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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

Phone: 628-4441 • Fax: 628-4440

Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am - 5pm
Thursday 12pm - 6pm
First Saturday of the month 8am - noon
(except Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar. and permitting it's not a holiday weekend)

Town Manager/CEO, Deputy Clerk: Stacie Rundlett - Ext. 1

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Monday 1pm - 5pm
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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

• Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month 6pm

• Planning Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

• New Portland Water District

2nd Wednesday of each month 6:30pm

• School Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of each month 6pm

• Recreation Committee

1st Thursday of each month 6:30pm

• New Portland Community Library

Winter Hours - September 1 to May 31

Tuesday & Saturday 10am - Noon

Wednesday 4pm - 6pm

Thursday & Sunday 1pm - 3pm

• Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 7:30am - 4:30pm

• New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours

Monday - Friday 7am - 9am, 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 7am - 10:30am

Town Manager

Town of New Portland Advertisement for Proposals New Portland Sand Salt Shed Project

The Town of New Portland is seeking sealed proposals for the foundation work on the Sand Salt Shed Project. Completed proposals must be received at the Town Office at 901 River Road, New Portland, Maine by 5:00 pm on April 15, 2019. Any proposals received after the deadline stated above shall not be considered. The proposal must be signed by the Proposer with its full name and address and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Sand Salt Shed Foundation". Bids will be publicly opened on April 15, 2019 at the selectmen's meeting at 6:30 pm in the community room at the fire station. All Proposers wishing to submit a bid are welcome to attend a pre-bid meeting to be held on April 2, 2019 at the community room in the fire station located at 911 River Road, New Portland. The Board of Selectmen and the Engineer will be available for questions regarding the required work for this project, starting at 5:30 pm on April 2.

A complete scope of work is available at the Town Office. You may direct questions and inquiries to the Town Manager, Stacie Rundlett, at 207-628-4441 ext #1 or nwprtInd@tds.net.

All Proposers must provide a bid and will be required to sign an agreement for services. Before commencing work under said agreement, the Proposer shall provide evidence of liability insurance, listing the Town of New Portland as a certificate holder.

Any bidder may withdraw his/her proposal prior to the scheduled time for the opening of proposals upon presentation to the Town Manager of a request, in writing, to do so. Any bidder who withdraws his/her proposal within thirty (30) days after the actual opening thereof shall be considered to have abandoned his/her proposal.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive any formality and may consider as informal any proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with these provisions. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept any proposal or reject any or all proposals if it is deemed to be in the public's interest to do so.

NOTICE:

Special Town Meeting / Selectmen's Meeting on the 15th

The Board of Selectmen would like to announce that they will be holding a Public Hearing and a Special Town Meeting at the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, April 15 starting at 6:30 pm.

The Warrant for this Special Town Meeting will be signed at the April 2 selectmen's meeting and will be posted afterwards, along with the notice of Public Hearing with more details. Said hearing and special town meeting will be regarding a proposal for the New Portland Fire Department to supply fire coverage for Highland Plantation.

Monday, April 15, the Town Office will be closed in observance of Patriot's Day.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. There were no items by the Public.
4. a. The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
b. The board reviewed and signed off on the Treasurer's Reports.
5. The board members reviewed the designs of the Sand/Salt Shed provided by the engineer. Raymond was going to contact the engineer to confirm the timeframe and work to be done. The board reviewed the numbers for the project.

There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming town meeting and who was going to be the moderator.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 03/05/19 meeting. smr

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting for March 5, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi and Lewis Wills, Gary Agren, Kristen Mitchell, Brenda Stevens

