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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

Email newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

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 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

Selectmen

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting April 15, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi and Lewis Wills, Mike Malesky, Kristen Mitchell, Harold Gaines, Alan Stewart, Kyle Handrahan, Toby and Beth Pinkham.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.
2. The board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The board reviewed and signed the payroll and accounts payable warrants
 - b. The board reviewed and signed the treasurer's report.

4. Items by the Board of Selectmen:

The board had a brief discussion regarding the property at 38 Carrabassett Road and the fact that there is still a lot of debris left from the fire in 2017. Stacie informed the board that she had sent a certified letter to the owners last year with no response from them. She will send another and move forward with dangerous building notifications to get the property cleaned up.

Andrea opened the one bid that was received for the sand/salt shed foundation work. It was from T&T Construction for the amount of \$133,029.00. The board had a brief discussion regarding the proposed bid. There was a brief discussion regarding the pay schedule for the work to be done. The board and Toby Pinkham would work out those details at another date. Raymond motioned to accept the bid from T&T Construction in the amount of \$133,029.00, Andrea seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the May 7 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

The May school board meeting was held at the Solon Elementary School, though the board chairman rather surprisingly referred to the location as being the Solon Hotel. Regardless of the location, the food was outstanding with the no bake cookies being the highlight for me.

Minutes: The minutes of the April regular board meeting and the April 25 budget meeting were approved.

Wrestling Presentation: Tom Desjardins introduced members of the Carrabec Youth Wrestling Program, the coaches, and several parents. Mr. D and coach Ross Sirois spoke and reflected on the season, which was a success. Eighth grader Andrew Rowe addressed the board and expressed pride in the accomplishments of his teammates.

PBIS Presentation: A video, produced by CCS student Hunter Sousa, was played which highlighted the accomplishments of the implementation of PBIS in grades k-5 at the three elementary schools. Students and staff spoke in the video and by all accounts great strides have been made in grades k-5.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy said that a waiver had been granted to CCS for the January fire day. He commended the staff and students for the work in completing the MEAs. The RSU 74 hosted attendance summit was a success, and RSU 74 is becoming known as an "attendance fixer". He commented on the budget, saying it was a responsible budget.

Resignations: Mat Brown - elementary phys ed.; Debbie Haynie - grade 3, Solon

Appointments: Ross Sirois - ed tech 2 to ed tech 3, Heidi Vicneire - CHS girls' soccer, Skip Rugh - CHS varsity girls' basketball, Patrick Daubenberger - CHS jv girls' basketball, Mike Cahill - CHS girls' basketball volunteer, Erik Carey - CHS varsity boys' basketball, PJ Vicneire - CCS boys' soccer, Heidi Day - CCS girls' soccer, Andrew Ferrari - CCS cross country,

Admin Reports: Spring is a busy time at CHS, according to Tim Richards. May events include the MVC top ten Honors Banquet on May 2, the Prom on May 11, and Dinner Theatre on the May 28. It is a busy time for sports, with baseball, softball, track and tennis. Tom Desjardins told the board that CCS will host a STEAM night on May 22. A wrestling fundraiser will take place on May 4. Jean expressed gratitude for the support that the staff and students received from the rest of the district following the passing of Lisa Weese.

Committees: The Collaboration Committee met on

April 24. CHS girls' soccer will not combine with Madison in 2019. The possibility of a combined jv team (CHS, Madison, Bingham) will be examined.

MSAD 58: Recently, RSU 74 received a letter from SAD 58. The letter expressed an interest in sharing services at some point in the future. The board authorized the board chairman to respond to the letter and indicate that RSU 74 is open to having discussions with 58.

Recording Board Meetings: The board instructed the superintendent to gather information about the practicality and cost of having board meetings recorded or televised. This will be discussed again in June.

RSU 74 Buses/Sugarloaf: The board authorized the superintendent to explore the possibility of allowing RSU 74 school buses to be used to transport participants in the upcoming Sugarloaf Marathon.

Policies: The board voted to revise several policies.

Huts and Trails: The board approved a June 14 overnight field trip to the Huts and Trails for juniors and seniors.

Executive Session: The board entered executive session to discuss a teacher contract issue. No action was taken and no announcement was made following the executive session.

Teachers moving from probationary to continuing contract status: Marc Collard, Brittany Dunham, Tammy Long, Alethea Schanz

Year Two Probationary to Year Three: Doug Larlee, Shannah Cotton, Andrew Ferrari, Jennifer Hebert, Anthony Pranses, Randall Rothert, Paul Thompson,

Year One to Year Two: Alicia Bedard, John Berube, Amy Cates, Lori Conway, Terry Corson, Heidi Day, Lacey Frost, Mike Golden, Richard Mason, Coady Richardson, Heather Vaughn

Adjournment: The meeting ended at about 7:50 pm.

