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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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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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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

**The Town Office will be closed May 27
in observance of Memorial Day**

Town Clerk

RSU #74 Budget Referendum Election

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

901 River Road - New Portland Town Office

Polls Open: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi Wills, Mike Malesky, Kristen Mitchell

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. The board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Department Heads:
 - a. The Town Clerk reviewed with the Board of Selectmen a list of the unlicensed dogs. Kristen stressed the importance of the ACO getting certified letters out to those who have not licensed their dogs, and how it could possibly be a liability for the town if we don't follow through. Kristen presented appointment papers to the board to review and sign. Wayne motioned to appoint Kip Poulin as Fire Chief for one year. Andrea seconded and all were in favor. Wayne motioned to appoint Stacie Rundlett as Code Enforcement Officer for one year, Andrea seconded and all were in favor. Wayne motioned Leo Mayo as Local Plumbing Inspector for one year, Andrea seconded and all were in favor.

- b. Mike Malesky reviewed with the Board of Selectmen a Tree Growth penalty in the amount of \$177.03. Stacie provided all of the commitment paperwork for the Board of Selectmen to review and sign. The paperwork was signed, and the penalty will be sent out tomorrow. Mike also reviewed with the board six places that have had buildings collapse from snow load this winter. Mike also reviewed with the board the decrease in Tree Growth values determined by the State of Maine.
- c. Kip Poulin updated the board on the possible sale of some old equipment on an auction site. The fireman's association had a map made of all of the coverage area that the fire department covers for fire protection. They will also be having some book made up similar to a gazette. The projector will be installed soon. Kip briefed the board on some repairs on the trucks.

4. Items by the Town Manager:

The board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants. The board reviewed and signed documents for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank loan. The Board reviewed and voted to accept all seven items on the proposed vote document supplied by the town's attorney with regard to the Sand/ Salt Shed loan. The document will be on file with the Sand/Salt Shed documents. Stacie discussed with the board that funds were getting lower and taxes for 2019 wouldn't be committed until July. The board discussed looking into rates for a Tax Anticipation Note loan. After discussing the matter more thoroughly the board decided to have Stacie look into getting a TAN for not to exceed more than \$350,000. Stacie would get interest rates from a few banks that the town typically does business with. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Special Town Meeting Warrant, to be held on Monday, April 15. Stacie will post all the documents in the necessary places. Stacie updated the board that she will be out of the office from April 11 through April 18.

5. Items by the Public: There were no items by the Public

6. Items by the Board of Selectmen:

Raymond presented to the board a letter to submit to the RSU 74 School District that New Portland's Board of Selectmen did not support the current proposed budget. All reviewed and signed the letter, and Raymond was going to deliver the letter to Bobbi-Sue Harrington, a New Portland School Board member. The Board of Selectmen reviewed a financial document from the library that was left in the Town Office drop box. There was no date on the document

and Stacie and Kristen had no idea how long that document had been in the drop box.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 15 meeting. smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes March 18, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi and Lewis Wills, Dallas Landry, Greg Dummond, Rose and Jay Statton, Dan Howard, Mr. Tracy, Jo Dunphy, Keith Mudgett

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Raymond motioned to nominate Andrea as Chairperson, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. The board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
4. Mr. Tracy addressed all in attendance and handed out information regarding the 2019-2020 District's proposed budget. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process and how the figures were obtained. Several questions were asked and answered.
5. The Highland Assessor's and the New Portland Board of Selectmen discussed with the Fire Chief fire coverage options for New Portland to cover Highland. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter and the proposed options. Both towns will need to have public hearings and a special town meeting regarding the matter. There were two options agreed upon.

6. Items by the Town Manager:

The board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report. Stacie had the board members sign posted road signs for Summer Roads. The Board of Selectmen discussed the changes they would like on the draft advertisement for the sand/ salt shed foundation work. Stacie was asked to contact the engineer to see if he could attend a pre-bid meeting before the bids needed to be in by for said foundation work.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:

Andrea opened the bids for the community room paint project. 1.) Handy Andy-\$850, 2.) Moosebrook Painting-\$1,000, 3.) Vandry Paining-\$2,000 or \$2,500. After a brief discussion all the board members were in agreement that Handy Andy was the bid that they

would go with. The board members decided not to discuss the Highland fire coverage matter anymore since there would be a public hearing as well as a special town meeting. Kip updated the board members on the sale of some old fire equipment. All of the board members were in agreement to have the public hearing and Special Town Meeting at the April 15 selectmen's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 2nd meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

The April school board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 6 regular board meeting and the March 13 special board meeting were approved.