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.
2. The board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Department Heads:
 - a. Gary Agren stressed to the board that all the back roads need to have the snow banks pushed back. Some points the banks need to be pushed back eight feet. If it isn't done before it warms up or heavy rains we may lose a lot of roads with the water runoff. Andrea stated that she would call Gilbert to check on the status of the banks being pushed back. There was a discussion regarding some of the recent breakdowns that Gilbert has had with his equipment. The public also brought up different areas where there was a sight issue from high snow banks.
 - b. Kip Poulin reviewed with the board the status of payroll; they have had 23 calls since first of December. He updated the board on equipment that he has ordered. The projector is to be installed soon, hopefully. Kip also shared with the board that there were several places on the Middle Road on a recent call where the road was so narrow that a car would not have been able to pass the fire truck. Kip reviewed with the public a proposal with Highland Plantation regarding fire protection. Kip shared the details with the public that he had already shared with the Selectmen over the past couple of months. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal and the options surrounding it. No decisions have been made at this time. Kip clarified to the public the details that have been discussed regarding this proposal. There were many questions from the public. The public stressed that this should be a discussion before the towns people. The board asked Stacie to contact legal to see about a possible special town meeting or hearing for when negotiations of this proposal were agreed upon and before signing any contracts.
 - c. Judi updated the board on recreation meetings and the time frame for planning upcoming events.

4. Items by the Public

There was a discussion regarding the recent town meeting and the amount of funds appropriated for the library and the lack of specific documents requested for the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. The board is still waiting on a few statements from the library for 2018 and will be requesting these documents for future budget meetings.

5. Items by the Town Manager

The board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants. Stacie updated the board on the amount of notice of lien letters that went out. There were 173 accounts that received notices which is about 25 more than a typical year.

6. Items by the Board of Selectmen

There was a brief discussion regarding the work for the sand/ salt shed that was designed by the engineer. Raymond will be getting in contact with the engineer to present questions to him from the boards concerns. The board asked Stacie to draw up a draft ad for the foundation work portion of the sand/salt shed project. The board decided that once the ad was finalized to publicize it in *The Irregular, the Daily Bulldog*, and they noted several local businesses that they wanted to get the ad to as well. There was a brief discussion regarding the information that Raymond and Brian had received for different materials for the sand/ salt shed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 03/18/19 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

The March board meeting was held at Carrabec High School.

A new member, Scott Lehay of Embden, joined the school board. He fills the seat vacated by Larry Dunphy.

Minutes: The minutes of the February board meeting were approved.

Student Presentation: Dan Gilbert spoke briefly. He noted that when he came to RSU 74 in 2015, he had 20 elementary band students and 30 in chorus. His program has continued to grow, and now there are 64 in band and 64 in chorus. (Seeing that the number of kids in band and chorus are equal makes me think that it is either a strange coincidence or evidence that I may have made a mistake while taking notes.

In any case, his numbers have grown in a big way,) In addition to the gains at the elementary level, he now has a successful and steadily increasing group of performers at CHS. Mr. Gilbert has taken students to see STOMP and the University of Maine Symphonic Orchestra. This year eight students will be part of the District Four Honors Music Festival. This is the first time in recent, or perhaps not so recent, history that RSU 74 students have participated. Four students - an elementary student named Macy, sixth grader Jacob Hilenski, eighth grader Laci Dickey, and CHS student Lizzie Manzer spoke enthusiastically about the band/ chorus program, and they praised the work of Mr. Gilbert.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy updated the board on the direction in which he believes the legislature is headed and the implications for RSU 74. He believes that the legislature may pass, and the governor will sign, a bill to raise the minimum salary for teachers to \$40,000. Using current numbers, it would cost \$23,000 to bring nine teachers up to that level. He thinks that Universal Pre-K for three and four year olds could be a reality soon. This would have an impact on the budget. Many years ago, a majority of Maine voters voted yes on a referendum question to fund public education in Maine at 55%. Despite the yes vote, the 55% funding has never taken place. With the new legislature/governor, this might be a possibility. If it were to happen, the burden on local towns could be reduced.

