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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

Email nwprtInd@tds.net

Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2

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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

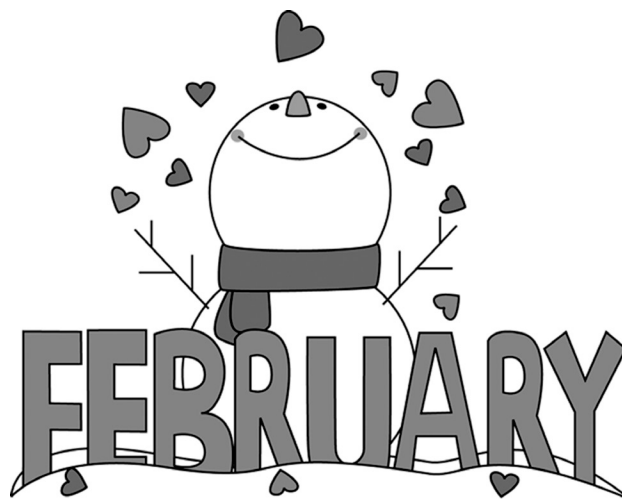
Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station

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 Office will be closed February 18
in observance of President's Day**

Town Clerk

Municipal Election will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019

Polls Open: 10:00 am; Polls Close: 6:00 pm;
Location: 911 River Road, Community Room / Fire Station

Board of Selectmen - Raymond Poulin, RSU #74
School Board Member - Write In

I can start issuing Absentee Ballots for the
Municipal Election starting on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2018

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

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:28 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.

RSU 74 / School Board

3. Mr. Tracy discussed with the board the budget for the school district and reviewed with the board the State of Maine's assessment for the town. There was a brief discussion regarding possible programs to bring back pending available funding.
 4. Town Manager Items: The board reviewed and signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants. The board reviewed and signed the treasurer's reports that were presented to them. Stacie reviewed with the board some of the budget line items. Once she has worked on the spread sheets in more detail, she will email the board members so they can review prior to the next selectmen's meeting. She reviewed with the board some of the revenues that come in which help cover costs for town charges. She presented salary increases to the board, and there was a brief discussion regarding the requests. There was a brief discussion of timeline for budget meetings. The board will review more budget items at the next meeting scheduled for January 1, 2019.
 5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The Board of Selectmen reviewed the contract for the sand/salt shed engineer, with Wentworth Partners & Associates. They all were in agreement to the conditions of the contract. The board members were all in agreement to have Steve Govoni, the engineer, only working with the board of selectmen to keep cost down as the town would now be charged by the hour. Raymond motioned to authorize Stacie to sign the contract on behalf of the board. Andrea seconded and all were in favor. Raymond would call Steve to discuss with him that the board wants to be the only ones working with him due to finances. Stacie would send out the signed contract and initial payment in the morning. There was a brief discussion regarding possible options on purchasing building materials for this project.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 1-1-2019 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Citizens' Corner

I find myself with six or eight six-packs of the dietary supplement Ensure which I would like to give to anyone who can use them. The expiration date is October 2019. These were purchased in bulk during my late husband's illness. Ensure is a nutritional liquid shake providing complete, balanced nutrition. These are all chocolate flavor. If you are interested please call me at 628-4632 or email at calder1095@roadrunner.com.

Submitted: Wanda Calder

The food highlight for me was Jean's "Watergate Salad". I had not previously known the official name of the dish and only referred to it as "green stuff" but learned the name last night.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 5 regular board meeting and the December 10 special board meeting were approved.

Presentation: Dan Gilbert had been scheduled to give a music presentation to the board, but that was cancelled due to illness.

Superintendent Report: Mike Tracy announced the appointment of Larry Dunphy as Interim Transportation Director. Mr. Tracy's winter newsletter will be sent out soon. He is planning to visit each of the RSU 74 towns, and the budget process is beginning. The superintendent will be meeting with employees to get their feedback regarding the structure of maintenance - transportation in the future.

Resignation: Larry Dunphy, school board - Embden

Appointments: Harold Withee - Drama Coach, CHS; Tammy Long, Drama Coach, CHS; Larry Dunphy - Interim Transportation Director

Admin Reports: Tim Richards commended the generosity of the community, CHS was able to distribute gift cards to every student as a result of donations. JMG students raised money to provide gifts, clothes and food to families in need. Jean Butler welcomed the board members to GS. She told the board that the snowflake decorations at the head table had been created by Julieanne Belanger's fifth grade students. Like Tim, she praised the generosity of the community members who helped needy families. Tom Desjardins highlighted the December 19 event during which CCS students sang Christmas carols in front of the North Anson Fire Station. He commended fourth grade teacher Stacey McCluskey for making it possible for her students to participate in cross country skiing and tying it to the curriculum. He also praised sixth grade teacher Randy Rothert for starting a Gaming Club, and he noted that roughly 35 students participate in the club each week. Lorie Agren welcomed Larry Dunphy, and said that she looks forward to working with him.

Larry Dunphy said that it had been an interesting first few days. A contractor backed into the bus

garage. Larry has had meetings with bus monitors. He stated that scheduling is a major focus, and he stressed the need for substitute bus drivers.

Committees: The Academic Committee met on December 19. Evaluation and SLOs were discussed. Mr. Twitchell is investigating a math program called Illustrative Mathematics. Items in a possible wish list for the future were discussed. Some of those items include: fully funded pre-K, expanding one to one technology to third grade, full-time k-8 art teacher, return of Children's Stage Adventures, another middle level teacher, renewing Read 180 licenses, and stipends for a ski club, gaming club and wrestling. Also on the wish list: CHS performing arts teacher, SAT prep instructor, another CHS math teacher, and a Literacy Coach. Again, these were items on a "wish" list, not necessarily items that will be added to the 2019-20 budget. The board's Strategic Planning Committee met in December. After the two day event in October and a meeting of the full committee in November, the board's representatives to the committee see four major themes: 1.) Improving the Sense of Community; 2.) Creating Student Opportunities; 3.) Positive, Healthy, Safe School Community; 4.) Increasing Teaching and Learning.

