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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

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Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell

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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

Presidential Primary / Referendum Election

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Polls Open / Close: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Location: 911 River Road in the Community Room
at the Fire Station

Municipal Election

Date: Friday, March 6, 2020

Polls Open / Close: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: 911 River Road in the Community Room at the
Fire Station

Board of Selectmen - Three Year Term
Wayne Rundlett

RSU #74 School Board Member - Three Year Term
Write-In

RSU #74 School Board Member - One Year Term
Write-In

Democratic Caucus

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Located at the Carrabec Community School

56 North Main Street, North Anson

Doors open at 12:00 pm for voter registration

Caucus begins at 1:00 pm

If you would like more information regarding this
caucus you can contact Daniel Savage by visiting www.mainedems.org/CaucusList

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk

Town Manager

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am in the Community Room at the Fire Station; all are welcome to attend.

✓ Please note that the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 is going to be held at the Town Office.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2020

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin

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:
4. Department Heads: Gary Agren reviewed with the board his proposed projects for the 2020 budget. He reiterated to the board that for over ten years his budget has been consistently between 120,000 and 125,000. With this in mind many projects have been put on hold or passed over to keep the budget down. Gary asked for an increase in his budget line this year to address some of these issues that desperately need attention. The board was in favor of this increase.

Kip Poulin reviewed with the board his proposed 2020 budget. He stressed to the board the importance of new gear for the department. The board and Kip also reviewed if the proposed amended Fire Department ordinance passed that his budget would decrease 36,000. If this happens, his budget would be increased slightly from previous years. The board was in favor of his proposed budget and discussed the importance of the proposed amended Fire Department Ordinance to pass.
5. Items by the Public: There was none.
6. 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.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The board reviewed with those present the meeting they attended with other selectmen from towns within the RSU #74 district. At this meeting the members present were all in favor of submitting a request to the district Superintendent to have the proposed school

budget vote at the June primaries. The board also reviewed that the KNTS proposed budget is again increasing. This is mostly due to increased costs to haul recycled material and disposing of it. The board discussed that the KNTS board was trying to look into other options to bring this budget down. The board finished reviewing and finalized their recommendations for the proposed 2020 budget. The board also reviewed that the 2020 Budget Committee was due to meet on Saturday, January 25 at 9:00 am. The board stressed the importance of getting the taxpayers to participate in the school district vote.

Adjourn the meeting- 8:46 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 4 meeting. Smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2020

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Keith Mudgett, Brent and Misty Davenport.

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: There was none.
4. Department Heads: a.) Brent Davenport explained how this year's weather has affected our sand and salt. The sand that is currently left in the building is very "HOT", has a lot of salt in it. He explained how the significant changes in temperatures affects the sand and salt they put out on the roads. What doesn't get sun during the day gets icy, and what does get sun is muddy. All the roads are being maintained as they should be, but the temperature changes makes it seem as though they are not. At this point in time we are in conservation mode or we will be out of sand by the end of the month.
5. Items by the Public: Gary Agren notified the board that he recieved a complaint about the roads; a taxpayer thought maybe the snow plow contractor was getting paid by the yard for sand because there was so much sand on the roads. Gary relayed he informed the taxpayer the contractor was not. hat it was in fact the town's sand and salt.
6. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants

Stacie updated the board on town report data status.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The board discussed the need to move forward with a Tax Anticipated Note loan. Andrea motioned to move forward with this by contacting financial institutions and to borrow \$450,000, Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Stacie discussed with the board the requests for sand from the taxpayers. The board scheduled times for the residents to come during office

hours on Wednesday and then Sunday 9:00 am to 10:00 am, 10:00 am to 11:30 am and the noon to 2:00 pm. And to notify residents that absolutely no entrance on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with dump trucks moving in and out of the sand salt shed site. Stacie would post this on website and the town's facebook site. There was a brief discussion regarding a proposed small building for taxpayers to access sand for upcoming years. Brent Davenport also brought to the board's attention that the deal he discussed earlier in the year with Katie Crotch Road and the town of Embden's portion of the road was not happening. Andrea shared with the board a text from a former school board member regarding questions to pose to the State Board of Education. Andrea would keep the other board members posted with this matter.
Adjourn the meeting: 6:57 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the February 17 meeting. smr

RSU 74 / School Board

The February school board meeting was held at Solon Elementary School.