Appointments: Doug Larlee - CCS softball, Maurice Langlois - CHS student council

Brian Twitchell - Teacher Eval/Performance Pay Coordinator, Mat Brown - CCS track, Terry Corson - CHS softball, Erik Carey - CCS baseball, Skip Rugh - CHS track, Tyrel Love - CHS boys' tennis, Amy Price - CHS girls' tennis, Patrick Daubenberger - CHS track assistant, Mike Cahill - CHS track assistant, Dave Richardson - CHS softball assistant

Admin Reports: Each administrator submitted a written report to the board. Some added some additional comments. 1.) Tim Richards told the board that CHS students will participate in a Drama Festival at Skowhegan High School at 7:00 pm on Friday. 2.) Jean Butler said that elementary students are preparing for MEA tests. 3.) Scott Hall and the tech team are busy getting ready for MEAs. 4.) Lorie Agren said that snow removal is a priority. 5.) Larry Dunphy noted that the district is in dire need of trained drivers. He added that the bus monitoring system is in place, and it is generating interesting data. 6.) Athletic Director Julie Richard informed the board that

the CHS Unified Basketball team will have a playoff game on Friday night in Bucksport.

Committees: The Finance Committee met on February 27 and 28.

Citizens: No one spoke.

2019-2020 School Calendar: The board voted to approve the proposed calendar. The only major difference from the 2018-2019 calendar is two student days the week of Thanksgiving, 2019.

ALICE Training: ALICE involves new protocols for potential lockdown/active shooter situations. Rather than a relatively "one size fits all" approach that has been used in the past, ALICE should give teachers more flexibility to make decisions about how to keep students safe.

The Budget: Mr. Tracy reviewed the draft budget with the board. The initial projection showed an increase of \$778,841 to the local share. Primary reasons for the increase included pre-k costs, additional staff (increases in the areas of performing arts, art, and an instructional coach), special ed. and operations. By the end of the evening, the amount of the increase was reduced to \$593,841. It is planned that \$75,000 of carryover will be used. It was estimated that we may receive \$45,000 more in tuition than originally anticipated. KVCAP costs are estimated to be \$75,000 less than originally projected. Even with the reductions, the board did not seem inclined to accept that level of increase, and the admin team was asked to come back on March 13 with more cuts.

Executive Session: When the board went into executive session, I went home.

Next board meeting is April 3, 6:30 pm at Carrabec Community School.

March 13 Budget Meeting: At the beginning of the meeting the increase to the local share was \$583,841. 1.) \$20,000 was cut from pre-k costs. 2.) \$25,000 of carryover was used to cut the local increase. 3.) Citing the potential for teacher retirements, Mr. Tracy suggested a reduction of \$30,000 in projected teacher salaries. The board approved. 4.) \$7,120 was cut from CHS instruction. 5.) \$5,000 was cut from maintenance at CHS. At that point, the board voted to approve the budget and send it to voters. The increase to the local share is \$496,721.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers Meeting Minutes for March 2019

The March meeting was called to order with 14 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master: Brad went over the differences between the municipal grant and club grant. He explained the amounts the club receives for each grant. He said the club is in good shape for this season. Brad also wanted to thank everyone who has in some way helped with the trails, the best in the area. Lewis said that the trails probably won't be groomed again this season because of the warm weather that is coming.

Old Business: Discussion was made about amending a motion that was made in the February meeting. It was felt the motion needed to be more specific as to who could get reimbursed for picking up parts for the club. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to reimburse people, pre-approved by lead groomer operators for mileage at \$0.55 per mile, for picking up parts and items for the groomers. Update on chainsaw purchases: Lewis informed the club, due to a generous donation from a club member, we were able to keep the chainsaw he had bought last month and also purchase a new Echo 501 chainsaw. Each groomer now has a new chainsaw in it. The same club member also paid for the bulk fuel tank to be refilled. The club would like to thank this generous member for the donations. The chainsaw and fuel will help the club be able to continue maintaining our trails, keeping them in the great condition they are in. A thank you card has also been sent to this club member.

New Business: Our club mannequin mascot has a name. She will now be referred to as Stormy. It was asked if the club was still planning on maintaining the trail that goes into the North Village next season. Lewis said the club would continue to maintain the trail next season.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on April 13, starting at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station meeting room. Hope to see you there.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is April 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: alderswamp2@gmail.com

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

I just want to thank everyone for doing an excellent job on the trails; I didn't get to ride too much this season up there, but when I did, they were excellent. I also heard it from a few of my friends that ride out of Weld. I also want to thank Bill for the warming hut. I've heard many great things and saw many great happy people when I was up there.

