to augment the work of guidance. Mentors, such as Pauline Stevens, work with students several times each semester. Ms. Stevens currently works with three CHS students. These students have the opportunity to take one on-campus or online course from a community college, free of charge. Mentors work with students to complete applications and financial aid forms, lead them to resources that can help them, and help ease the transition from high school to college.

CHS Sports: Nate Stubbert spoke about the low numbers on some CHS teams. Boys' soccer has 13 players this season. Six seniors will graduate in June. The team will likely only gain three from the current eighth grade, so the problem of low numbers is likely to continue. The golf team has five, and the cross country team has eight. One option going forward may be to look for more opportunities to combine with other local school systems but previous discussions with Valley regarding boys' soccer have not been successful.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy said that 2017-2018 is off to a great start. He praised the performance of CCS principal Tom Desjardins and said he was pleased with the work of the returning administrators. He thanked Chris Roy and Lori Agren for their work.

Going forward, the future of pre-K may be an issue. As of June 30, there was a deficit of \$60,000 with pre-K. Pre-K is partially funded by a grant, but the amount of grant funding the RSU 74 will receive in 2017-2018 will be far less than the costs. Mr. Tracy wanted to alert the board to a potential problem. He promised that he would offer some solutions soon.

Mr. Tracy had at meeting at DOE to discuss the topic of regionalization. (Tuesday's *Morning Sentinel* featured an article on this topic.) Mr. Tracy is interested in the idea and believes that some of the savings that could be achieved through the formation of an AOS could also be reached via these regionalization centers. There may be more flexibility for districts in the regionalization centers than there is with an AOS structure.

The board's Ad Hoc Committee will meet on September 21 in Solon to discuss collaboration with other local school districts.

## Halloween Announcement

Come and join for some Halloween fun! Trunk or Treat on October 28 at the Fire Station in New Portland from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Come and bring your kids to collect some treats, or better yet you could join us and decorate your trunk and hand out some goodies to the ghosts and goblins! Either way it is sure to be a fun time.

A prize will be give for the best decorated vehicle. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. Heidi Tolman or Lorie Agren at 491-4182. We hope to see you there!

*Submitted: Heidi Tolman*

Mr. Tracy thanked the new board members for going to a new board member training session.

He showed a PowerPoint presentation that outlined his goals for 2017-2018. These included a focus on PBE, PBIS and Teacher Evaluation. In addition, efficiency and cost-savings, as well as future strategic planning, will be priorities.

Admin Updates: Tim Richards said that the CHS Open House will be from 6:00 - 7:30 pm on September 12.

Desjardins said that the CCS Open House will be September 14. He said the August 29 Sixth Grade Parent Night was a success and thanked the staff for the "tremendous" opening of the school year.

Jean Butler updated the board on Open House dates in her schools. (Solon's will be September 13 and GS will be September 28.)

Chris Roy said that the year has started well in the area of transportation, though we need subs.

Lori Agren reported that a freezer is down at Solon, and a compressor valve is broken.

Nomination: Randall Rothert - one year CCS middle school.

Appointments: Carrie Peabody - MDI seamstress, Jill Everett - MDI Program Director and MDI Assistant Dance Teacher, Katenia Keller - MDI Dance Teacher, Kirk Robinson - Cobra Power coach

Resignation: Rick David, bus driver

Committees: Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on September 13, and Library/Technology will meet on September 20.

Citizens: Erik Carey spoke and suggested that a committee be created to attempt to figure out why the numbers for sports teams have decreased by a larger rate than our student population has decreased in the last few years.

Eighth Grade Norlands Trip: The board voted to allow an overnight Norlands trip on September 28 and 29.

Maine Huts and Trails Trips: The board voted to allow two eighth grade trips to Maine Huts & Trails, October 5 - 6 and October 10 - 11.

Bus Bids: This item was on the agenda in August but was tabled then. After much discussion, the board voted to buy two buses: a gas bus with a lift, and a gas bus with no lift.

