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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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## 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

Primary and Special Referendum Election will be on June 12 at the Community Meeting Room at the fire station. Polls open at 8:00 am and polls close at 8:00 pm.

*Submitted : Kristen Mitchell*

## Salt Sand Shed Committee

The Salt Sand Shed Committee met on May 16 at the Community Meeting Room. Present were Ray Poulin, Andrea Reichart, Wayne Rundlett, Brenda Stevens, and Louis Wills. Mike Malesky briefly joined the meeting via conference call.

Mike, Louis, Ray and Brenda reported they had with a representative of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection during which they conducted inspections of potential sites for a town owned salt and sand shed on May 11.

They group considered the potential strengths and challenges of each of the sites they visited based on the information that was provided by the DEP representative. Further information needed to finalize a site was identified and will be presented at the next meeting on June 13 at 6:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

*Submitted: Sand and Salt Shed Committee*

## RSU 74 / School Board

The May school board meeting was held at the Solon school. The food was (as expected) tremendous. I had several brownies/squares. Also, there was another food item of which I may have eaten more than my share. I am not sure exactly what the food was, though it was

## Trivia Question for June 2018

When was the Town of New Portland Settled?  
What year was it incorporated?

Answer for May Question- Who was known as  
"Bad Man" of Somerset County?

"Micah Norton" You will find all the information  
on this person on page 51 of

The green book *A History of the New Portlands in  
Maine* by Roland Foss.

Winona Emery submitted the correct answer.

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

outstanding. I asked Jean about it, and she said Michelle Stevens had made it. Whatever it was, it was incredible.

Adjustments and Minutes: The board approved a handful of adjustments to the agenda, and they approved the minutes of the April board meeting.

Student Presentation: Brian Twitchell, Debbie Haynie, and several Solon third grade students demonstrated a number talk. Math examples were placed on a whiteboard, and the students not only found the answer, but they also were expected to explain how they came up with the answer. Benefits of this math talk approach include better understanding of math concepts, and better performance on tests.

Somerset Public Health: Matt L'Italien from Somerset Public Health spoke to the board. In the past eight years, the percentage of middle school and high school age students who use drugs and alcohol has decreased, and obviously this is positive. However, there has been a slight increase since 2015.

Reports: The expense report remains more positive than it appeared five months ago. The budget referendum vote is May 8. Absentee ballots are available. The Bugmobile was a big hit with the community. Mr. Tracy attended MDI, and he was very impressed. PBE is still the law. Though there has been much talk of revising the law, no changes have been passed yet. Mr. Tracy reported that he had received no

negative feedback regarding how the district handled the lockdown situation last week. He hopes to have a revised emergency plan in place by the start of 2018-2019. There will be a STEAM Academy for teachers in RSU 13-59-74. Grant money will pay teachers for attending. MEA testing was done in March and April. MEA Science testing is going on now.

Appointments: Tammy Lane - summer feeding cook, Nicole Atwood-Shamaly - special ed secretary

Resignations, at the conclusion of 2017-18: Jamie Weggler - CCS, assistant principal; Diane Starr - CHS guidance counselor; Terry Corson, Solon fifth grade; Mary Ashe - CHS social worker.

Nominations: Luke Ellis - CHS boys' tennis, Nora Ellis - CHS girls' tennis, Heather Vaughn - CHS art

Admin Reports: Tim Richards < CHS principal, noted that AP exams begin Monday.

Tom Desjardins, CCS principal, commended Jack Kaplan for his work with CCS seventh and eighth graders who participate in CobraPower. He said he was impressed not only with the physical work that Mr. Kaplan expects, but he also finds Jack to be a great motivator.

Jean Butler, Solon GS, told the board that the baskets at the board's table were created by the Solon First Grade students. 190 people attended the Bugmobile Event. There was food (Subway), and much learning, arts, and crafts which focused on bugs. The Big Map of Maine will be traveling to RSU 74, courtesy of the Maine Geographic Alliance. Solon and GS will be having a Maine Night, on May 16 and May 24, respectively. On the next three Thursdays, there will be Career Days held in grades k-5.

Nate Stubbart, athletic director, addressed the start of the spring sports season. The CHS softball team is in first place, and the Bridgeway Bandits are in fourth. The boys' and girls' tennis teams are doing well, and several track athletes have already qualified for the state meet. Middle school teams have also begun regular season action.