Submitted: Jim Davidge

Church News

For the third year, the Western Mountains Baptist Church is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a high school senior attending Carrabec or Mt. Abram High Schools. Students are encouraged to complete the application on our website: www.westernmountainschurch.org or print the form and mail to: WMBC, PO Box 264, Kingfield 04947. Forms are also available in the guidance counselor office. We look forward to helping a senior with the cost of his or her first semester expenses as he or she pursues an education beyond high school.

Easter Sunday, we will be holding a sunrise service outside of the church at the cross. Currently, the cross is inaccessible with the high snow banks, but we do have hope the snowbanks will be gone by April 21. Immediately following the 5:45 am service, the men will cook a huge breakfast with lots of hot coffee and hot chocolate. Then at 10:00 am, we will have our regular church service. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of our Easter celebration.

The ladies Wednesday morning Bible study are beginning a new study this month, "Genesis: God of Covenant" by Jen Wilkin. Join Betsy and the rest of the small group on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am.

GEMS club for girls ages 5-12 have upcoming meetings on April 12, May 3 and May 31. In addition to Bible lessons, the girls learn basic cooking and sewing skills, play games and do crafts. They meet Friday afternoons at 4:00-5:30 pm.

Looking ahead for May: ladies mark your calendars for May 18 for the Women's Spring Brunch. The speaker will be Kay Sawyer. She was born a missionary kid and grew up in the Amazon jungles of Peru. After high school she attended Biola College in southern California where she met her husband Jim. They have recently moved to Kingfield. (Jim is a native.) Kay will be sharing her story at the Women's Spring Brunch focusing on her journey of forgiveness. Bring a potluck dish to share and join the ladies on May 18 at 10:00 am. For more information call Pat at 265-4164.

Another look ahead is for the last week of June. Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28 from 9:00 am to noon. VBS is for all kids ages 4 and up. Be on the lookout for more information.

You can find more information about WMBC on our website: www.westernmountainschurch.org

Happy Spring.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

New Portland Community Church News: Spring is coming, really! Although it may be July before the snow is gone!

Services through the winter months have been lively at the New Portland Community Church. It has been fun to gather in good weather and bad, chatting over everything under the sun during coffee hour and enjoying worship with Rev. Thea Kornelius. She really is a gem. If you're not at church on Sunday morning, you are really missing a fun and worshipful experience.

Usually by now we are announcing the church supper menus and inviting people to dinner, but there will be some changes to the plan this year. Most importantly, the church suppers will be moving to the North Village Church. This is an important detail and one that will be mentioned in newsletters to come! Another important detail to mention this month is that suppers will begin in May.

Bible study has been a really interesting Journey of Faith this winter and will continue at Fairbanks Union Church on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Discussion is lively and a growing number of New Portland residents have been participating.

Equally important this month is that Sunday services will be moving to the North Village Church earlier than usual this year. April 14 will be our first Sunday in the lovely, old church in North New Portland. Services will be held in the WARM Joyce Pease Meeting House, attached to the Church, during chilly spring Sundays.

April 21 is Easter. Please join us at 10:30 am for coffee hour preceding this special and joyous service all held at the North New Portland Church. Maundy Thursday services will be held on the 18th at Fairbanks Union Church.

As always, all are welcome at 10:30 am for coffee hour followed by 11:00 am worship services every Sunday. Remember we are moving to the North Village Church on April 14. See you there.

Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR						
APRIL 2019						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 April Fools' Day	2 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	3 School Board Meeting at Carabec High School 6:30 pm Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	4 Recreation Committee 6:30 pm	5	6
7 WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am	8	9 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees NPCL 6:00 pm	10 Water District Meeting 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Sno-Travellers Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room
14 WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am	15 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room Town Office Closed Patriots Day Income Tax Deadline	16	17	18	19	20 Deadline for New Portlander Submissions
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