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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

Email nwprtInd@tds.net

Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell

Email newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

Assessor's Agent: Mike Malesky

Monday 1pm - 5pm
Email HUDSONBAYAXE@gmail.com

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

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

Town Clerk

If you have taken out nomination papers for the municipal election, please have them back by Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm to ensure that your name will be on the municipal ballot.

Please take note of the upcoming elections in March which are all held at 911 River Road at the Community Room / Fire Station:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - Presidential Primary / Special Referendum Election Polls are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday, March 6, 2020 - Municipal Election Polls are open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - Annual Town Meeting at 9:00 am

Just a reminder that dog licenses are due by January 31, 2020. Please be in on Thursday, January 30, 2020, by 6:00 pm as the Town Office is not open on Fridays. Please be aware that all dog licenses expire on December 31. You have from October 15 to January 31 of every year to renew your dog license. If you come in after January 31, WE HAVE TO charge a \$25.00 late fee by law. This is a state-imposed fee that I can not waive.

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk

Town Manager

The town office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

The town office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Board of Selectmen will start their 2020 budget discussions at the January 7 meeting. On January 20 there will be a Public Hearing before the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting for discussions on amendments to the current New Portland Fire Department Ordinance.

The 2020 Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25 at 9:00 am in the community room.

Now 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.

PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Access to the Municipal Sand/Salt Shed is restricted to employees and contractors authorized to be there. We are prohibiting the general public from entering the Sand/Salt Shed. Winter sand is available for **New Portland residents' personal use ONLY**. Each **residential dwelling** is eligible for two five gallon buckets of sand per storm. We are currently in the process of designating a safe location for a sand pile to be stationed so that the New Portland residents can safely access sand for storm purposes. Proper signage will be in place once we have finalized all the details. The Town of New Portland prohibits the taking of pure rock salt without approval from the Town Manager. The use of municipal sand for the sanding of private roads is prohibited. (The Town of New Portland reserves the right to prosecute offenders.)

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Gary Agren, Judi Wills, Tom and Agnus Dodd, Mike Malesky, Misty and Brent Davenport, Tony Nile, Keith Mudgett

1. Call the meeting to order - Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Review Minutes from previous meeting: Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Town Signs- Stacie briefed the board members that she was still waiting for a quote regarding the town signs
 - b. Wire Bridge Lights: Stacie briefed the board members that the lights should be hung on the Wire Bridge on Sunday.
 - c. Schedule Public Hearing for amended Fire Department Ordinance: There was a brief discussion regarding a public hearing. The board members and Kip agreed upon scheduling the hearing for January 20, 2020. Stacie would make sure it was posted accordingly.
 - d. Wire Bridge Memorial Park Project: There was a brief discussion regarding the grant funds and how to match them for this project. The board members authorized Stacie to email the grant supervisor to confirm that there were some funds to start this project, and we would also like an extension to allow time to complete this project.
4. Department Heads:
 - a. Kip discussed with the board members the proposal to install a tankless water heater in the Fire Station as well as a monitor heater in the community room. There was discussion on these two items being an asset to the building. Kip also briefly discussed the fund amount that is remaining for the Fire Department to use, pending selectmen approval, from the T.I.F. funds. The fire department did not get a grant for which they applied

to help purchase turnout gear. After this discussion the board agreed for Kip to include costs of said turnout gear in his 2020 budget. Kip briefly discussed with the board the area behind the fire station for a landing pad for Lifeflight. The board members were in agreement for Kip to look into the matter and update the board on the matter at a later date.

- b. Mike reviewed with the board three abatements that were deleted or old accounts to clean up the town books. 1.) Denise Quirion \$75.65 for 2017. Raymond motioned to accept Wayne seconded and all were in favor, \$65.78 for 2018. Raymond motioned to accept Wayne seconded and all were in favor. 2.) Raymond Brown \$157.41 for 2017 Raymond motioned to accept Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- c. The board and Brent Davenport discussed a proposal from Embden's plow contractor to sand the Embden end of Katie Crotch Road and part of Hancock Pond Road. This contractor will supply 300 yards of salt and sand. After a brief discussion the board members Brent stated it was more than enough sand and salt to do this and the extra would belong to the Town of New Portland. Andrea motioned to allow this to take place, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. The board members and Brent had a brief discussion regarding a misunderstanding regarding where the school bus turnaround was on New Portland Hill Road.
6. Items by the Public: Tom Dodd presented information to the board members asking the members to revisit their decision regarding the turnaround for Chick Road. Tom provided pictures of the area in question, as well as previous documentation regarding the location of the turnaround on the Chick Road. The board members reiterated to Tom that as the turnaround has been in the past place it is in an area that is technically a private driveway. Brent voiced his opinion on the matter and also felt it was not proper to plow a private driveway, and he had other options for a turnaround area if Tom would not allow the area they have used, which is still on Tom's property, for the past couple of storms. Tom and Agnus would not give permission to use this area and Tom provided reasons for their decision on that matter. Gary also provided his opinion on the matter as Road Commissioner. After a thorough discussion regarding the matter then Andrea motioned to look into a turnaround at a different location, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Agnus voiced her disappointment on how this matter was handled. The board members and Stacie voiced their apologies to not reaching out to them directly when they changed that in the snow plow contract.
7. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants.
 - b. The board reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report.
 - c. The board and Stacie reviewed the accounts on which the town had foreclosed. Stacie was to issue one last letter to the owners regarding the back taxes owed before the board would start a bidding process.
 - d. Stacie reviewed with the board a possible time to start budget talks to be at the next scheduled selectmen's meeting. The board members were in agreement. The board reminded all other department heads to have figures for them by the next meeting.