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

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy announced he has authorized a budget freeze for the remainder of 2019-2020. RSU 74 received the ED 279 document. It shows that the district will be receiving a \$211,000 reduction in state subsidy. Part of the reason for the reduction is due to the decrease in IEPs. The state does not factor in that while the number of IEPs may have decreased, the cost of adhering to the existing IEPs has increased substantially. Budget work for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. In recent years, the student population has declined. However, RSU 74 received an enrollment report reflecting in the next ten years, the student count will stabilize at approximately the same level it is at now. A letter was received from the selectmen of Anson and Solon requesting the budget vote be held on state referendum day in June. Mr. Tracy is pleased the district goals are being met. In particular, he noted successes in the areas of community involvement and career prep. He concluded by noting many "great things are going on" in RSU 74.

Appointment: Dick Dwyer, CHS softball

Resignation: Julie Richard, Athletic Director (effective June 30)

Nomination: Jill Shelley, special ed teacher

Admin Reports: Tim Richards said the recent CHS

career fair was very successful. Jean Butler said the place settings at the board table had been created by the Solon fourth grade. The Garret Schenck Leadership Team was honored with an invite to present at a DOE conference to discuss the work they are doing with RTI. Tom Desjardins praised the work of his Data Team. He went on to discuss wrestling. There are 52 wrestlers and 32 recently competed at contest in Winslow. Eight students finished first, and all other coaches were impressed with the Cobra wrestlers. On April 5 a wrestling tournament will be held at CHS. Julie Richard noted that the CHS girls' basketball team was playing at Boothbay. She also said that the CCS basketball teams will play in the Pine Cone League tournament on Saturday.

Committees: The board's negotiating team met with the teacher negotiating team in late January. Several tentative agreements were reached. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday. The Academic Committee and the Restructure Committee met during January.

The Finance Committee met to discuss the 20-21 budget. They are recommending not filling the vacant Performing Arts position and the vacant Special Ed teaching position. In addition, the purchase of computers for third graders is likely to be delayed.

Citizens: Tammy Murray of Anson asked to be allowed to speak on an upcoming agenda item when that point in the meeting arrived. She was granted permission.

2020-2021 School Calendar: The proposed 2020-2121 calendar was approved.

MSMA Worker's Compensation Trust Document changes: The changes were approved.

Budget Referendum Vote: The board voted to move the school budget vote to June 9.

To see if the board will make a motion to receive an RFP from an architect/engineering. This was the agenda item about which Tammy Murray asked to speak. The board did not choose to make a motion, and Mrs. Murray did not choose to speak.

To see if the Board will approve policies JJIC, JO, KBF, KHC, KIB, and KNAA. All but one of the policies were approved. One policy, which dealt with sports, received much discussion and debate. The sports-related policy was tabled.

Executive Session - Discussion of Labor Contracts, Administrators. When the board went into executive session, I went home. The executive session was the final item on the agenda, other than adjournment.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President Carrabec Education Association

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

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

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If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

New Portland Community Library

Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 am – noon, the New Portland Community Library is cleaning its shelves and will be holding a DVD sale. Lots of older movies will be available for purchasing.

Everything Handmade - time and date will be posted at the Library.

Submitted: Breanna LeBeau

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The February meeting was called to order with six members present.

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

New Business: Judi Wills reported the club had received a check for last year's snowmobile registrations. She also said Jordan Lumber is now going to have anyone purchasing things for the club sign for them. It will help the club be able to track purchases.

Some snow has finally arrived and the trails are great. New parts had to be purchased for the Tucker groomer for the exhaust system and three relays. Lewis Wills said both of the groomers have been out around 50 hours.

Kendall Knowles was elected to be interim vice president.

Old Business: Lewis and Kendall got together and figured out the number of bridges we have on our trails. The shop class at Carrabec High School will be making signs to be put up at each bridge. Maps showing where the numbered bridges are located will be distributed to several members, the Fire Department, and the Town Office. Several of the members attended the MSA meeting held in Kingfield. Big news was the MSA is going to purchase rights to the railroad bed from Oakland to North Anson. With this purchase the trestle bridge in North Anson will be open again for snowmobile use.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be March 14, 6:30 pm starting time at the Fire Station meeting room.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

Church News

The Western Mountains Baptist Church had a sunny and warm-ish day for the Family Fun Day held February 16. Approximately 50 people stayed after the 10:00 am service to enjoy, roasted hotdogs and a potluck lunch. Once the meal was over, the "daring ones" met at Gilmore Hill in Kingfield to enjoy sliding down the wonderfully groomed packed trails. Many of the "older" folks enjoyed some healthy competition to see who could get to the bottom of the giant hill the quickest. To get an image of the fun had by all, go to the church's Facebook page to view photos from the day. Those who missed the action this year, know that Family Fun Day 2021 is less than one year away!

March 28, another exciting event is planned for kids and families. Cabin Fever Reliever is an inside event. There will be action packed games, face-painting, a bounce house, crafts and more. Children and their adults are invited to join in the fun at WMBC from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, March 28.

A reminder about Bridging the Gap. Bridging the Gap is a program run by volunteers based out of WMBC. Elderly recipients receive a hot home-cooked meal on the fourth Saturday of each month. There is no charge and the meals are offered to residents in New Portland, Kingfield, Salem and Freeman Townships. If you or someone you know would like to be included for the next delivery (March 28), please call Cathy at 678-2442 or email: westernmountainbaptist@tds.net with your contact information.

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Women's Spring Brunch being held April 18, at 10:00 am. Longtime member of WMBC Dot Lambert from Kingfield will be speaking on "God's Keeping Power". More details will be made available next month.

WMBC is located in New Portland at 928 Carrabassett Road also known as Route. 27. Church services are held each Sunday at 10:00 am. During the service, Children's Church is offered for children up to eighth grade. Nursery is offered up to age four. Throughout the week, including early Sunday mornings, there are opportunities to be involved in small groups for fellowship and Bible teachings. If you do not already have a home church, please know you are welcomed at WMBC. FMI visit our website at www.westernmountainchurch.org

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

New Portland Community Churches: Now that it's March we're seeing a little more winter! Get out and enjoy some winter sports before it's all gone.

In church news we are getting ready for the start of the church supper season. Dinners usually start up in April or May, watch for posters for dates and menus. We are hoping for a great season. And we are hoping to see you all there breaking bread, and hopefully not plates, with your neighbors.

You may see in your mailbox soon an invitation to come to our Breakfast Club in March. We think people need more opportunities to spend time together to talk, to visit, to discuss and just share a good meal. And what could be better than pancakes?

Journey of Faith continues on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. We are discussing different religions of the world, including not only the major religions of the world but also some of the more prominent cults and sects. It really makes for interesting discussion and reminds us that many of us are not all that far apart in our beliefs.

As always, please join us for Sunday worship at the church in North New Portland at 11:00 am, come for coffee and conversation at 10:30 am. See you there. Respectfully ...

Submitted: Nan Berry

WELCOME SPRING!





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1 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am WMABC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am	2 Pres. Primary / Refer. Election Polls 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Community Room Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Town Office	3 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	4 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm	5 Municipal Election Polls: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Community Room	6 Annual Town Meeting at 9:00 am Community Room	7 Sno-Trevelers Meeting Community Room 6:30 pm
8 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am WMABC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am Democratic Caucus at CCS Doors 12 noon / start 1:00 pm	9 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees NPCL 6:00 pm	10 Water District Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Submissions for New Portlander Deadline 4:00 pm	13 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room	14 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am WMABC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am
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