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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

Town Clerk

Event: General / Referendum Election

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls Open: 8:00 am • Polls Close: 8:00 pm

I will be accepting non-perishable food items at the election. When you come in to vote feel free to bring an item with you. I will be bringing what we receive to the People Who Care Food Cupboard in Madison after the election.

Submitted: Kristen Mitchel

Town Office

The town office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

The town office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving.

A reminder that Saturday, November 3 will be our last Saturday to have the office open until April 6, 2019.

Stacie and Kristen are having their Annual Giving Tree at the Town Office starting November 15. We will be taking gifts until Thursday, December 20. Stacie is making gift tags that will be hanging on the tree at the Town Office which will have an item listed on it. We have children from the ages of 4 to 16, and we also have adults who are in need as well. If you know of anyone in need for the holiday season please contact Stacie or Kristen at the Town Office. The Fire Department will assist us with delivering the gifts before Christmas Day. If you have any questions, you can call the Town Office or email Stacie. We look forward to making this year's Giving Tree another success and hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season. A reminder that Sunday, December 2 the selectmen, fire department, and recreation committee will be hosting our Annual Free Public Supper for New Portland residents. Supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Town officials will be cooking and serving you for your continued support over the past year. The menu will be posted in the December New Portlander; so mark this event on your calendar. There will be no tax payer dollars used for this supper, so please come and join us for some good food and great company.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month6:30pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month6:30pm
- **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 month6:30pm
- **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

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Lewis Wills, Michael Malesky, Brenda Stevens, Dallas Landry, Brian Rundlett, Andy Mudgett, Kristen Mitchell

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. Review of minutes from previous meeting: Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor.
3. Items by the Public: There were no items by the Public
4. Assessor's Agent:
Mike Malesky presented to the board two abatement requests
 1. Stephen and Karen Cornwell in the amount of \$5.11
 2. Elizabeth Farrell and Samuel Mathes in the amount of \$506.80

The Selectmen reviewed the information before them and had a brief discussion regarding the reasons for the abatements. Wayne motioned to grant the abatement for Cornwell, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor. Raymond motioned to grant the abatement for Farrell and Mathes, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Mike stated that the town lost about \$1,100 in value with the tree growth changes from the State of Maine this year.

Mike gave the board a new copy of the certificate of assessment to be signed after he corrected an error on the dates in previous copy. The board reviewed the document and signed it.

Mike presented a copy of the Municipal Valuation Report for the board members to review. He asked that they review and approve before

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 09/24/2018 meeting. Smr

Announcement

The Annual Craft Fair sponsored by the New Portland Historical Society will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 9:00 am. The Craft Fair will be held at the Community Room at the Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland, Me 04961. Lunch will be available.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Tellis Fenwick Jr.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The Board reviewed with Tellis the scope of the ground work to be done for the sand/salt shed facility. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the necessary work to be done. After the discussion it was agreed by all that the price of \$39,800.00 which was submitted earlier by Fenwick would be the price for the work, pending any additional material that may be needed for the completion of the work. If it was determined that more material was needed, Tellis would notify the town prior and give an estimated cost for those materials.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 10/02/2018 meeting. Smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes October 2, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Lewis Wills, Michael Malesky, Brian Rundlett, Andy Mudgett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Public Hearing for GA Ordinance: Stacie presented to the Board of Selectmen the new guidelines for the General Assistance Ordinance. There was a brief discussion regarding the changes from last year. Andrea motioned to accept the state's minimum's, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.
3. Review minutes from previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.
4. Department Heads:

Gary Agren shared with the board the work that was still in progress and the things that were being wrapped up for the year. He briefed the board on hiring a new grader operator and went over his time spent with him in the loader training.

Kip Poulin updated the board on the mainboard on the engine. It will cost \$800 to replace the board. Currently, they are waiting on it to be installed. The delivery of the air packs has yet to be determined. Stacie will get budget figures to Kip so he knows where it stands.

Mike reviewed with the board some abatements.

Raymond motioned to accept the abatement request for Garrett Oswald in the amount of \$10.86. Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Raymond motioned to accept the abatement request for Casey Bowden in the amount of \$351.14. Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Raymond motioned to accept the abatement request for Kendall Knowles and Becky Redlevske in the amount of 101.36. Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Raymond motioned to accept a second abatement request for Kendall Knowles and Becky Redlevske for a second site in the amount of 101.36. Wayne seconded, and all were in favor.