JMG Presentation:

CHS JMG advisor Kim Cole and three students Ashley Cates, Maddie Hughes and Gabbie Hughes addressed the board regarding JMG's accomplishments this year. Community involvement and career development are among the major goals of JMG, and based on the information the three students shared, JMG has had a successful year. Students have worked as Santa's Helpers to give presents to children in need, and they have raised money for the Maine Children's Home. They have held a blood drive, and students volunteered at Maplecrest. At the recent Career Development Conference, Carrabec JMG students were honored. Maddie Hughes and Lillian Johnson won scholarships. Ricky Gordon and Lillian Johnson each took home a first place trophy.

Superintendent Report: 1.) Prior to the board meeting, the board's policy subcommittee met. They reviewed policies dealing with medicine and purchasing. Policy revisions will be discussed at the May board meeting. 2.) RSU 74 has received communication from SAD 58 expressing an interest in discussing collaboration and shared services. 3.) RSU 74 will host a rural attendance summit on April 11 in Brewer. 4.) The WMEC professional development day at UMF on March 22 earned positive feedback from participants.

Resignation: Patricia Reid - CHS English, effective at the end of the school year.

Admin Reports: 1.) Tom Desjardins invited board members to watch the CCS wrestlers compete at

the April 6 wrestling event at Madison High School. 2.) Jean Butler highlighted upcoming community events. On April 8, there will be a Planetarium at GS. The Community Literacy Team will host an Adventure Night at CCS on April 11. Solon will host a Family Wellness Night on May 30. Jean also noted the Bikes for Books program, and thanked the local Masons for their support. 3.) Julie Richard gave the board spring sports schedules for CCS and CHS. She gave participation numbers as well. At CHS there are 21 playing softball, five playing baseball for the Bridgeway Bandits, 15 on the track team, six playing boys' tennis, and 11 on the girls' tennis team. At CCS are 18 signed up for baseball, and 16 are signed up for softball.

Citizens: Several people spoke with thoughts about the proposed school budget, and one spoke about sports concerns. As the *Morning Sentinel* addressed this earlier in the week, I will not recap all of the comments.

The Budget: Mr. Tracy stated that after visiting each of the towns, he came away with the sense that the citizens are supportive of the schools but find taxes to be a problem. He feels that going forward, three things are needed: 1. External collaboration - sharing with other districts - must be explored. 2. Internal consolidation - which could include building closures - has to be considered. 3. A quality educational program must be maintained. The following changes were made to the proposed budget: 1. the budget had money for a literacy coach position. this was cut, for a savings of \$50,000. 2. it was decided that we could go an extra year without a wi-fi upgrade. this saved \$10,000. 3. \$20,000 was cut from the special ed budget. 4. \$23,000 was cut from teacher salaries. in the event that the legislature passes (and the governor signs) legislation to make the minimum teacher salary \$40,000, it appears the state will pick up the cost initially. 5. \$100,000 of carryover money will be applied to reduce the level of local increase. With the above changes, the budget increase will be \$293,722. The board approved the changes 9-4.

To see if the board will reassume authority to approve all athletic mergers with other school districts. There was much discussion. The board voted to take back the power to approve sports mergers. The vote was 8-5.

To see if the Board will approve RSU 74 joining the Western Maine Regional Service Center and authorize the superintendent to sign the interlocal agreement. The board approved and authorized. Previously, the district had not joined because once a district joined it could never withdraw. The terms have changed, so currently RSU

74 will pay \$800 to join but will be free to opt out on a yearly basis.

Signing of the Warrants: (I did not stay to watch, but I am quite confident that the board members signed the budget warrants. After the warrants were signed, the only agenda item remaining was adjournment.)

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President

Recreation Committee

New Portland Recreation Meeting met on April 4, 2019

Members present: Kristen Mitchell, Stacie Rundlett, Terri Gaudette, Judi Wills; absent Marilyn Gorman.

Discussion and sharing of ideas for future activities with all members was done. We all agreed it would be great to have activities that would be interesting to all ages for New Portland residents.

One of the ideas was to have a talent show. Many people in town have some type of talent: playing an instrument, singing, dancing, acrobats, telling jokes and maybe even magic. The idea is to get citizens together to enjoy what talents they have and to share their talents for their neighbors and friends.

We would like people to think about this and send your name and talent to Judi Wills at jwills@tdstelme.net. We don't have a date set yet, just wanted to get information out early so we could plan the event.

Another idea was a paint night. So, the more people who have suggestions or ideas please let the committee know.

Our next meeting will be May 2 at the Community Room at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Judi Wills and members of the committee.

New Portland Community Library

Thank you New Portland for the funding!

May 25 is the Chinese Auction at Happy Horseshoe Campground!! Do you have items you no longer use but may be of interest to someone else? That's what we need. You can drop off items at the library Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am - noon, Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - noon. Books can be donated directly to the library for our book sale in June.

Icloud class May 5, 1:30 - 2:30 pm at library. This is a short, free class to learn the basics of icloud. Come join us for an informative session.