8. Items by the Board of Selectmen:

There was a brief discussion regarding the sand being hauled to the sand/salt shed building. There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the building. There was a brief discussion regarding an electrician to do the electrical work for the sand/salt shed project. Currently, the board had no luck getting an electrician. Stacie would email Ross from Mountainside Electric and see if he would submit a quote for the work needed to be done.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 12/16/2019 meeting. Smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

RSU 74 / School Board

The December board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School. Two new members joined the board: Heather Longley of Anson and Mike Cahill of Embden.

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

Presentation: Rich Reichenbach gave a 3D Design Presentation. He has started a 3D Design Club at CCS, and he has also started a fishing club. The students have used the 3D printers to create lures and hooks. Eighth grader Jackson Pease spoke to the board, saying he loved being part of the fishing club. He and first grader Colby Day showed the board the items they had made. Mr. Reichenbach told the board that he will be taking the sixth grade to University of Maine on December 13 to see a boat created by a 3D printer.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy said that on December 18 CCS will host a district-wide community luncheon at CCS.

Admin Reports: Tim Richards spoke and said high school basketball season begins this weekend. The CHS girls will play at home on Friday. The boys will play at home on Saturday. Jean Butler invited the board to attend the elementary chorus concert at CCS on December 10. Lorie Agren said that a new bus will arrive on Friday.

Appointments: Jill Everett-Nichols-Ed Tech One, CCS; John Tierney - Ed Tech Three, CCS; Jessica Sales - Ed Tech Three, CCS; Jenny Rollins - Ed Tech One, GS; Stacey Brown - cook manager, CHS; Candy Lebeau - transportation coordinator; Maurice Langlois - NHS; Stacey Robinson - NHS; Lauren Heulitt - Track and Field, CHS; Doug Larlee - Unified Basketball, CHS; Missy Miller - Track and Field, CCS; Noah Carroll - Assistant Track and Field, CHS; Kayla Oliver - custodian, CHS; Erik Carey - CHS Varsity Baseball; Mara Dale - CHS One Act Play Coach; Lori Conway - Gear Up/CAT Lead; Scott Hall - Gear Up/Data Steward

Resignations: Scott Stoddard - CHS custodian; Lisa Turner - CHS secretary, effective January 31, Tammy Murray - school board, Anson

Committees: The Superintendent Evaluation Committee met on November 6, and the Finance Committee met on November 6.

Citizens: 1.) Scott Leahy spoke and said that some of the new jobs cost too much. He noted that when he was employed by RSU 74, he oversaw maintenance and transportation by himself. He feels there are too many people employed to do the job that he once did. 2.) Leah May spoke critically of recent developments in RSU 74. 3.) Mike Crane spoke critically of recent developments in RSU 74. 4.) Mary Keenan spoke positively about the RSU 74 Facebook page. 4.) Erik Carey spoke positively about CHS.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at about 6:30 pm.

December 11, 2019 special board meeting

The board meeting began at 6:00 pm.

The board immediately voted to enter executive session. They were accompanied by Attorney Dan Rose from Drummond-Woodsum and Eileen King from MSMA.

The board returned from executive session at 7:33 pm.

Several citizens spoke and expressed concern with some recent happenings in RSU 74.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President Carrabec Education Association

Church News

A New Year is upon us already! Happy 2020!

For the season of Advent Journey of Faith studied a book by Adam Hamilton, "Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph". The book was an interesting look at the Christmas story from the perspective of someone we don't usually consider so much in the story of the birth of Christ. Due to weather we were not able to finish the book before Christmas. The final chapter will be discussed on Tuesday, January 7th at 4:00 pm. New topics of discovery will begin January 14. Discussions will continue be held at the Fairbanks Church in Farmington on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join the conversation.

The annual New Portland Church Christmas sale in November went very well. We were pleased to host so many happy shoppers at the West Village Church. This annual tradition is safe for another year and will continue after that as long as we can find people willing to head to New Jersey in November to pick up all the donations. Interested in a road trip?

As always, all are welcome at the North New Portland Church on Sunday morning at 10:30 am for coffee hour followed by 11:00 am worship services every Sunday. See you there.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful year. Respectfully. . .

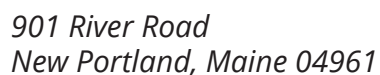
Submitted: Nan Berry

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

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

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New Portland, ME
Permit No. 1

| SUNDAY | | MONDAY | | TUESDAY | | WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | | SATURDAY | |
|--|---|--------|---|---------|---|-----------|---|----------|----|--------|----|----------|--|
| 5 | NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am | 6 | Nomination Papers Due Town Office at 5:00 pm | 7 | Selectors's Meeting (Budget Discussions) Community Room 6:30 pm | 8 | School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Garret Schenck Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm Water District Meeting 6:30 pm | 9 | | 10 | | 11 | |
| 12 | NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am | 13 | | 14 | Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 6:00 pm | 15 | | 16 | | 17 | | 18 | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
|  <h1 style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 2020</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DOUG KERR PHOTO</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |