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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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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

Email nwprtInd@tds.net

Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2

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LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

Assessor's Agent: Mike Malesky - Ext. 3

Monday..... 1pm - 5pm
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

• 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 7pm

• 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

Sunday 1pm - 3pm

Tuesday & Saturday..... 10am - Noon

Wednesday & Thursday 4pm - 6pm

• 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

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the Junkyard and Automobile Graveyard Ordinance for
The Town of New Portland

You are hereby notified that the Municipal Officers of the Town of New Portland, Maine, will hold a hearing on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm at 911 River Road, New Portland Maine to determine whether the properties located at:

1. 25 Bennett Hill Road Map 003 Lot 047
2. 48 River Road Map 003 Lot 017

Both properties are of the current Tax Maps of the Town of New Portland, Maine on file at 901 River Road and are in violation of the Junkyard and Automobile Graveyard Ordinance for the Town of New Portland.

If the Municipal Officers find that the property is in violation, they may order appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to removal of the material and or vehicles that meet the definitions of "Junkyard" and "Automobile" found in the ordinance. If their order is not complied with by the deadline stated in their order and no appeal is taken, the Municipal Officers may take the corrective action at municipal expense and recover all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, by means of a special tax or civil action. This hearing is your opportunity to present evidence as to why the property is not in violation and to oppose any corrective action ordered by the Municipal Officers.

Dated: July 09, 2018

Municipal Officers Town of New Portland, Maine

Andrea Reichert

Raymond Poulin

Wayne Rundlett

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to 17 M.R.S.A. § § 2851-2859
(Dangerous Buildings)

You are hereby notified that the Municipal Officers of the Town of New Portland, Maine will hold a hearing on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 6:30 pm at 911 River Road, New Portland, Maine, to determine whether the residential building located at:

1. 25 Bennett Hill Road, New Portland,
Maine 04961 Map 003 Lot 047

The property is of the current Tax Maps of the Town of New Portland, Maine on file at 901 River Road and is a dangerous or a nuisance within the meaning of 17 M.R.S.A. § 2851.

If the Municipal Officers find that the building/structure is dangerous or a nuisance, they may order appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to demolition and removal of the building/structure. If their order is not complied with by the deadline stated in their order and no appeal is taken, the Municipal Officers may take the corrective action at municipal expense and recover all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, by means of a special tax or civil action. This hearing is your opportunity to present evidence as to why the building/structure is not dangerous and to oppose any corrective action ordered by the Municipal Officers.

Dated: July 09, 2018

Municipal Officers Town of New Portland,
Maine

Andrea Reichert
Raymond Poulin
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Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2018

Selectmen Present: Wayne Rundlett, Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi Wills, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gilbert and Becky Taylor.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Ray Poulin motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.
3. The board reviewed and signed accounts payable and payroll warrants. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to appoint a health officer. Raymond motioned to appoint Stacie Rundlett as the Health Officer for an indefinite term. Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Stacie then briefed the board on a complaint that came in regarding sanitary issues on School Street. Stacie followed up with the property manager and property was in the process of being cleaned up. She also updated the board that she has four notices of violation letters that are in the mail and two others going out on Tuesday.
4. The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion with Kip Poulin regarding a proposal to purchase refurbished air packs with tanks and masks. Andrea motioned to approve the purchase using \$35,000 from TIF funds and \$12,000 from the Somerset County fire coverage payments for a total of \$47,000. Raymond seconded, Wayne abstained being the Assistant Fire Chief. The motion passes.

There was also a brief discussion regarding sealing the driveway at the Fire Station. Raymond motioned to use Fine Line Paving to seal the parking lot. Andrea seconded, and all were in favor. The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion with Gilbert Taylor regarding a proposal to him to extend his current snow plow contract for another year. After thoroughly discussing the matter, the Board offered Gilbert \$255,000 for a one year extension on his current snow plow contract 2018- 2019. Gilbert accepted. The

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

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

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board finalized payments arrangements with Gilbert. Raymond motioned to accept the terms for the 2018-2019 snow plow season with Gilbert Taylor in the amount of \$255,000, Wayne seconded, and all are in favor.

The Board of Selectmen recognizes all of the hard work and time that Lewis Wills and Mike Malesky have put in to proposed Sand and Salt Shed project.

Meeting Adjourned 7:23 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the July 3 meeting. smr

Sand and Salt Shed

The Salt Sand Shed Committee met on June 13 at the Community Meeting Room. Present were Mike Malesky, Ray Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Brenda Stevens, and Louis Wills.

