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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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Email ..... [newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com)

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**Assessor's Agent:** Mike Malesky - Ext. 3  
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**Animal Control Officer:** Keith Mudgett, Jr. - Cell: (207) 248-2874

## 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

## RSU 74 / School Board

The July school board meeting was held on July 10 at Carrabec Community School.

New Board Member: Ellen McQuiston of Anson joined the board.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Bob Demchak was re-elected as board chair, and Troy Dunphy was re-elected as vice-chair. Neither election was contested.

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

ESEA Grant: Jean Butler spoke about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

School Handbook Updates: The discussion of these updates was moved to the August meeting.

Facilities Update: Lorie Agren spoke about the work that her department has been doing this summer. The flat roof at CHS has been repaired, and a metal roof has been placed on the shed behind CHS. The entrances to CHS and CCS have been power washed. Tiles have been laid at the Solon School. The back shed at CCS has been cleaned. Caulk has been applied around windows at CHS, and a window at GS has been repaired. Painting has been done at Solon and parking lot issues have been addressed there. An area of concern is the concrete in the "old" portion of CCS. Mr. Tracy praised the work that has been done by Lorie and her crew. Both Tom Desjardins and Jean Butler commended the work as well.

Superintendent Report: 1.) There will be a school board workshop at 5:00 pm on August 7. 2.) Mr. Tracy thinks it is important that schools promote the great things that are going on, and thinks that social media can be an effective tool to use for that purpose. He mentioned the possibility of having a district Facebook page in the near future. 3.) He will be meeting with the commissioner of education soon to discuss funding for rural communities. On the topic of funding, he said that in Maine state and local funds give schools 9% less funding than the national average.

Appointments: Candy Lebeau - CCS Yearbook Advisor, Tammy Long - CHS Yearbook Advisor, Tom Desjardins - 504 Coordinator, Chudala Holden - IEP Coordinator, Janet

Boothby - Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Mary Keenan - special ed summer school instructor, Laurie Nile - special ed summer school instructor, Elaine Jillson - special ed summer school instructor, Jessie Cates - special ed summer school instructor, Aaron Welch - special ed summer school instructor.

Also, Tanya McFayden - one year secretary, Solon; Candy Lebeau - bus emergency operator; Bonnie White - bus emergency operator; Terry Corson - lead teacher, Solon; Dorrie Dunham-Robinson - lead teacher, GS; Noah Carroll - ed tech 2, CCS; Taylor Savage - ed tech 3, CCS; Noah Carroll - varsity boys' soccer, CHS; Jack Kaplan - Will Power and Cobra Power; Joy West - STEAM Lead Teacher; Mary Collins - STEAM lead teacher; Jasmyn Wagg - STEAM lead teacher; Richard Reichenbach - STEAM lead teacher; Melody Rich - 3rd Grade, Solon; Eddie Ellis - 7th grade, CCS; Lauren Heulitt - 3/5 phys ed, k-8.

Resignations: Allen Asselin - bus driver/CHS custodian; Hannah Hanson - special ed teacher, GS; Coady Richardson - science/math CHS; Julieanne Pearson-Belanger - 5th grade, GS; Dave McManus - 7th Grade, CCS; Jessi Campbell - board member, New Portland.

Executive Session, Consideration of Appointment: The board entered executive session.

Nomination, Director of Operations: Following the executive session, the board voted unanimously to hire Lorie Agren as Director of Operations.

Citizens: No citizens spoke.

Board Committee Assignments: The board reviewed and approved their committee assignments for 2019-2020.

Board Meeting Schedule: The board approved a meeting schedule for 2019-2020.

Operations Support Person: The board voted to approve Larry Dunphy as Operations Support Person for one year.

Computation and Declaration of votes for the 2019-2020 budget: The board approved the computation and declaration of the June budget vote.

To see if the Board will approve the Superintendent working with NESDEC for an independent enrollment report and to direct the Superintendent to provide requested financials. The board voted to approve.

This item does not necessarily indicate that a school will be closed or that a closure will be attempted. However, the intent of this item seemed to be to make sure that in the event that such an option is considered, the board has all of the relevant information and that the relevant information is accurate.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President*

## **New Portland Alumni Association**

The Annual Meeting of the New Portland Alumni Association will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019. This date was set by the general membership vote at the August 2018 meeting. This meeting will be held at the Community Room of the New Portland Fire Department with registration starting at 10:00 am with the business meeting beginning at 11:00 am. This will be followed by the luncheon. There will be no full meal. Please bring finger foods to share. Punch, iced tea and coffee will be provided by the Association. There will be a Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing for those in attendance. The Newsletter with Registration Form was mailed July 24, 2019. We would like to see you there. For more information, please call Sonny Collins at 684-4510, call Jo at 458-5920, or e-mail [snogoers@tdstelme.net](mailto:snogoers@tdstelme.net)