May 15, Budget Meeting: As you may know, the MSAD 74 Budget Vote did not pass and as a result of that vote the board approved the following cuts to be made: 1.) cut \$50,000 from special education budget; 2.) cut \$30,000 from proposed salary/benefits for operations manager position; 3.) cut \$6000 from school board expenses.

The board voted to send the budget to the voters. The increase over last year now stands at \$213,721.

Superintendent Tracy reiterated a point which he has made previously, RSU 74 will need to find ways to collaborate with other districts to reduce costs. He also mentioned that cutting costs internally will have to be considered, including (potentially) school closings.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President

New Portland Water District

On behalf of the New Portland Water District we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Marilyn Gorman for her many years as trustee. During the March meeting Marilyn retired from her position on the Board. She takes with her our sincere thanks for the hours she has given to the community. She will be greatly missed.

The remaining members have served ten years or more themselves and are seeking volunteers to bring new ideas to the table. The only requirements are that you are a resident of New Portland, live within the district, and can attend monthly meetings. It is imperative to get new board members to insure that we can continue as a public utility and allow the New Portland Water District to continue to provide clean, safe drinking water to its customers.

All interested persons please contact one of the current trustees or attend any monthly meeting. Meeting dates are posted at both the post office and town office.

District Trustees: Donald Edes 207-628-4843 or dwedes@gmail.com , Dick Salmon 207-628-3631, Gary Cobb 207-628-3612, Lisa Beane 207-628-4842

Submitted: Lisa Beane

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on April 4 to discuss ideas for the Citizens of New Portland.

We shared many ideas and decided to repeat making May baskets. Items were bought and committee members put the May baskets together. The May baskets will be hand delivered by members of the committee and Aubreigh Wills wanted to help again this year. The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

This message was placed in each bag, so people would know who gave the treat.

The people on the Recreation Committee has put together a MAY basket for some of the Citizens in New Portland. This is the second year we have done this. You have been chosen this year. We hope you enjoy the baskets and know we recognize what you do in New Portland. Thank you for being a neighbor. Enjoy the basket and your day. Sincerely, Recreation Committee.

Submitted: Judi Wills



New Portland Community Library

June 1 is our annual Plant, Bake and Book Sale at the library. Help us out with something sweet you bake, plants that have outgrown your gardening spot or books you discover when cleaning house. Then stop in from 9:00 am - noon to get some great munchies for the table, plants to spruce up your garden spot, and books for lazy summer reading.

Thank you to the ladies who came and had a wonderful time at the Ladies Tea! We had great food and great laughs.

The icloud computer class will be rescheduled in June – please check the door for exact date.

Submitted: Breanna LeBeau

Lexington/Highland Historical Society

Tuesday, June 4 – Open House tours from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Tuesday, June 11 – Open House tours from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Saturday, June 15 – Special Exhibits and noon time BBQ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Tuesday, June 18 - Open House from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Saturday, June 22 – Home Schooling Event from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. (Lunch provided); Tuesday, June 25 – Open House from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; Saturday, June 29 – Chinese Auction and Bake Sale held at the Happy Horseshoe Campground on Long Falls Dam Road 9:00 – 11:00 am

Saturday, June 22, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm home schooled children and their teachers are invited to participate in an educational event emphasizing how household tasks were completed in earlier days. This will be held at the Lexington/Highland History House located at 3 Back Road in Lexington. Lunch will be provided

Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham

Church News

New Portland Community Church News June 2019

The long cool spring season has been lovely. Things have greened up nicely and the flowers are blooming. The rain could have let up a bit.... The congregation has been meeting in the meeting house of the church as the days have been chilly, but we will be moving into the sanctuary this month. Services and suppers are being held at the North Village Church.

Church Suppers began with a bang on May 16 in the North Village Church. The meeting house was beautifully turned out in spring array with flowers on the table and colorful table cloths. A large and happy crowd came for fried chicken supper and everyone enjoyed the evening. Finding the new location in the north did not seem to cause any trouble.

The next church supper will be June 20 at 5:00 pm at the North Village Church. The supper in June will work a little differently. It will be buffet style and will feature a choice of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert square. A "4-5" meal. The usual drinks will be offered as well. Dinner is \$8.

Journey of Faith continues at the Fairbanks Church in Farmington on Tuesdays a 4:00 pm. Topics are relevant to the concerns of the day, and discussion is always lively and interesting. All are welcome to join the conversation.

There will be a Session meeting on June 2 following the service.