The committee heard from engineer Steve Govani who shared his expertise regarding the types of structures under consideration.

During the Salt Sand Shed Committee meeting on July 11th, the committee narrowed its focus to two possible sites. Under consideration is the current salt and sand storage site owned by Gilbert Taylor. Also under consideration is the town owned site of the town office, fire station and library. A representative from the Department of Environmental has done a preliminary review of both sites.

The committee needs more information from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding possible variances that might be needed. Mike Malesky will contact DEP to schedule a time to meet with one of their representatives. The committee gathered on July 18 to flag potential site a salt sand storage facility on the town office lot in preparation for a visit from DEP.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15 at 6:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

Submitted: Sand and Salt Shed Committee

RSU 74 / School Board

The July school board meeting was held on July 11 at Carrabec Community School.

Adjustments to the Agenda: No adjustments were made to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 6 board meeting were approved.

Student Presentation: There was no student

Trivia Question - August 2018

The Trivia Question for August: What was the name of the mill in East New Portland in 1962?

The Trivia Question in the *New Portlander* for July had no responses. We will file that question away and may use it later in the Trivia Questions.

Hopefully, people are enjoying the Trivia challenge. We hope to have people try to answer and have some fun. If we don't get responses, we will consider stopping the questions if there is no interest or responses to the question. If someone has suggestions, please email jwills@tdstelme.net. This is just a fun challenge and a way to connect community people with a challenge.

More information as time goes on. Hope to have some answers to the next questions so we can continue, and then announce all winners who have entered answers .

Submitted: Judi Wills

presentation.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy showed the board a recent article in the Morning Sentinel. The article highlighted the recent STEAM Academy.

The superintendent gave the board a calendar for 2018-2019 that included dates of board meetings and budget meetings. He shared a letter from DOE that suggested that in the future, students ages 3-5 will be attending public school.

Later in the summer Mr. Tracy and members of the board will conduct a facilities walk with Officer Mike Pike.

The legislature passed a bill - LD 1666 - that makes PBE optional. The bill awaits signature by Governor LePage. Mr. Tracy expects that the governor will sign the bill. The superintendent said that if the governor does sign the bill, it would be his recommendation that PBE work continue. He hoped that the Policy Committee would review the PBE work.

Appointments: Julieanne Pearson-Belanger - lead teacher, GS; Deborah Haynie - lead teacher, Solon; Mary Keenan - ed tech authorization chair; Tanya Carey - new teacher mentor; Brian Twitchell - certification chair; Sophie Handrahan - second grade long term sub, GS; Doug Woodsum - special education ed tech 2, CHS.

Resignations: Kirk Robinson - elementary phys ed teacher; Nate Stubbart - athletic director, alternative ed. (The plan for replacing Mr. Stubbart will include making the AD position a stipend position and hiring an ed tech 3 for the alternative ed position.)

Nominations: Julie Richards – part time athletic director; Richard Mason - industrial arts, CHS; John Berube - English, CHS; Alicia Bedard - social worker, CCS

Admin Report: Lorie Agren said that the summer projects are going as expected. The tile work at Solon is looking good. The CHS gazebo will remain. It appears that it can be repaired for a relatively minimal cost of \$2000.

Committees: The Strategic Planning Committee met recently, and it will meet again on August 17. Judy Enright will facilitate this committee meeting.

Citizens: Nobody spoke.

Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018-2019: Bob Demchak was re-elected board chair, and Troy Dunphy was re-elected vice-chair. Both elections were unanimous.

Sub Committee Assignments: The board approved the board subcommittee assignments for 2018-19.

Reading Recovery: The board approved a half-time Reading Recovery teacher at GS.

Music Teacher Stipend: The board approved a \$5000 music teacher stipend for CHS.

Citizens' Corner

Dear Fellow New Portlanders: The notice in the July issue that this is the 25th consecutive year of our *New Portlander's* publication prompted us to write, letting Dallas and everyone know how much we look forward to and value our *New Portlander* news and notifications every month. Never think it's unappreciated!

Something we've been wanting to make mention of is when visiting New Portland's many historic places and buildings, please do not overlook Nowetah's Indian Museum on Route 27; its artifacts are breath taking to peruse. Seeing them will make you think.

