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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

The RSU #74 School Budget Election will be held on May 8 at the Town Office, 901 River Road in New Portland; polls will open at 10:00 am and polls will close at 6:00 pm

Selectmen

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting for March 19, 2018.
Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert (Chairperson) Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Mike Malesky, Gary Agren, Marilyn Gorman

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. a. Mike Malesky updated the board on the status of the assessing department.
b. Gary Agren discussed with the board members the roads and where the snow banks need to be pushed back. After a discussion on the conditions, the board approved for Gary to take the town grader out and push back the snow banks.
c. Judi Wills shared with the board a new addition to the monthly *New Portlander*. The recreation committee will be having a trivia question in the *New Portlander*, and there will be some sort of recognition of those who get the answer correct.
d. Annette Folco had submitted a resignation to the board from her school board position. There was some discussion of interest from newly elected school board member Jessie Campbell. Andrea motioned to appoint Jessie Campbell as school board member to take over the remaining term for Annette Folco.
4. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed a Quit Claim Deed for a property that had paid off liens dating back to

1993. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the payroll and accounts payable warrants. There was a brief discussion to confirm upcoming appointment papers that will be brought before the board at the next meeting. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Treasurer's Report and signed off on it.

5. The board had a brief discussion with Mike Malesky regarding the mill on Route 27 and the new signs posted by the road. There was a brief discussion regarding the snow plow contract that is up for review. Stacie shared with the board a complaint regarding the turn around on the Long Falls Dam Road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 04-03-2018 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Salt Sand Shed Committee

The Salt Sand Shed Committee met on April 17 at the Community Meeting Room. Present were Ron Bearor, Mike Malesky, Ray Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Brenda Stevens, and Louis Wills.

Louis Wills presented five different building construction scenarios with associated costs for materials and labor. The committee discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each and was impressed with the detail of the proposals.

The committee continues to look at possible locations for a sand salt storage facility. To date the committee has considered over a dozen sites, evaluating each one as to proximity to town roads, landowner willingness to sell as well as cost. This work is ongoing with a few remaining sites.

Mike Malesky reported that he has been in touch with individuals at Maine DEP. Site visits will be scheduled

Announcement

The East New Portland Cemetery Asscoiation Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 10 at 6:00 pm at the Community Room in the Fire Station

Submitted: Mike Malesky

when the committee is able to identify a couple of possible locations.

The committee also reviewed the timeline and multiple steps for completion of the project, including scheduling site visits with DEP, soil tests, selecting a date for the public hearing, purchasing the land and related paperwork, and retaining a contractor. The committee is skeptical this project could be completed prior to fall 2018 and urged the selectmen to consider the impact this might have on the upcoming snowplow contract.

The next Salt Sand Shed Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 16 at 6:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

Submitted: Salt Sand Shed Committee

RSU 74 / School Board

The April School Board Meeting was held at CCS. The food highlights included pumpkin rolls and chex mix.

Adjustments to the Agenda: There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 7 regular board meeting and the March 14 and 21 budget meetings were approved.

Student Presentation: Two of Bethany Sevey's JMG students, Melanie Clark and Jackson Lawler-Sidell , spoke to the board about the JMG program. Carrabec's JMG students recently attended the Career Development Conference at Thomas College. Carrabec took home nine trophies from the event, which was more than any other school. Melanie and Jackson spoke about much of the good work that JMG has done this year, including the Santa's Helpers program, community service, and sponsorship of a Reverse Career Fair.

Mike Tracy praised the work of the the JMG students and the JMG program. Board Member Heather Helinski said that she has been fortunate to work with Jackson, and spoke highly of him.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy addressed the idea of RSU holding extended school days in order to shorten the school year. For a number of reasons, this will not occur in 2017-2018. As RSU 74 receives money for free and reduced lunch, dropping one day from the calendar would cost money. Also, a survey on the RSU 74 webpage showed that approximately 80% of families did not support the idea.

On the topic of PBE and possible diploma changes, Mr.