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

Submitted: Nan Berry

I am holding a special Bible study starting April 14 - September 1. This is entitled: *Search for Truth Bible Study* and will be held at the North New Portland Presbyterian Church on Church Street and Hancock Pond Road each Sunday 2:00 pm. I can be contacted at 207-619-1209

revrafferty@live.com

Submitted: Rev. Leonard Rafferty

Town of New Portland Legal Invitation to Bid on Snow Removal

Notice to Bidders

The Town of New Portland is accepting bids from contractors to remove snow and ice from approximately 40.9 miles of state and town roads for the period of October 15, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

The contract will also include snow removal and sand/salt spreading of the driveways at the Town Office, Fire Station and Storage Building. The Town will provide all sand and salt, as well as sand and salt storage. The Contractor will supply all other equipment necessary. At the time of contract signing, the contractor will furnish the Town proof of liability and workers compensation insurance. Within 30 days of the signing, no later than October 15 the contractor will provide a performance bond in the amount of 75% of the yearly contract amount. A completed bid form, fully completed experience statement, three business references, and bid security in the amount of 5% of the total annual bid amount must be submitted with the bid. The bid security shall be a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Maine. The bid security shall be made payable to the Town of New Portland.

Inspection of Town roads prior to bidding is recommended. Bidding documents and a copy of the standard Town contract may be obtained from the Town Office, Mon-Wed from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

No bidder may alter any parts of his bid for 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening, including price.

Sealed bids marked "**Town of New Portland Snow Removal**" must be received by **July 2,ⁿ 2019 at 4:30 pm**. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any formality which it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

For more information please call Stacie at 628-4441 ext. 1.

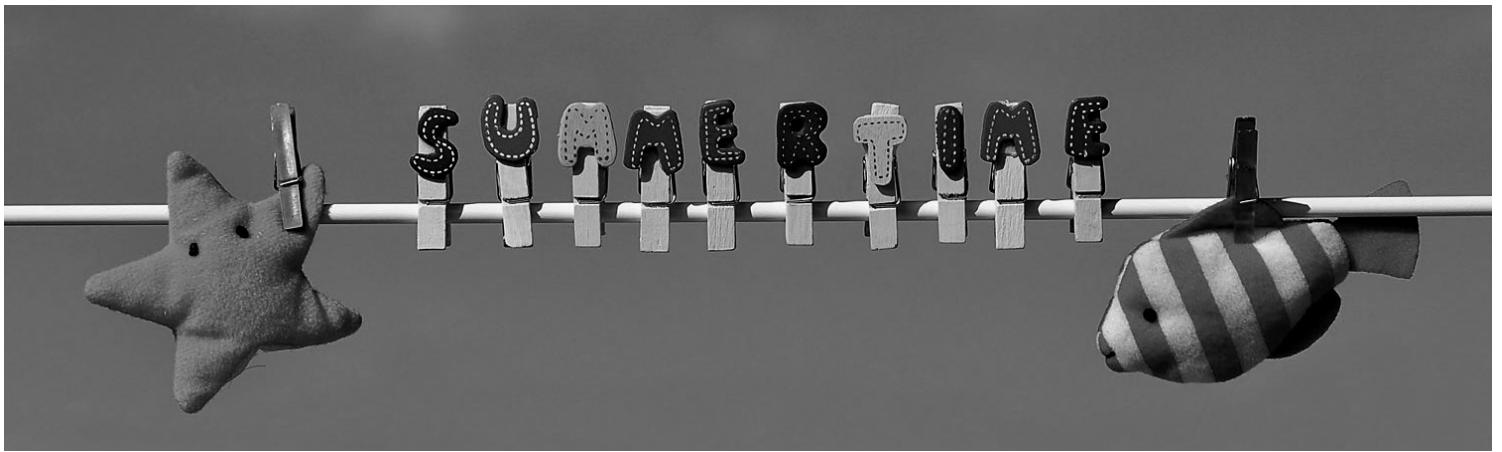
**Mail or deliver bids to:
Town of New Portland
901 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961**

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.



Transfer Station Update

Beginning June 1st the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station will only accept Corrugated Cardboard, Magazines, Office Paper, Newspapers, Unsolicited Direct Mail (Junk Mail), Brown Paper Bags and Phone books in the recycling container.

For many years now we have been sending our recycling to China which had very few restrictions, however, last summer the country restricted imports of certain recyclables and our Waste Management company along with many other waste companies across the United States were tasked with explaining to towns and cities that there is no longer a market for their recycling.

We were given two choices: one was to pay much higher rates to get rid of recycling, or simply throw it all away. The Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Board discussed what the best option would be for the community and determined that we would continue to recycle the allowed items provided it was done correctly. You were given the choice to recycle correctly or simply throw it away.

You may have heard that we have been struggling with what we like to call "dirty loads" which has resulted in huge charge backs or additional fees which were not planned in the operation budget. These additional fees are due to contamination. This contamination is from putting incorrect items and items containing food residue into the recycling container.

When contaminants are found in a load of recycling the items are sent to the landfill even though some of them are viable for recycling. This happens because recycling is a business. If extra costs add up simply to separate out the contamination, it is likely that a use for that money will be found elsewhere.