Policy EDC: The board voted to revise the laptop policy. The major change was a reduction in the cost of insurance from \$50 to \$20.

Sharing Adult Ed with Skowhegan: RSU 74 will look to become part of the RSU 54 Adult Ed program.

MSMA: Board Chairman Bob Demchak will be the voting delegate at the upcoming MSMA conference. Troy Dunphy will be the alternate.

Finally... The meeting ended around 8:20 pm.

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

## **New Portland Library**

Library hours: Sunday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Wednesday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Congratulations September 60 Club Winners: First-Bob Whitten, Second - Jennifer and Bryan McNaney and Third - Jim Taylor. Thank you Katie Handrahan for your many years on the library board as our treasurer. You were a great asset to the library, and all the extra hours you put in are greatly appreciated, and you will be missed. Welcome to Candy Browne as the newest member and treasurer. She is highly qualified, and we look forward to working with her. October 14 Saturday 9:00 am Children's Hour: Have fun getting ready for Halloween. All ages are welcome. Anyone attending five children's hour gets a prize! Pick up your card at the first event. Every Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Get Together Day: Thank you to all who filled out the survey which we are conducting to discover senior programming needs. If you did not fill one out and would like to do so, you can pick up a copy at the library or call 628-6561 October 12 & 26 Thursday 10:00 am: Knitwits and Happy Hookers. All are welcome even if you can't hook or knit you will have a good time! October 21 Saturday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Fall Festival: This year we will have a giant cider press! Just bring in about a bushel of apples and a jug and enjoy this great fall treat. There will be games and a Bounce House. We will have ice cream cones for pennies to help add to our penny mile. We are ½ way there and any pennies added to our jug will be appreciated. If you have an overabundance of veggies, maybe apples, and would like to share them we will have a swap spot set aside.

*Librarian's note:* New books featured in adult fiction, Sue Grafton's Y and Maine author Linda Greenlaw's *Slipknot*, dvd - *5 Flights Up*, EZ reading *Ready, Set, Pirouette*, nonfiction - *A Vast Army of Women*. We are also part of the State Interlibrary Loan System. Any book we do not have we can borrow from another library in a short amount of time. If you are interested in genealogy, we can get you started. Since the busy summer is winding down, you may have a little extra time to volunteer at the library. Just two hours a month and you choose your time! Just stop in and check it out. Fall Ball Drop: Don't forget to get your ticket to the Fall Festival Ball Drop. You can win up to \$500. Get your ticket at the library or from any library or recreation board or member.

*Submitted: Rosemary Drosky*

## **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

The September 9 monthly meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm with nine 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 date. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The trail master informed the club about a few small projects coming up. There is a rotten bridge which will need to be replaced; we need to come up with a trail to the North New Portland store, and there are a few areas where we may install culverts or swamp mats to address water holes. We did receive both grants from the state. Lewis will be contacting the landowner to confirm we may install a sign in Friend's field. Additionally, the groomer needs to be serviced this fall. The trail master's report was accepted as stated.

Old business: We were denied a grant to assist with the purchase of a new groomer, so it is off the table for now. The club lot is now considered tax exempt, so if we decide as a club to build a pole barn for the groomer this would be the best location.

New business: Linda DeWolfe has resigned her position as social director. In lieu of replacing the social director, club members will collaborate on ideas, events, and club rides throughout the season. There was discussion regarding the purchase of a battery powered chainsaw (Stihl) to have on hand for trail work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 14 at 6:30 pm at the fire house Community Room.

*Submitted: Lynne Cary, Secretary*

## Announcement

A "Holiday Craft Sale" will be sponsored by the New Portland Historical Society on Saturday, October 28 at 9:00 am at the New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road. A lunch will be available. There will also be some new crafters joining the event this year. Come and see what they have to offer.

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman*

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*Submitted: Lynne Cary, Secretary*

## Lexington Highland Historical Society

On October 3 and October 10, the History House will have its final Tuesday openings for the year. The annual meeting and supper will be at 4:00 pm on October 22 at the History House. Please take a pot luck choice or a dessert. Beverage will be provided.

*Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham*

## Community Churches

### New Portland Community Church News October 2017

Rev. Thea Kornelius started her job as the new minister for the New Portland churches and Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington, and the new MATE coordinator on August 21. The choice that the churches and MATE have made has been confirmed over the last month as she has joined our congregations and communities with enthusiasm and friendliness. She is energetic and empathetic and will be a fine addition to our communities.

Church suppers have been really great this year. We have enjoyed serving the community in this way. And greatly appreciate those who come support the church with their attendance at these suppers as well as the support of those who donate their time, talents and goods. Please join us on October 19 for the final church supper of 2017. As usual, feel free to eat in or take out.

The Wire Bridge Thrift Store will be open Saturdays from 10:00 am – noon from now through December. However, if there are needs in the community that require attention please do not hesitate to call 491-2620 or 399-3742.

Services are now being held at the West Village Church on Sunday mornings. Our final service in the lovely North New Portland Church was held on September 24. It will be nice to be in the cozy West Village church for the winter. Service time remains the same. Coffee hour starts at 10:30 am with the service following at 11:00 am. We would love to see you there. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

At the Western Mountains Baptist Church the Fellowship Potluck held on September 19 was a huge success! Folks at the Western Mountains Baptist Church really know how to put together a barbecue meal: grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, Cajun deep fried turkey, a good variety of side-dishes and homemade desserts. Nearly 60 people did not leave church hungry on that Sunday! The next potluck will be November 12 to celebrate Thanksgiving. All are welcome. Food is served after the 10:00 worship service around 11:15 am. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Have you started thinking about Christmas yet? Brenna Cockerham, one of our worship leaders, has. She is currently recruiting singers for a Capella Christmas Service to be held at WMBC this year. She has two requirements: 1. You can sing and 2. You can sing in parts. Reading music is not a requirement. Please contact Brenna to let her know your interest and for more details at 1-413-322-2450. Practices begin sometime this month, Sundays at 11:45 am.

GEMS (Girls Encouraged to Mirror the Savior) Club has begun a new season. Girls ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to meet at the church for monthly meetings. Mothers are welcome to attend with their daughters if they choose. The Club meets Fridays from 4-5:30p.m. A few of the fun activities include: Bible stories, crafts, games, basic sewing, basic cooking, service projects and more. For more information text Rosie at 778-1086.