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is May 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.

Tracy stated that while there may be changes to the law coming soon, no changes to the law have taken place yet. Having said that, there does seem to be bipartisan support for changing the law in Augusta.

The expenditure report was somewhat positive. With 23.1% of the fiscal year remaining, roughly 24.5% of the funds remain. If the trend continues, there will be some carryover. While the amount would be small, that would be an improvement.

Appointments: Skip Rugh - CHS girls' varsity basketball; Patrick Daubenberger - CHS girls' JV basketball

Nominations: Tammy Long - CHS English for 2018-2019, Stacey McCluskey - CCS fourth grade for 2018-2019; Grace Cram - Special Ed Director in 2018-2019

Admin Reports: Nate Stubbart reported on the start of the spring sports season. The RSU 74/59 cooperative baseball team will be traveling to Florida. The CHS softball team will travel to Massachusetts.

Board member Bobby Sue Harrington raised questions about transportation for CHS athletes on the RSU 74/59 cooperative teams (track, and baseball) who practice at Madison. Chris Roy indicated that something could be worked out to deliver athletes to practice.

Citizens: No one spoke.

Budget Warrants: The warrants were signed before the meeting. The board approved April 26 as the date for the district wide budget validation meeting, and May 8 as the day for the budget referendum.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 6:38 pm. I am quite confident that 38 minutes makes this the shortest board meeting in at least the last 13 years.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Educational Association

Recreation Committee

Thursday, April 5, 2018 Recreation Meeting

Members present: Marilyn Gorman, Kristian Mitchell, Terry Gaudette, Stacie Rundlett, and Judi Wills (chairperson)

Meeting started at 6:30 pm.

The committee was updated on the application for "Mug Up" a social gathering. This is a grant program through Somerset Public Health and funding from the Betterment Foundation. The committee has given information on how we plan on organizing ideas that will interest residents to attend the events. The purpose of this program is to try to get residents of the town to participate in "getting to know your neighbors." The committee voted to apply for the grant. The application has been discussed, information written in and will be sent to Somerset Public Health.

The Recreation Committee are the planners for the events and will organize and post the information of event,

time and place. The committee would like to have more people become involved by joining our committee to work as a team. Anyone interested should contact a member of the committee so the select people can talk with each person.

Discussion was held on upcoming activity that we are doing now with trivia questions. Each month will be a trivia question, posted in the *New Portlander*. The answers can be sent to jwills@tdstelme.net or put into trivia box at the town office. At end of each month the answers will be read and the people with the correct answers will be notified. The correct answers will then go into another box each month. At the end of trivia challenge, (6) answers will be drawn. More plans will be organized at the next meeting.

Two people had the answer right: Correct answer was Seven Mile Stream. Lindy Atwood and Dallas Landry.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Library

Library Vision Statement - "Enrich the community with a welcoming center to gather, to learn, to connect."

Finally, no more closed days because of snow days!! Our hours will be changing. May 20 will be our last Sunday till fall. Our summer hours are Tuesday 9:00 am – 12 noon, Wednesday 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Saturday 9:00 am – 12 noon. Let's us know if other times will help you.

This is our twelveth and last 60 Club drawing of the year: 1 first place \$50 Kenneth Atwood, second place \$25 Firspirits, third place \$10 Sophia Greene. Thanks to everyone who participated. It has helped us greatly. We will soon be sending out information about 2018/19 club membership.

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

May is our read a "Maine Non Fiction" Non frictions are often over looked; they are not only informative but fun reading! Be entertained and learn about your state. We will have some books displayed from which to choose.

Trivia Question for May 2018

Who was known as "Badman of Somerset County"? (hint: He died in Thomaston jail.

Submitted: Judi Wills

We are sad to say that the Knitwits and Happy Hookers will no longer be getting together.

Sunday May 20 is the Annual Ladies Tea from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Ladies you are invited to the library for a relaxing afternoon to visit with your neighbors while enjoying tea and some special treats. Bring a friend. Meet new friends. Perhaps we'll have some live piano music!