Under careful consideration the board has determined the best course of action will be to recycle cardboard and paper only. The board will look at reinstating the recycling program in the future, if there is a reduction in costs.

ALL cardboard is recyclable, but when it comes to your juice containers, pizza boxes and milk cartons, we ask that you throw these away so there is no contamination.

We ask that you remove any packing materials such as packing peanuts or Styrofoam. Keep your boxes dry; if your boxes get wet allow them to dry before recycling them. Keep your boxes clean and away from food products such as oil and grease! Flatten your cardboard boxes or rip them up before placing them in your recycling bin. You don't need to worry about removing any tape or labels from your cardboard boxes. They will be removed in the recycling process.

Looking forward, the recycling situation is very unstable and what needs to be achieved is recycling at the source, but until that happens, we must avoid such things as disposable items from plastic cups to food containers and other items that we use once and throw away.

Sincerely,

Leanna Ross Targett, Administrative Assistant

On behalf of the Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Board

Also: AVCOG is not going to be doing a Household Hazardous Waste collection day at our transfer station this year. If our residents want to dispose of HHW they will need to bring it to the Carrabassett transfer station on July 13, 2019 from 9a-noon. The address is 4056 Carrabassett Road.



TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND • 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON

Request for Winter Sand Bids

Notice to Bidders

The Town of New Portland, Maine is requesting sealed bids to provide winter sand in compliance with the attached specifications, terms, and conditions to the Town of New Portland. Prospective bidders are advised to read this information carefully prior to submitting a bid.

The **"2019-2020 Winter Sand Bid Form"** must be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"Winter Sand Bid"** and received **on or before Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm** at the following address:

**Town of New Portland
"Winter Sand Bid"
Attn: Stacie Rundlett
901 River Road
New Portland, ME 04961**

Bid packages will be opened publicly at the Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm and read aloud. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive any formality and may consider as informal any proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with these provisions. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept any proposal or reject any or all proposals if it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.

General Requirements: The Town of New Portland is seeking per-yard bids for the purchase of 3,700 yards of winter sand.

Specific Requirements: All proposals will be required to meet or exceed all of the conditions, standards, and requirements contained below:

Winter sand gradation requirements: clean and sharp ½ inch

Sand must be free of any foreign materials such as sod, sticks, roots, etc. Successful contractor will supply a gradation sample prior to product acceptance.

These conditions, standards, and quality of the sand **MUST BE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED** throughout the entire delivery process. If not rectified, the contract will be terminated and the Town will seek an alternative supplier.

The sand must be delivered and loaded into the sand/salt shed facility with the equipment to do so provided by the contractor.

At the time of contract signing, the contractor will furnish the Town proof of liability and workers compensation insurance.

Selection Process: The Board of Selectmen will review and choose the contractor that most closely suits the needs of the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals at its sole discretion. Proposals will be judged in the selection process relative to their performance in the following areas:

1. Conformance with ALL submission requirements
2. Respondent's ability to supply the material as described
3. Reference checks and previous history with the Town
4. Overall cost
5. Availability to start as soon as our facility is ready



Town of New Portland • Advertisement for Proposal New Portland Sand Salt Shed Building Project

Notice to Bidders

The Town of New Portland is seeking sealed proposals for the building work on the Sand Salt Shed Project. The Work Completed proposals must be received at the Town Office by **5:00 pm. on June 17, 2019**. Any proposals received after the deadline stated above shall not be considered. The proposal must be signed by the Proposer with its full name and address and enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked **"Sand Salt Shed Building"**. Bids will be publicly opened on **June 17, 2019** at the selectmen's meeting at 6:30 pm in the community room at the fire station.

A complete scope of work is available at the Town Office. You may direct questions and inquiries to the Town Manager Stacie Rundlett at 207-628-4441 ext #1 or nwprtind@tds.net.

All Proposers must provide a bid and will be required to sign an agreement for services.

Before commencing work under said agreement, the Contractor shall provide evidence of liability insurance, listing the Town of New Portland as a certificate holder.

Any bidder may withdraw his/her proposal prior to the scheduled time for the opening of proposals upon presentation to the Town Manager of a request, in writing, to do so. Any bidder who withdraws his/her proposal within thirty (30) days after the actual opening thereof shall be considered to have abandoned his/her proposal.

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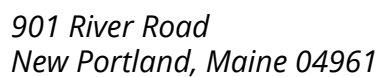
General Requirements: The materials for the building construction will be supplied by the Town of New Portland and the Contractor will be responsible for using the materials to erect the building.

The Contractor is responsible for providing all other equipment and or labor to complete the requirements of the project.

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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR		JUNE 2019		DOUG KERAR PHOTO	
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