Submitted: Steven & Arlene Trudel

Copier/Printer Bids: At a previous meeting, the board voted to continue RSU 74's relationship with A-Copi. However, at the July meeting the board voted to switch from A-Copi to Kyocera.

Letter to MSAD 13: The board voted to authorize Bob Demchak to write a letter to MSAD 13. The purpose of the letter is to see if they have any interest in sharing the position of superintendent beginning on July 1, 2019.

Student Handbook: The board discussed some changes to the student handbooks.

ESEA: Jean Butler discussed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act with the board.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 6:55 pm. The next board meeting will be held August 1 at CCS.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association

New Portland Lions

Just a reminder New Portland Lions' Agricultural Fair is just around the corner. The dates of this year's fair are September 14, 15, and 16. Hope your gardens and crafts are on their way to the fair. Entries to the Exhibition Hall are due on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Doors open for intake at 9:00 am – 7:00 pm. If you have any questions please call Laurie McLean at 635-2520.

Since it almost time for the fair. If you have a demo derby car that you are going to

enter the Demo Derby Competition, please note you need to preregister by calling Tiger Pinkham at 431-3113 or Buster Pinkham at 628-3471.

Submitted: Cathy Horne

New Portland Library

Vision Statement "Enrich the Community with a welcoming center to gather, to learn, to connect"

Our August event will be the "Pie Social" on Wednesday, August 15, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the library. Come join us for a home-made dessert while visiting with neighbors. This event is to help us in meeting our financial goals for the year. If anyone would like to donate a pie for the pie social, please drop off at 4:00 pm or after on August 15. Thank you!

The library can be reserved for activities that are not sponsored by the library. If you need a public

space, please fill out an application at the front desk and read the rules. You need to get approval by a board member. No charge, but you are responsible for the building, contents, etc.

Lots of year-round and summer residents have been dropping in. A generous patron has added all the Louis L'Amour books to our shelves as well as books on the Wild West. We also have books on canoeing, flyfishing, and hunting. We are always adding to our movie collection and have picked up some newly released movies, both adults and children, favorites, and classics. And of course, lots of new and favorite books are ready to be taken out for summer reading.

We are always recruiting board members. Here are some traits for effective trustee/board members: interest in the library, the community and the way each relates to the other; readiness to devote time and effort to the duties of library trusteeship; ability to establish impartial policies for the library; willingness to allot sufficient time to prepare for and attend board meetings; ability to work well with others; and respect for the opinions of others. Are you this person? Come join us the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the library.

Our art show with works from the collections of local people remains on display through the end of August. Come join us and read the stories behind the paintings.

We will be hosting a volunteer gathering/workshop at the library in August or September. A date will be announced and will be posted on the door. If you are interested, come join us!

We recently had one of our first genealogy customers. The library director hosts walk-ins on Tuesdays and offers assistance with the databases which the library has and tips on how to find information. Stop in and be prepared with what you have found so far, who you are researching and locations.

We are heading towards our final stretch on the "Penny Mile" and need your final contributions to reach the goal. We have collected close to 70,000 pennies! Empty your pockets and head towards the library to fill our last jar - and be thinking of what you would like us to purchase for the library with the total!

Summer hours through August 31 are Tuesday 9:00 am - noon, Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - noon.

Submitted: Shelia Atwood



Lexington Highland Historical Society

On Saturday, August 4 at 10:00 am at the Lexington/Highland History House at 5 Back Road in Lexington, there will be a dedication of the newly planted herb garden in recognition of Laura Emery Dunham. She was always so kind to the members of the museum and wrote special reports regarding events taking place with the society even before the museum was completed.

Friends and relatives of the late Laura Dunham are invited to attend the event as we show our appreciation for her dedication as a correspondent. There will be tours of the History House as well as a complimentary lunch. The History House is located at the intersection of Long Falls Dam Road and Back Road in Lexington.

Home schooling staff in the area are invited to attend an open house at the Lexington/Highland History House Museum in Lexington from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm on Tuesday, August 14. Special exhibits will be displayed to introduce educators as to “how life was” back in the 1800’s. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Please call 207-465-8238 or email: pinkeb@roadrunner.com to register.

Sunday, August 26 has been scheduled for a business meeting and program of the Lexington/Highland Historical Society to be held at 6:00 pm at the History House.

Submitted: Barbara Pinkham

Community Churches

New Portland Community Church News August 2018: August already! The summer seems to fly by faster and faster every year!

