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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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Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2
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Assessor's Agent: Mike Malesky - Ext. 3
Monday 1pm - 5pm
Email hudsonbayaxe@gmail.com

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

Town Clerk

Nomination papers have been made available as of Wednesday, November 21. They are due back on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

There is one seat open for Board of Selectmen and one for school board.

If you are interested come and see me at the town office.

Submitted Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk

Annual New Portland Supper

On December 2, 2018 all residents of New Portland are invited to the annual New Portland supper. The supper will be served from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This is a free meal to all residents of New Portland. Supper will be held at the Community Room in New Portland.

We will not be doing take outs or home deliveries this year. We would like all residents to come and reconnect with neighbors and the town officials.

The selectmen, fire department, town officials and members of the recreation committee will be serving the public. The meal will include the following: prime rib, potatoes, salad (lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers - dressings), vegetables (corn, green beans, peas), rolls and butter, coffee, tea and punch. Dessert will be brownie sundaes.

Hope to see you all there! Thank you!!

Submitted: Judi Wills



Town Manger

Just a friendly reminder: If you would like to stay informed about town events please go to www.newportlandmaine.org, which is the town's website, and in the upper right hand corner there is an envelope to click to subscribe to notifications via email. Any posts we make will automatically be sent to your email, so you can keep up on the latest news and events. We also post on the town's facebook page as well as special meetings which we post at the post office, the library and the town office.

The Annual Community Dinner will be Sunday, December 2 at the community room in the fire station from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All New Portland residents are welcome to attend this dinner FREE of charge. We hope to see you all there to enjoy the good food and good company.

Now that the winter season is here I would like to remind everyone that all complaints regarding road conditions should be called into the town office, where those complaints are logged and the Board of Selectmen and snow plow contractor are notified. We also want to remind you that there is a state law (29A M.R.S.A. 2396) which prohibits pushing of snow into the public way. This includes pushing snow across a public street. PLEASE TAKE NOTE: This is a huge safety issue, and we will report this to the proper authorities.

Kristen and I are still taking donations and gifts for the GIVING TREE until December 20. We truly appreciate any donation that is made and are honored to be able to assist those in need during the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett



Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Michael Malesky, Brian Rundlett, Josh Nunes.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Bids were opened and reviewed for the cleanup at 54 River Road.

Bids were as follows: 1. Josh Nunes of Nunes & Sons-\$8,000, middle to end of November weather permitting; 2. Henry Bonneau of Bonneau & Sons-\$6,500, start date week of 15th or 22nd and will only take three to four days, will be completed by the end of October. The Board members discussed these options. Andrea motioned to go with Bonneau & Sons for the \$6,500. Raymond seconded, and all were in favor.

3. The Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept them as written, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor.
4. Items by the Town Manager: a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants. b. There was a brief discussion regarding the board signing the Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017 update for Somerset County. The board signed the document and Stacie is to send a copy back to the County. c. There was a brief discussion regarding some recent complaints of the town office not being open due to training. Stacie reviewed with the board the requirements from the State of Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles regarding this matter and a conversation that she had with a municipal coordinator from the State. It cannot be done for just any reason. A written document is required for any other towns to process a registration with excise tax. It would need to have specific reasons as to why another town would process such a registration, and Stacie shared with the board the conversation that she had with Leanna Targett from Kingfield regarding this possibility. At this time there was not decision made. Stacie will discuss more with Kingfield for such an option but only if there was an unexpected and extended period of time that the town office would not be open. Stacie reviewed with the board that she was unable to reach out to Mike Allen on Bennett Hill Road to try and set up an appointment to inspect the property. She shared with the board that she would get in touch with him and update the board on how it goes.
5. Items by the Public: Mike Malesky presented three abatements to the Board of Selectmen. 1. Farrell & Mathes in the amount of \$260.64, 2. Harriman in

the amount of \$132.13, 3. Sigler in the amount of \$130.32. After reviewing the abatements with Mike, the motions were as follows: Wayne motioned to approve the abatement for Farrell & Mathes in the amount of \$260.64, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor. Wayne motioned to approve the abatement for Harriman for \$132.13, Andrea seconded, and all were in favor. Wayne motioned to approve the abatement for Sigle for \$130.32, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor. Mike reviewed with the board the status of the total abatements and the supplementals. Mike presented the MVR to the board for their signatures so he could mail it back to the State of Maine by the due date. He briefed the board on upcoming work that he will be doing. Mike talked to the board regarding the sand/salt shed and permits required from DEP. At this time we do not need to pull any permits with the Department of Environmental Protection. There was a brief discussion regarding the architect and trying to get him to attend a meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 10/15/2018 meeting. Smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Michael Malesky, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm
2. The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.
3. Department Heads:
Kip Poulin briefed the board regarding 62 calls this year to date. The air packs have arrived but are not yet in service. He reviewed the details of the air packs. He is looking to sell the old packs which they will no longer be using. He discussed with the board that he had inquired about a gravel pad being put in on the back side of the fire station to park the trailer due to issues with the paving and unlevel ground. He discussed some issues and concerns with the new generator and how to solve some issues with it. Kip briefly discussed with the board about looking into getting another AED for around \$650 if he had the funding. He discussed with the board that he has applied for a grant through the Fire Act Grant for turnout gear.