On Saturday, May 26, Memorial weekend is our annual Chinese Auction at Happy Horseshoe. Items you would like to donate can be dropped off at the library or if needed, give us a call and we will pick up. (Remember, no clothes or books.) We would love to see you at the auction, 10 am - 1:00 pm ish. There are always lots of goodies plus raffled items and a lot of inexpensive fun!

On Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am - noon. The annual Plant, Bake and Book Sale at the library. Please stop by to check out the annual and perennial plants and pick up a sweet treat from our baked goods. Of course, we will have a large selection of books for summer reading. If you are thinning out your garden, we will welcome any plant donations to sell.

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 hours a month. Stop in say hello, and check out our growing collection of books and movies!

Submitted: Rosemary Drosky

The Knitwits and Happy Hookers will no longer be meeting at the library. If someone is interested in leading this group, contact the librarian, Shelia Atwood or a board member.

Submitted: Patrina "Pete" Bearor

Lexington Highland Historical Society

The first business meeting of 2018 of the Lexington/Highland Historical Society will be held at the History House at the corner of Long Falls Dam Road and Back Road at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, May 20 at 4:00 pm. On Tuesday, May 29 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm the museum will be opening for the season for visitors to tour the building. This activity will take place every Tuesday during the summer with docents guiding the tour.

Submitted: Barbara Pinkham

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The April 14 monthly meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm with 14 members present.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The treasurer read the checking and savings account balances, and indicated that all bills are paid up to this point with no new bills expected for the season. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The trail master has been working throughout the past month to finish the grant paperwork. All grants have been completed and submitted, including the capital equipment grant for the new groomer. In terms of the capital equipment grant, it is awarded based on a points system, and the club is trying to get as many points as possible to help with grant approval. One item which would assist in that process would be to place the groomer under cover. Lewis Wills is checking into the cost of purchasing a portable garage and asked for the club's approval in the event we need to purchase one. A motion was made to buy a portable shelter if needed, not to exceed \$600, and club members approved. Also, this spring and summer the club will be doing some bridge and sign work. Anyone interested in assisting with the work can see Brad Bucklin at the next meeting.

Old business: An update was given on the possibility of on-line memberships and a club website. Currently, anyone can sign up for a club membership through the MSA site, and the club will get a percentage of that. Additionally, Bill Cafarelli is in contact with someone who is willing to set up a website for the club for a \$300 fee, and he will donate his time for set-up and maintenance. This will be kept on the agenda for future discussion. Groomer maintenance will be taking place this spring. Lewis has heard from a couple of people who are interested in assisting with this project, but if anyone else would like to help out, please contact him.

New business: The North Anson snowmobile club is generously loaning their brush cutter to us for the 2018-2019 season in exchange for a donation to their club. This should help immensely with brushing the trails next winter. After a lively election process, officers for the 2018-2019 season have been voted in. Election results are as follows: President - David Cary; Vice President - Mike Malesky; Treasurer - Judi Wills; Trailmaster - Brad Bucklin; Secretary - Lynne Cary; Memberships - Joyce Knowles; MSA Directors - Lewis Wills and Bill Cafarelli. Thank you to all those who attended and participated in elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm. The last meeting of the season will be Saturday, May 12 at 6:30 pm at the firehouse meeting room.

Submitted: Lynne Cary, Secretary

Thank You

I want to thank the wonderful, thoughtful, "sneaky" people (and you know who you are) that held a surprise birthday party for me on Thursday evening. Thank you so much.

Love, Marilyn

Community Church

The Western Mountains Baptist Church continues to host a 10 week Israel class on Monday nights led by Jim Cockerham. There are five weeks remaining with plenty more to learn about the history of Israel and a modern day prospective. If interested, please feel free to join us at 6:30 pm for a short video and discussion. Classes end by 8:00 pm.