The West Village church suppers have been great fun this year, and we are hoping the supper to be held on August 16 will really take the fun up at least a notch or two!! The dinner menu being offered for August is BBQ chicken and pulled pork; have one or the other or both! Coleslaw, baked beans and cornbread are perfect sides. And no BBQ would be complete without a variety of filled cupcakes on offer! We will be grilling under a tent on the lawn. Diners can eat ‘al fresco’ or inside the church as usual. Dinner is \$8 a person. As always, take out is available, this time ‘kind of like a drive-through’!

We want to thank Flemington Presbyterian Church from Flemington, New Jersey, for making their annual pilgrimage to our town in July. We are grateful for

their continued support and participation in MATE housing ministry projects in the surrounding areas. Their vacation bible school is always well attended and appreciated, too.

Starting in September, Rev. Thea Kornelius will be holding weekly gatherings on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. These gatherings will be a chance to “Explore your Faith” in a friendly and supportive environment. Several members of the New Portland congregation will be going down to Farmington to attend this meeting, but if there is enough interest Thea would be more than willing to meet on Thursdays here in New Portland. If you have interest, please let her know at (434) 247-9747 or e-mail her at rotheak@gmail.com or let any of the church community know of your interest.

The Thrift Store would like to announce that the Viola Turner Memorial Scholarship, the Tom Landus Scholarship, and the Ivy Anderson Memorial Scholarship have been awarded to Lauryn Serafino. Congratulations, Lauryn and best of luck with your studies!

An idea that has grown out of Camp at the Eastward this summer is the plan for a jr/sr high youth group. This would address any faith and life issues that these young people might be interested in exploring. If anyone has any interest in participating in this please contact Thea at (434)247-9747 or e-mail her at rotheak@gmail.com.

Church services continue in the beautiful North Village Church. The schedule remains the same with coffee hour starting at 10:30 am and the service following at 11:00 am. We would love to see you there. Please note there will be NO SERVICE in New Portland on August 19. The congregation will be travelling to the historic Log Church in Oquossic to attend the 9:00 am service there. Anyone wishing to attend this service and who would like to car pool please meet at the West Village Church at 7:30 am. Respectfully . . .

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church had a successful Vacation Bible School during the last week of June. There were many volunteers and 45 area children participated. Kids stayed involved in crafts, cool songs, Bible studies and fun physical activities. The kids raised \$300 for the Summer Feeding Program at the Salem Economic Ministry. Everyone involved enjoyed the week learning about God and how to stay strong in their faith.

At the time of this writing, members of the WMBC are gearing up for Kingfield Days, July 21. Once



again, we will be giving away sno-cones, popcorn and having two bounce houses at the end of Depot Street. It is a great place to get out of the hub-bub and have some refreshments while the kids jump their hearts out in a bounce house. New this year, will be prayer teams on site to pray with folks who have concerns they want lifted up in prayer. WMBC does welcome prayer requests. Requests can be made on the website, www.westernmountainchurch.org pastorwmbc@gmail.com or by calling/texting Pastor Tom at 557-3802. We hope you had the chance to stop by our event during Kingfield Days.

The Women's Ministry meets evenings on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Call Pat at 265-4164 to get more information on how to become involved or just show-up at the church. These gatherings are a time to share in fellowship, ministry, crafts and Bible teachings. All women, young and old, are invited.

The Men's Ministry meets every Monday evening at 6:30 pm to share in fellowship and Bible study. This opportunity is available to all men of all ages. You do not have to attend WMBC to participate. Call or text Jean at 340-8186 for more information. Another opportunity for men to get together is the monthly

Men's Breakfast (potluck) held the first Saturday of each month. For this month that will be August 4 at 8:00 am.

After worship service on Sunday, August 5, there will be a POTLUCK lunch. Bring something to share and be prepared to meet new friends. For folks who want to enjoy a good meal and cannot make it to the worship service, join us around 11:00 pm. There is always plenty of food, so feel free to bring only your appetite. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Bridging the Gap will be hosting a picnic the last Saturday of August. Folks who are elderly, homebound or disabled are invited to the Kingfield Park which is located behind Webster Hall at 11:30 am for cold cut sandwiches, salads and dessert. This monthly food program is available to residents of Kingfield, Salem and New Portland. If you cannot attend the picnic and would still like a meal, call Cathy at 678-4422.

WMBC worship services are Sundays at 10:00 am. Nursery and Children's Church are available. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:00 am. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 265-2557, checkout the website or look us up on Facebook.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



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