Laurie Agren, custodial director, said that all is going well. Parking lots are being cleaned and work is being done on the sports fields.

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is June 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.

Committees: Larry Dunphy reported on the recent Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. A major summer project will be the removal of the CHS gazebo. The condition of the gazebo is apparently beyond the point of repair.

Bob Demchak reported on a recent Policy Committee meeting. Later in the meeting the board would approve numerous policy revisions.

Citizens: Erik Carey spoke about extra-curricular activities and questioned what the district is doing to increase student participation.

Bridgeway Bandits: After much discussion, the board voted to extend the Bridgeway Bandits, the combined CHS/Madison High School baseball team. The vote to continue the combine team passed 9-4.

Strategic Planning Consultant: The board voted to approve \$5,000 for a Strategic Planning Consultant.

Teacher Eval System Update: After much discussion, the board voted to approve the updates.

Probationary Teachers: The board voted to move the following teachers from probationary status to continuing contract status: Dan Gilbert, Laurie Hanson-Hiscock, Richard Reichenbach, Brian Twitchell, Jasmyn Wagg

The board voted to move the following teachers from year two of probationary status to year three: Doug Larlee, Patricia Reid, Marc Collard, Matt Brown, Brittany Dunham, Tammy Long, Alethea Schanz, Nate Stubbart

The board voted to move the following teachers from year one of probationary status to year two: Shannah Cotton, Andrew Ferrari, Jennifer Hebert, Issac LaCasse, Anthony Pranses, Randall Rothert, Paul Thompson

Policies: A number of policy revisions were approved by the board.

The End - The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association*



## **New Portland Library**

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

Our summer hours are Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Wednesday 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Let us know if other times will help you.

We have been busy with a Ladies Tea, a Chinese Auction and the Plant Bake and Book Sale (June 2). Mark your calendars for our next event: Ice Cream Social July 11 from 5:00 7:00 pm.

Thanks to Happy Horseshoe, Judy and Buster, for all their help and the use of their facilities and the friendly campers who were at the auction! We appreciate your generosity.

A special "thanks" to Ethan, Wayne and Kip of the New Portland Fire Department for working on the library lights! Sometimes things aren't as easy as they should be!

We will be sending our events and drawings via internet. If you are a patron, you will soon be getting an email from us. If you would like to be on our newsletter emails, please drop a note to newportlandcl@gmail.

The library has a piano that is available for practice or to use for lessons. Give a call if you interested.

The library board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you have an interest please stop in.

Welcome back summer residents and visitors! We love seeing you at the library. If you find you have some spare time there is always a place for volunteers, starting with just two (2) hours a month. Stop in say hello, and check out our growing collection of books and movies!

*Submitted: Rosemary Drosky*

## **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

The May 12th monthly meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm with ten members present.

The secretary's report was accepted as written.

The treasurer read the checking and savings account balances, and also indicated that two grants have been received and deposited. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The trail master informed club members that club trail maps have been updated by GPS. Since Barry Turcotte donated his time to do this, the club voted to get him a gift card to show our appreciation. Brad is having the new map printed on coroplast and will be posting them

## **Announcement**

Come join us on a tour of scenic vistas, unique gardens, A SECRET GARDEN and lunch in New Portland on Saturday June 9, 2018 starting at 10:00 am. Tickets will be available at the New Portland Town Office in advance or the day of the tour at the New Portland Fire Station Community Room, 911 River Road at 9:30 am. Charge for the tour and lunch will be \$5.00.

This is sponsored by the New Portland Recreation Committee: Terry Gaudette, Marilyn Gorman, Kristen Mitchell, Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Chairman

*Submitted: Marilyn Gorman*

## **Lexington Highland Historical Society**

Saturday, June 16 there will be a Yard Sale at the Lexington/Highland History House at 5 Back Road in Lexington from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Contact Emmons Pinkham at 207-465-8238 regarding donations.

Tuesday, June 19 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm will be “Open House Day” especially welcoming area senior citizens. Special exhibits, a program and a guest lunch will be provided.

Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 pm there will be a meeting and program at the Lexington/Highland Historical Society at the History House at 5 Back Road in Lexington.

Saturday, June 30, the Lexington/Highland Historical Society will have a Chinese Auction and Basket Raffle at the Happy Horseshoe Campground on Long Falls Dam Road in Lexington. Open at 9:00 am and “Call” at 11:00 am.