What is your favorite food or dish that was especially good when your mom made it? Bring a sample of it to share on May 6. A potluck lunch will follow the 10:00 am church service at approximately 11:15 am. With or without food please feel free to join us, everyone is welcome.

The Ladies Walking Group is looking forward to warmer weather to be able to get outside to walk. They have been meeting all winter doing walking videos inside the church. If you have spring fever and/or looking for a way to get moving, please feel free to join this group on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. All fitness levels and ages are encouraged to participate. Call or text 491-7433 for more information or show up with your sneakers on.

Bacon is never refused at the men's breakfasts! Food and fellowship are enjoyed the first Saturday of each month at the church. The next breakfast, followed by a discussion on a topic from the Bible, will be held May 5 at 8:00 am. If you would like, bring a breakfast food to share. More importantly – show up. You don't have to be a member of any church to attend and all ages are welcome.

Volunteers involved in the Service Ministry are ready and willing to help with outside projects. If you know of anyone who could use an extra hand or two, have them call the church or call Bryan at 684-3000. Past projects have included, shoveling (hopefully we done for this winter), yard cleanup such as cleaning up brush, mowing and raking, wood piles, painting, small carpentry jobs, roofing repair, moving etc. If you have a need, please call to see if WMBC volunteers can help.

Sunday School classes are held Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for all ages. Church service is at 10:00 am. There are several Bible studies and church groups that meet throughout the week which are always open to

newcomers. If you would like to know more about the opportunities available, please call the church at 265-2557. Pastor Tom is also available by calling or texting 557-3802.

Submitted by Crystal Fitch, member of WMBC

New Portland Community Church News: May is here, the flowers are blooming. Most of the snow seems to be gone.

We had our first supper of the year on April 19. Thanks to all who turned out to eat and to help out! We had a really nice evening, we hope everyone else did as well. Spaghetti was served with salad and garlic bread. The next supper will be held May 17 at 5:00 pm, the third Thursday of the month, as always. Roast pork will be served, with the usual accompaniments of potatoes and vegetable. Homemade apple crisp for dessert! Dinners will be \$8. Come enjoy the community and help support the church.

Those who came to the supper in April were greeted by our new pastor, Rothea Kornelius. A brief bio about her was included in April's newsletter. We are so impressed with her energy and commitment to service. She also gives a pretty good sermon. Stop in on Sunday at 11am to see for yourselves.

The Wire Bridge Thrift Store is open as usual. Please make a note that the store will be open from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on the first and third Saturdays of the month. It's time for some comfortable, broken-in, summer clothes.

May is a quiet month; all services will be held as usual at the West Village Church. The congregation will move to the North Village Church for services starting on June 3. The congregation is fortunate to have two such lovely sanctuaries in which to worship.

Coffee hour starts at 10:30 am with the service following at 11:00 am. We would love to see you there. Respectfully.

Submitted: Nan Berry

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 NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR MAY 2018													
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
				1 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room		2 RSU 74 School Board Meeting Carabec Community School Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm		3 Recreation Committee Meeting 6:00 pm		4 Thrift Store 10:00 am - 2:00 pm		5	
6		7		8 School Budget Referendum Vote 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Library Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at NPCL		9 New Portland Water District 7:00 pm		10 East New Portland Cemetery Meeting 6:00 pm Community Room		11		12 Snow-Travelers 6:30 pm Community Room	
13 Mother's Day		14		15		16 Sand and Salt Shed Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room		17 Public Supper West Village Church 5:00 pm		18		19 Thrift Shop Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	
20 NPCL Annual Ladies Tea from 2:00 - 4:00 pm Lex/High Historical Society 4:00 pm History House Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm		21 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room		22 Firemen's Meeting 6:30 pm		23		24		25		26 NPCL Chinese Auction at Happy Horseshoe 10:00 am	
27		28 Memorial Day (Town Office Closed in Observance)		29		30		31		May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Get Together Day 10:00 am - 12 noon at NPC May 6, 13, 20, 27 WMBB Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am			