*Submitted: Jo Dunphy, Secretary*

## **Lexington/Highland Historical Society**

The Lexington/Highland History House is located at 3 Back Road in Lexington and will be open on Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm with special exhibits. Tuesday, August 6, 13, and 20 docents will conduct tours and the house will be open from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Saturday, August 10 there will be a special community lunch beginning at 11:30 am followed by a program presentation. This is a celebration of Highland and Lexington history. Saturday, August 24, there will be an Open House and tour of the Blacksmith Shop, barn and shed from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pat Conant plans to be in attendance and show how to use herbs in constructive ways. Sunday, August 25 there will be a meeting beginning at 6:00 pm at the History House. Saturday, August 31, the very popular "Bake Sale" will be held at Tranten's Store in Kingfield beginning at 8:00 am.

At each of these events there will be a raffle for a beautiful wall hanging quilted by Wendy Northrup a summer resident of Lexington. The wall hanging will be presented to the winner at the New Portland Fair September 15.

*Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham*

**NOTE:** The special Bible study starting April 14 - September 1 which was to be held at the North New Portland Presbyterian Church on Church Street and Hancock Pond Road each Sunday at 2:00 pm will no longer take place. Rev. Leonard Rafferty has taken a position to minister in Calais.

## Church News

### Western Mountains Baptist Church:

During this hot weather, please join us at Western Mountains Baptist Church. On Sunday mornings you can expect a time of teaching and learning from the Bible, meeting and greeting friends, tasty snacks and hot coffee. We are "prayer-conditioned" and everyone is welcome.

At 9:00 am, there are Sunday School classes for every age group that last until 9:45 am. Refreshments are available throughout the morning at no charge. At 10:00 am, there are announcements about upcoming activities for the next week followed by singing worship songs. We have a variety of worship teams that lead us in a variety of songs from traditional hymns to contemporary Christian music. Afterwards, Pastor Tom delivers a message. Currently, he is preaching from the book of 1 Thessalonians. After the message we sing one more song then leave or stay around to visit for a while. Church services last for about one hour, dress comfortable and come as you are. We are open to all visitors as well as church members.

During the message there is Children's Church - nursery to fourth grade. There is also a prayer team outback praying for the congregation, Pastor Tom, church leadership, any prayer requests, etc.

August 4, we are holding a fellowship potluck lunch after the service, so this would be a good time to join us for all or any part of the morning. It is a known fact that Baptists are some of the best cooks!

If you have a prayer request, would like to get more information, or would like to talk with Pastor Tom, please email him at [pastorwmbsc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwmbsc@gmail.com) or call/text 557-3802. The church phone number is 265-2557, PT is at the church office off and on during the week. Also, feel free to visit our website at [www.westernmountainschurch.org](http://www.westernmountainschurch.org) to learn about WMBC ministries, hear a sermon and/or view our church newsletters.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

### New Portland Community Church News August:

August already! Summer has been flying by at a great rate. Church life has been active and fun.

The church suppers have been really great this year. We so appreciate everyone turning out to support the church. And we appreciate those whose hard work have made each meal a true dining experience. This month's supper will be held on August 15. BBQ pulled pork and chicken straight off the grill are being served. Come for a great summer BBQ meal with all the sides. Dessert is always spectacular. As always, eat in or take out, \$8 a plate.

July was a busy month. Work groups were out and about for the MATE Housing Ministry. We appreciate the time and talents they share in our communities. August will be another busy month for the MATE workgroups.

Journey of Faith continues at the Fairbanks Church in Farmington on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Recent discussions are centered around the Morgan Freeman documentary series "The Story of God". No prep reading required, just come watch and discuss. All are welcome to join the conversation.

Please note that there will be NO SERVICE at the North Village Church on August 18. The congregation will be making the annual visit to the historic Log Church in Oquossic on this Sunday. The service at the Log Church begins at 9:00 am. If you need a ride please contact Floyd Cook at 491-2620, carpool will meet at the West Village Church parking lot between 7:15 and 7:30 am.

There will be a Session meeting on August 4 following the service.

As always, all are welcome Sunday morning at 10:30 am for coffee hour followed by 11:00 am worship services every Sunday. See you there. Respectfully...

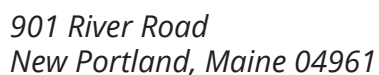
*Submitted: Nan Berry*

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

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
4	NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am Bible Study 2:00 pm WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am	5		6	Selectmen's Meeting Community Room 6:30 pm	7	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	8		9		10	LHHS Community Lunch & Program 11:30 am
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18	NVCC Moves to Log Church in Quonossic 9:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am	19	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	20	Deadline for New Portlander Submissions Presentation/Exhibition History House 10:00 am	21		22		23		24	LHHS Open House / Tour B Jacksmith Shop & Barn 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
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