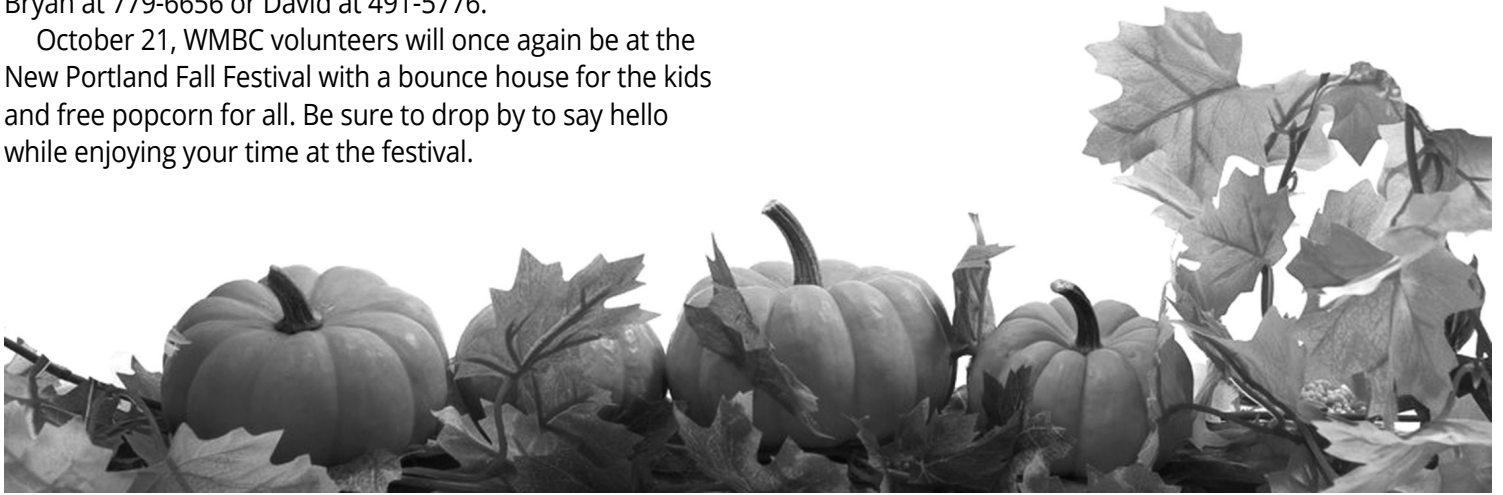
Firewood season is upon us (too quickly in my opinion) which means our Service Ministry is busy with "firewood parties". Anyone needing help with their firewood is encouraged to call to get on the list. In addition to helping prepare and stack firewood, the Service Ministry helps with other projects throughout the year such as minor home repair, weatherization, helping people move, snow removal, etc. If you could use an extra hand, please call Bryan at 779-6656 or David at 491-5776.

October 21, WMBC volunteers will once again be at the New Portland Fall Festival with a bounce house for the kids and free popcorn for all. Be sure to drop by to say hello while enjoying your time at the festival.

Now that summer is over and life may have slowed down a bit, you may have started thinking about getting involved in a Bible study. There are a variety of opportunities at WMBC. Some of the small group studies are geared to men, women, teens or young adults. But, there are also mixed groups. Some are held at the church and some are held in homes. Pastor Tom can help guide you to what you may be looking for. Feel free to call or text him at 557-3802 or email .pastorwmbc@gmail.com

Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:00 am. Coffee and refreshments are available beforehand. If you don't already have a home church and looking for a place you and your family can learn and grow in your faith, please consider visiting WMBC on Rt. 27, 929 Carrabassett Road in New Portland.

*Submitted by Crystal Fitch*



## **Recreational Committee**

*Reminder of Fall Festival:* Remember *Saturday, October 21* is the Fall Festival. Lots of activities and fun. Remember that for the pie contest, all entries need to be at the Community Room by 10:00 am, judging will be at 11:00 am.

All scarecrows are to be up by October 19, and the judging will be done the October 20 and winners announced October 21. Entry forms at Town Office or use the one in *New Portlander*, entry box at Town Office.

Lots of activities all morning, the bounce house, arts and crafts, face painting, raffles, obstacle course for kids, and pictures will be done. Also the now popular fry pan toss.

Name of Person Entering Scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_

Category Favorite Slasher: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT FORM, then put your scarecrow on a Grade Stake**

*Submitted: Judi Wills*



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Dog Licensing starts	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	Scarecrow Deadline	Scarecrow Deadline	New Portlander Deadline at 4:00 pm	Fall Festival Pie Contest, Scare- crow Winners, Fry Pan Toss
22	24	24	25	26	27	28
LHHS Annual Meeting & Supper 4:00 pm at History House	Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm	Fire Department Meeting - 6:30 pm	Nomination Papers for Selection, Town Clerk & School Board at Town Office	NPCL - 10:00 am Knit Wits & Happy Hookers Board at Town Office	NP Historical Society Craft Fair at Community Room 9:00 am Trunk or Treat 5:00 - 7:00 pm Fire Station	NP Historical Society Craft Fair at Community Room 9:00 am Trunk or Treat 5:00 - 7:00 pm Fire Station
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					Get Together Day Every Tuesday at NPCL 10:00 am - Noon	