Amazon Smile - don't forget. 60's Club
Winners- Patrice Drummond, Joye Earle, Lori Hillard

Submitted: Breanna LeBeau

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

Minutes for the Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers Meeting for April.

The meeting was called to order with eight members present.

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

Trail Master Report: Grooming is done for the year. Stickers in the fields will be picked up as soon as the ground thaws out. The brush saw we rented from the Anson Snowmobile Club is going to be passed on to the Lexington club for next season. Brad is working on getting the grants finished to be sent to the state. Lewis reported there is a possibility the club might be getting some extra money from the state for the grooming done beyond our grant limit. The state hopes to help clubs meet expenses because of the extended snowmobile season.

A discussion was held about the need to number our bridges. By doing this, snowmobilers could use the numbers to help locate where they are if they have a breakdown or medical emergency. When the club has new maps printed, the numbers for the bridges would be placed on the maps.

Another discussion was held about the future of the club concerning storage of the groomers. The club needs to come up with a plan for where a building could be built and be near the trails and how to raise the money to help with the expenses for this project. We are asking people to think about some ideas to share at a future club meeting.

This was the last meeting for this snowmobile season. Our next meeting will be October 12 starting at 6:30pm at the fire station meeting room. We will be holding election of officers at that time.

Our thanks to everyone who helped the club out this season. Have a wonderful summer.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

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.

Lexington/Highland Historical Society

The first meeting of the Lexington/Highland Historical Society for 2019 will be held Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 P.M. at the History House located at 3 Back Road in Lexington. Please come and see the new improvements made since our last meeting.

Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham

Church News

ATTENTION: high school seniors - The deadline is fast approaching to apply for this year's \$1000 scholarship offered by the Western Mountains Baptist Church to a student from Carrabec High School or Mt. Abram High School. Apply online at westernmountainschurch.org. Printed applications can be mailed to WMBC, PO Box 264, Kingfield 04947. Your guidance counselor may also help you. The deadline is May 17; please don't miss out on this opportunity for free money for your first semester at college or trade school. Time is running out.

The Women's Spring Brunch will be held, Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 10:00 am. Our speaker Kay Sawyer was born and grew up as a missionary kid in the Amazon Jungles of Peru. After High School she attended Biola College in Southern California where she met her husband Jim. Shortly after they were married, they moved, spending the next ten years in Dallas, where Jim attended seminary and where their four sons were born. After a decade as Cowboy fans (part of the local religion), California beckoned as Jim was offered a teaching position in San Francisco Bay Area, where for the next 34 years they raised their sons and saw seven grandchildren born. Kay will be sharing her story at the Women's Spring Brunch focusing on her journey of forgiveness. There is no charge, however, if you would like (no pressure) bring a potluck dish to share and join the ladies on May 18 at 10:00 am. For more information call Pat Sanders at 265-4164.

May is the last month for this season of the GEMS Club for girls ages 5-12. Meetings are on Friday afternoons, 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Until fall, the last two meetings are May 3 and May 31. Text Rosie Bates at 778-1086 for more information.

Have you marked your calendars for VBS (Vacation Bible School)? VBS is being held June 24 - 28 at WMBC on Rt. 27. Children ages four and up are not going to want to miss this opportunity for action based Bible teachings, fun music and songs, cool crafts and yummy snacks. This year's program is

called ROAR! Life is Wild & God is Good. Include VBS in your summer plans for the last week of June at 9:00 am to noon. Contact Georgie Woodford at 265-4971 to register children, volunteer or to get more information.

The Western Mountains Baptist Church offers weekly Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Church services begin at 10:00 am. Come at 9:00 or come at 10:00 am; we welcome all visitors and old friends. If you would like to talk or text Pastor Tom with prayer requests or questions; he can be reached at 557-3802 or call the church at 265-2557. He is also available by email at pastorwmbc@gmail.com.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

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

New Portland Community Church News April 2019: Spring is finally here. It didn't seem possible that the snow would melt so quickly! With it came Holy Week, Easter Sunday and our move to the North Village Church. It is nice to be back in that beautiful place. On chilly Sundays (which has been most of them so far!) the congregation has been meeting in the cozy Joyce Pease Meeting Hall adjoining the sanctuary.

As was announced last month, Church Supper will begin this month on May 16 with oven fried chicken, potato salad, cranberry salad, rolls and an array of desserts on the menu. *It is important to note that suppers this year will be held in the North Village Church.* The first supper of the season will be free, donations gratefully accepted. Please join friends and family to kick off another great church supper season!

Gatherings have been filled with lovely and creative discussion as we continue on our Journey of Faith this spring. Discussions are held at Fairbanks Union Church on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. A growing number of New Portland residents have been participating because it is fun and more than a little relevant!

So, just one more reminder that services are being held in the North Village Church, and that the church suppers will also be held there this year.

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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