*Submitted: Barbara Pinkham*

in various locations throughout the New Portland trail system. The trail master's report was accepted as stated.

Old business: The club voted to hold the Landowner's Supper again this year. Judi will reach out to all landowners to get an idea of when would be the best time to hold the supper so that we have the best attendance. Date and menu for the supper will be discussed at the next meeting.

New business: Members discussed the possibility of having local businesses sponsor the printing of the new maps by purchasing an ad that will be printed on the map. Before we can proceed, we need to find out how much it's going to cost to print maps, as well as discuss the details further with club members who were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm. The first meeting of the 2018-2019 season will be Saturday, September 8 at 6:30 pm at the firehouse meeting room.

*Submitted: Lynne Cary, Secretary*

## **Community Church**

Summer is here. The grass is green, lilacs are starting to bloom by the West Village church and the summer items are out at the thrift store. You can see what's available on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Summer is also time for church suppers. Suppers are in full swing at the West Village church. It's been going well. Come and enjoy a good meal with friends and neighbors this month on June 21 at 5:00 pm. Ham is on the menu. Yum!

Don't forget that services move to the lovely North Village Church for the summer on June 3. Coffee hour begins at 10:30am and worship service at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

Respectfully . . .

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church at the end of June, the 25th – 29th, from 9:00am to noon. All kids 4 years old and older are welcomed and encouraged to join in on a week of play, fun, singing and games. The theme of this year's VBS is called “Game On”. There will be a Pep Rally where kids will jump and sing as well as a Bible Field House to learn about God and what He tells us in the Bible. Start now preparing your kids, grandkids,

neighbor kids, etc. to spend the last week of June at WMBC for crafts, missions, music, recreation and snacks. Gear Up, Get Ready, Game On – a fun-filled week at WMBC! For more information on how you or your child can be involved, please call Georgie at 265-4971.

WMBC is excited to announce that Ted and Heidi Neil have recently become the new Youth Group leaders at WMBC. Teenagers, ages 13-18, meet every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the church. The Neils have many fun activities planned for the teens and welcome newcomers at any time. A project they are currently working on with the teens is building and planting a raised bed garden. Stay tuned to hear about this active group of youth. In the meantime, call Heidi at 446-8082 or just show on Thursday night at 6:00 pm to learn more.

The Daniel Plan Friends Group will meet June 15 at 5:30 pm. This group meets monthly to encourage and support one another in maintaining a healthier lifestyle with food, fitness, faith, focus and friends. The evening begins with a potluck which can be a great opportunity

to possibly experience new foods and recipes, followed by sharing successes and challenges. Materials used are written by Pastor Rick Warren titled The Daniel Plan. Buying the materials is optional. There is no fee to attend this group. Call Jean at 628-3331.

Church services are held every Sunday at 10:00 pm. If interested, Sunday School for all ages meet beforehand at 9:00 am. Nursery (infants to three years old) and Children Church (ages four to third grade) are offered during the service. Coffee and snacks are available before and after the service. If anyone is unable to attend, please go to our website at [www.westernmountainchurch.org](http://www.westernmountainchurch.org) (under media) to hear the weekly messages. You may also keep up to date with the happenings at WMBC by liking us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/>.

To contact someone at the church, please feel free to call 265-2557 or text Pastor Tom directly at 557-3802. Messages and prayer requests may also be emailed to: [pastorwmbc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwmbc@gmail.com).

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*





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<h1>NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR</h1> <h1>JUNE 2018</h1> <p>DOUG KERR PHOTO</p>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 3, 10, 17, 24 WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am		June 5, 12, 19, 26 Get Together Day 10:00 am - 12 noon at NPC			1	2
						Town Office Open 8:00 am - noon Annual Plant, Bake and Book Sale NPCL Thrift Store 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	RSU 74 School Board Meeting Carabec Community School	Recreation Committee Meeting 6:00 pm		Garden Tour Starts 10:00 am Community Room
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Primary & Referendum Election 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Firemen's Meeting 6:30 pm Library Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at NPCL	Sand and Salt Shed Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room New Portland Water District 7:00 pm			Thrift Shop Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm LHHS Yard Sale 9:00 am - 3:00 pm History House
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	Open House 10:10 am - 3:00 pm LHHS History House	Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Lex/High Historical Society meeting 6:00 pm History House Firemen's Meeting 6:30 pm						LHHS Chinese Auction & Raffle 9:00 - 11:00 am call Happy Horse Shoe