Mike updated the board on his assessing work.

Stacie discussed with the board for Gary Agrenn, a

complaint on Bennett Hill Road regarding a culvert issue. There was a discussion about the matter, and Raymond said he would go take a look at it to see if it needed to be addressed before next year. Gary informed Stacie that he would like to fix the matter if time and funding allowed in next summer roads' season. It has been an issue in the past and was installed many years ago. The board was in favor of Gary possibly addressing the issue next year if Raymond doesn't see a need for immediate repairs.

Stacie updated the board that the architect for the sand/salt shed project was due to show up tonight but had a meeting and would be running behind.

4. Town Manager Items: The board reviewed and signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants. There was a discussion regarding financing for the sand/salt shed project. Stacie discussed with the board that the bond counsel reviewed the annual town meeting warrant and there needs to be within the text an estimated % amount. So there needs to be a special town meeting to correct this. The board decided that this could happen at the next selectmen's meeting scheduled for November 19. The selectmen reviewed and signed a warrant for said special town meeting. Stacie presented a quitclaim deed to the board to release a lien that had been paid quite some time ago. The board reviewed the document and signed it.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: Andrea updated everyone on the RSU #74 Strategic Planning for the future. There were no decisions made. There was a brief discussion regarding the clean up project in the West village on River Road. The job is completed. Raymond tried to call the architect to see if he still planned on attending. He was not able to reach him. Raymond brought up a discussion regarding doing online registrations due to recent complaints when the town office was closed back in the beginning of October. There was a discussion regarding the loss of revenue if the town signed up to do that option through BMV. Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1. M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matters at 7:25 pm.

The board entered back into normal session at 7:47 pm. No decisions were made in executive session. There was a brief discussion regarding the architect and trying to get going with him on the sand/salt shed project. There was a discussion regarding the community dinner on December 2.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 11-19-2018 meeting. smr

New Portland Calendar

The calendars for 2019 have just about sold out. I have just ordered more calendars and will be picking them up Wednesday or Thursday November 14 or 15. I have heard how happy people are with the calendars and are enjoy seeing people who live here featured on them. The calendars can be purchase at Town Office or by calling me, Judi Wills at 628-4671. Thank you.

Submitted: Judi Wills

RSU 74 / School Board

The November board meeting was held at Carabec High School.

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

Student Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy reported that approximately \$400,000 in carryover exists from the 2017-18 budget. He attributed this to several factors: 1.) additional revenue and tuition, 2.) savings from the restructure of administration, 3.) turnover of staff, 4.) some projects that were put off until later, 5.) the budget freeze that was implemented last winter. It is his hope that this carryover will make the 2019-20 budget season a bit less painful than it has been in recent years.

The Maine Department of Labor inspected the RSU 74 schools recently. Mr. Tracy was pleasantly surprised by the result of this inspection. A few suggestions were made, such as the need for a cover on a router at CHS, but overall there were no major areas of concern.

Mr. Tracy attended the MSMA conference in October and found it to be very worthwhile.

He also spoke about the recent JMG career fair and expressed his admiration for the high quality work the students did.

Appointments: Dave Ela - College Access team Llead, Scott Hall - Gear Up data steward, Tony Pranses - CHS after school tutor, math/science, Tammy Long - CHS after school tutor, social studies/LA, Brian Twitchell - MPP grant coordinator, Peter Manning - MPP grant coordinator, Erik Carey - CCS boys and girls basketball

coach, Lesa Weggler - CCS cheering coach, Stacy Robinson - NHS advisor, Maurice Langlois - NHS advisor, Chuck Glidden - CHS jr boys basketball coach, Mike Cahill - CHS girls basketball volunteer assistant, Andrew Ferrari - CCS basketball assistant coach.

Resignations: none

Nominations: none

Admin Reports: Tim Richards, CHS principal, commended the contributions of the CHS students who attended the Strategic Planning weekend. He mentioned that CHS parent conferences will be held on November 14.

Tom Desjardins, CCS principal, invited board members to attend the veterans' assembly at CCS on November 9. His sixth grade class attended a veterans' event in Bangor on November 5. A guest speaker addressed the 7th and 8th graders about careers for women in the military on Tuesday, and on Wednesday students traveled to the airfield in Bangor. CCS students produced care packages to send to veterans who are overseas.

Jean Butler, GS and Solon principal, said parent conferences have been a focus during October and November.

Laurie Agren, custodial leader, recently spoke with people from the company that will be repairing the bleachers, and the repairs are set to be done during February break. She attended a safety training in Augusta recently.

Julie Richards, AD, addressed the board and commended the fall sports all stars: boys' soccer - Brad Clark (first team), girls' soccer - Makayla Vicneire (first team), Skyler Chipman (second team), Caitlin Crawford and Lauren Chestnut (honorable mention), golf - Nick Dube (second team), Paige Giroux (honorable mention), cross country - Brad Clark (first team). Academic all stars - Brad Clark, Lauren Chestnut, Lindsay Lesperance, Brody Miller, Cole Rugh, Liam Serafino, Makayla Vicneire.

Committees: The Finance Committee met on October 10 and received good news about the audit and the carryover money. The Policy Committee met on October 17, and they discussed strategic planning graduation requirements and WIFI.

The MSMA Conference: Laura Layman, Judi Dunphy, Bob Demchak and Mike Tracy spoke about the MSMA conference which they had attended in October. They all spoke highly of the event. They attended workshop sessions that focused on topics such as community

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

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involvement, budget, attendance, math literacy and math coaching, proposed legislation, effective school boards, etc.

Mr. Tracy spoke about the importance of effective communication with the community and said that is a major focus for him this year. Social media, student achievement, and attendance are high on his radar.

Citizens: No citizens spoke.

Policies: Policies GCBB, IHBAI, IK, IKAB, IKE-R, IKF, and IKFC were approved for second reading. Policy JLFA was approved for first reading.

Strategic Planning: The strategic planning weekend was October 26 - 27. Mr. Tracy believed that the weekend event was very beneficial. He thanked everyone who had participated. Historical trends were discussed, as were future trends, and accomplishments and not so proud moments from previous years. The themes that were identified during the weekend will be a major focus when developing a budget this spring. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet again on November 13.

Executive Session: The last agenda item was an executive session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President

New Portland Community Library

The November winners of our 60 Club are Jean Antonucci, Jane Heichel, and Bob Whitten. Congratulations! There is still time to purchase tickets. Three winners are chosen every month through August of 2019. The entrants are limited to 60 so your chances to win are high. Prizes each month are \$50, \$25 and \$10 for a one-time entrance fee of \$60.

We had a great time at the Fall Festival; thank you all for participating. Our participation in the Trunk or Treat event brought out some of the ghosts and goblins, check our Facebook page for pictures. We are continuing with our penny donations at the counter. One generous donor got us started this year with about 1,000 pennies, a big thank you to whomever you are!!

In the library we have created a display with books and movies for the holidays; be sure to check it out. Check out our books for sale by donation at Tindall's Store; this is a great way to stock up on reading for the next few weeks when it is blowing snow outside and the temperature drops, who wants to go out in that weather?! Also watch for our book sale at the library in January and February. We have plenty to choose from with lots of great choices.

Interlibrary loan is a good way to read books which the library does not own. This can be earlier offerings

by popular writers, nonfiction books on any subject you wish to explore, and even movies! Drop-offs and pick-ups are every Thursday with usually a two week due date. December is our forgiveness month. If you have items out that are overdue, now is the time to return them. If they are missing, please talk to us so we can clear this up.

If you are ordering items on Amazon, choose us on Amazon Smile as the recipient of 5% of your purchase at no extra charge to you.

Please note our winter hours: we will be closed during inclement weather so call first. Board meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please come if you wish to hear what we are planning, what we've done and changes in policy. If you have any interest in being a volunteer, you will be welcomed with open arms!! Thanks .

Submitted: Sheila Atwood

Sno-Travelers

November meeting minutes: The November meeting was called to order with ten members present.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Trail Master's Report: Kendall Knowles went to Norridgewock and picked up the bridge planks the club had purchased. Dave, Bill, Lewis, and Kendall repaired the bridge on Millay Hill and Tom, Lewis and Kendall replaced the bridge on ITS 84. Both of the groomers have been examined and are ready for the season. Around 50% of field markers have been put out. Trails need to be checked for blowdowns due to the numerous wind storms we have had lately. If you do work on trails, make sure you keep track of your time and on what trails you worked to give time to Brad for reimbursement on the grants. The grant applications have been approved by the State, and we are eligible for a small increase when we send in the reimbursement request forms next spring.

New Business: A motion was made and passed to have some more club decals printed. Bill will contact Sign Works and place the order. The decals are free to any club member. Mike updated the landowners' list, and Joyce will make the changes to the spread sheet and print new copies.

Next meeting will be held Saturday, December 15. For this meeting only we will be meeting the third Saturday. The business meeting will be held first at 6:30, then the annual Yankee swap will take place after. If you wish to participate, bring a gift and snacks to share.

Reminder: If you haven't joined the club, now is the time.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Historical Society

The Historical Society would like to announce the winners of the raffle. The winners are Kristen Mitchell winner of the lamp, Nora West winner of the Lands End bag, and Liza Emery winner of the L. L. Bean backpack. A BIG thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported our raffle. The raffle was a great success.

Submitted: Mailyn Gorman

Church News

New Portland Community Church News December 2018: The holiday season has come. Christmas is just around the corner. The Christmas Eve Service of Lesson and Carols will be held in the North Village Church on December 24 at 5:00 pm. Christmas services have been held here in the past. It is always very lovely and worshipful, invoking a sense of bygone times. The sanctuary will be lit with candles and decorated with greens. The pump organ will play the old favorite hymns of the season. Please come and celebrate the birth of Christ.

There will be a special Advent bible study held at the Fairbanks Union Church on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm starting December 4. The curriculum is a program called "Not a Silent Night". It will look at the Christmas story from Mary's perspective.

The Sunday after Christmas is the fifth Sunday in the month of December. These are called SuperSundays and a special joint service of the New Portland Churches and the Fairbanks Union Church is held. On December 30 the joint service will be held at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington at 10:00 am. A brunch will follow. These services are always very special as they are filled with contributions of poems, hymns and meditations from the congregation members.

Sunday services for the month of December will be held at the West Village Church, but we will start having more services at the North New Portland Church even during the winter months. Every effort will be made to make sure the schedule of services is in the New Portlander. The congregation meets for coffee hour starting at 10:30 am and the service following at 11:00 am. Just a reminder: Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 pm, December 24 at the North New Portland Church, SuperSunday Service 10:00 am, December 30 at the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. Respectfully. . .

Submitted: Nan Berry



The Western Mountains Baptist Church is excited to invite community members to our upcoming Christmas celebration. Presenting again this year will be the inspiring Community Christmas Choir. Using only their voices, this group of talented and gifted singers is sure to stir up enough merriment to get you through the Christmas holiday. Please join us at 6:30 pm on December 14 to enjoy this festive and joyful evening. Snacks will be provided, everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

For the month of November, Bridging the Gap will be providing home cooked meals to the elderly and homebound on December 1 rather than the last Saturday of November. December 29 will be the regularly scheduled meals for December. If you or anyone you know would like a monthly hot meal delivered to their home, please call Cathy at 678-2442.

New Year's Eve, WMBC will be having a family friendly evening with a potluck and games. The fun begins at 6:00 pm. Plan to join us. Kids be sure to bring an adult with you.

For more information about Western Mountains Baptist Church visit our facebook page, checkout our website at www.westernmountainschurch.org or email: pastorwmbc@gmail.com. Our Sunday worship service begins at 10:00 am.

Merry Christmas!

Submitted by Crystal Fitch.

From the Editor

The season of giving has come! If it was in my power, I would give you all Peace, Prosperity and Good Health in the New Year. Since I cannot give that to all of you, I sure can hope we all experience those three presents in our lives. Merry Christmas to all and to all a Happy New Year.

Dallas Landry

Special Town Meeting Warrant

State of Maine
November 06, 2018
County of Somerset

Greetings: To Stacie Rundlett, Warden, a resident of New Portland, the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the voters of the Town of New Portland, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Community Room of the Fire Station, on Monday, the nineteenth of November at six-thirty (6:30 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 01. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of New Portland (1) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$250,000 for the construction of a sand/salt shed facility; (2) authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities in the name of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; and (3) delegate to the Treasurer and Chair the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption, form and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This project and the amount of the bond issue were previously approved at the annual town meeting. Bond counsel has requested that it be re-authorized in the form presented here, which includes the attached Financial Statement as required by 30-A MRSA Section 5772.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

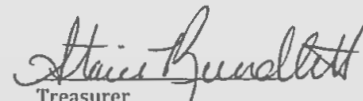
Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding balance of bonds previously issued:	\$367,000
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
C.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total:		\$617,000

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 3.50% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$250,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 48,125</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$298,125

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.


Treasurer
Town of New Portland

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The registrar of voters hereby gives notice she will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters in the Community Room, at the Fire Station at 6:15p.m. on the day of the meeting.
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS SIXTH (6TH) DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN (2018).

Town of New Portland
Board of Selectmen



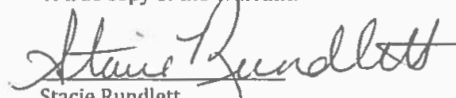
Andrea Reichert, Chair



Raymond Poulin


Wayne Rundlett

A true copy of the Warrant:


Stacie Rundlett
Town Manager
Warden & Constable