Citizens: No one spoke.

To see if the Board will add a 1/2 time day Custodian at CHS: The board voted to approve.

To see if the board will authorize the superintendent to purchase GPS Fleet Management equipment and software for school district vehicles up to \$5000. The board voted to approve.

Adjournment: The meeting ended around 7:10 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President



New Portland Water District

Dear Customers,

The New Portland Water District needs trustees. The current board has been in place for many years. It is time for someone to step forward and volunteer. The only requirements are that a volunteer is a resident of New Portland, lives within the district and can attend the monthly meetings. It is imperative we have some new board members to insure that we can continue as a public utility and to continue to provide clean and safe drinking water to our customers.

Any interested persons please contact one of the current trustees or attend any monthly meeting. Meeting dates are posted at the Post Office and the Town Office.

District Trustees: Donald Edes 612 -8787, Marilyn Gorman 628 - 3532, Lisa Bean 628 - 4843, Dick Salmon 628 - 3631, Gary Cobb 626 - 3612.

Thank you,

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

New Portland Community Library

We would like to introduce our new delivery and pickup service to those infirm or senior patrons; it is every other week on a date of the volunteer's choosing. Let us know what you would like, and we will prepare a bag for the items you wish. Materials due date will be two weeks from the date delivered. Please have items in a bag and ready to be returned. This is the library coming to you! Please contact the library with further questions or to sign up: newportlandcl@gmail.com or at (207) 628-6561.

We will be holding a Valentines Day basket raffle. Come into the library to purchase your raffle tickets. It is a great way to get the special someone in your life the perfect gift. The raffle will be drawn on February 10. Also, come into the library on February 10 to make your sweetheart a homemade valentine made by you!

The 60s Club winners for January are Sharon Cardelliccio, Wanda Calder, and Lori Hibbard. There is still time to buy a chance and win one of the three monthly drawings. Contest runs through August and \$60 will give you three chances every month for seven months.

Help! Help! Help! The New Portland Community Library is looking for board members and volunteers to keep the doors open and the library operational for the hours we currently have and the events we have planned. Please ask at the front desk for more information or at (207) 628-6561.

Submitted: Breanna LeBeau

Church News

The Western Mountains Baptist Church cancelled their first ever Sunday morning service on January 20 due to the prediction of hazardous weather. Other than this very rare occasion, we expect to be able to meet for the rest of the winter. Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 am for our weekly worship services or arrive at 9:00 am to join in a Sunday School class. Classes are available for all ages.

Following the church service on Sunday, February 17, we are hosting our yearly Family Fun Day with a hot dog roast and sliding party. Bring your own sled, snow board, skis, etc, for an adventurous and fun time at Gilmore Hill. The potluck and bon fire will be at the church along with a trail for snow-shoeing. Bring your family, your winter equipment, a dish to share and join us for a few hours of outdoor entertainment. If staying inside where it is warm is more your style, know that is an option, also.

Bridging the Gap, meals for elderly, handicap and shut-ins, will be held on the February 22. This month's hot noon time meal will be a choice of pea soup with a yeast roll or baked haddock with red roasted potatoes. Both meals will be served with a dessert. Meals are delivered to folks in New Portland, Kingfield, Salem and Freeman. If you or someone you know would like to sign up for these free monthly homemade meals, please call Cathy at 678-2442. This program is made available by generous donations of food and cash by local businesses and individuals as well as the volunteers who so willingly participate.

For more information about WMBC and available programs, call the church at 265-2557, visit our website at www.westernmountainchurch.org or text Pastor Tom at 557-3802. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch



Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers January Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order with 25 members present.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master Report: Brad wanted to thank everyone who has been working on the trails, especially the groomer drivers. Due to the recent freezing rain, there are many branches and trees which are hanging over the trails, making it hard for snowmobiles and the groomers to get through. Several work crews are working on getting the trails cleared. If you would like to help with the clearing of the trails, it would greatly be appreciated. Just remember to keep track of your time to give to Brad for the grants.

New Business: Lewis brought up the need for the club to buy a second chain saw; that way each groomer would have one located with it. The motion was made, seconded, and accepted for Lewis to purchase a chain saw for the second groomer. John mentioned how the new brush cutting system which is attached to the drag is working phenomenally. It has really helped with cutting back on the amount of brush overhanging the trails. Some discussion was held about the Capitol Reimbursement Grant. Brad said the club had applied when we purchased our last groomer but was turned down. At this point, the groomers we are running are in good shape so no need for new equipment right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

I would like to mention how nice it was to have so many members attend the meeting and willing to help with trail work. As with any organization, it takes a lot of dedicated people helping to make it work.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 9, starting at 6:30 pm, at the Fire House Meeting Room. Hope to see everyone there.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is February 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.

PRESIDENTS' DAY WORD SEARCH



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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. George | 5. President | 9. February | 13. Vote |
| 2. Washington | 6. United | 10. Leader | 14. Holiday |
| 3. Abe | 7. States | 11. Federal | 15. Country |
| 4. Lincoln | 8. America | 12. Elect | |



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR						
FEBRUARY 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am	4 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	5 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Solon Elementary School Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	6 Recreation Committee 6:30 pm	7 8	8 9 Sno-Travelers Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	9 10 WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am
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