Mike briefed the board on some other issues with abatement requests that will be brought before the board soon.

5. Items by the Town Manager: The board reviewed and signed the payroll and accounts payable warrants. Stacie presented to the board a 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan to review. There was a brief discussion. Stacie would leave the plan at the office for the board to review at their leisure. Stacie updated the board on the office closures coming up for training purposes. There was a brief discussion regarding a ceo violation that was pending. Stacie would try to contact the home owner to come to an upcoming meeting to discuss the progress.
6. Items by the Public: Mike inquired about an upcoming Sand/Salt Shed meeting. There was a discussion regarding the meeting, and it was decided to not hold the meeting. Brian asked a question regarding the fire department disposing of old hoses that didn't pass inspection. It was determined that the way Kip listed the hose for sale was sufficient.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming bid process for the cleanup of 54 River Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 10/15/2018 meeting. smr

Selectmen

The selectmen would like to formally thank everyone who has participated on the Sand/Salt Shed Committee over the last two years. A lot of time has been invested in reviewing potential locations, meeting with State agencies to become familiar and compliant with permitting guidelines, getting estimates and many other details.

In particular we would like to thank Lewis Wills, Mike Malesky, and Brenda Stevens for all the leg work done in between meetings to keep the ball rolling on this project.

Submitted: Andrea Reichert

PARTNERING TO END HUNGER



Good Shepherd

FOOD BANK OF MAINE

FOOD MOBILE

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Where: Western Mountains Baptist Church

928 Carrabassett Road, New Portland (Rt. 27)



Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

(While supplies last.)

Who is Eligible: Anyone in need of food assistance

Please bring your own bags or boxes.

For more information call the church at 265-2557

RSU 74 / School Board

The October school board meeting was held at the Embden Community Center.

Minutes: The minutes of the September board meeting, and the special September 19 board meeting were approved.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy thanked the admin team for an excellent start to the school year. He informed the board that he had successfully worked with the Association to enact a Memorandum of Understanding to increase the health insurance benefit for part-time employees. This was done in the hope of recruiting more bus drivers. The Strategic Planning event will be held on October 26 and 27. 63 people have RSVP'd that they will attend. Though two new bus drivers have recently been hired, there is still a need for sub drivers. Citing the October 1 enrollment report, Mr. Tracy said that RSU 74 has two more students than a year ago at this time. He gave the board a copy of the Fall Newsletter that he has created. He hopes to also publish newsletters in the winter and spring. It is still early, but the current budget report is optimistic. CHS received a Silver Award from US News. The magazine rates Carrabec as the 16th best high school in Maine.

Appointments: Andrew Ferrari - MLTI tech lead, Marc Collard - Math League, Maurice Langlois - Advisory Dean, Janet Boothby - Advisory Dean, Aaron Baum - Advisory Dean, Stacey Robinson - Advisory Dean, Jenney Rollins - GS, ed tech 1, Michael Rowe - CHS boys' basketball

Resignation: Valerie Burbank, bus driver

Nominations: Michael Asselin - driver, Anthony Sy - driver

Admin Reports: Tim Richards noted that there is a blood drive on October 8 and PSATs on October 10. During October, 34 CHS students will be job shadowing. This is done through JMG.

Tom Desjardins has put a committee together for Veteran's Day. CCS will be having a Veteran's Week, and he asked the board to give him the names of any local veterans. Jean Butler said the year was off to a good start but had been busy. Solon and GS had Open House recently, and she thanked board member Heather Helinski for volunteering at the GS Open House. October will feature Fire Safety Week and Bus Safety Week. Grace Cram told the board that while a special ed teaching

position was cut during the 18-19 budget season, the 18-19 school year has brought a 12% increase in students with IEPs.

Committees: The Policy Committee met on September 12, and they reiterated the expectation that CHS diplomas will be GPA based. Buildings and Grounds met on September 19. Work will be done on the Solon gym floor and the GS gutters need repair. As a result of a safety inspection by the committee and Officer Mike Pike, the following recommendations were made: 1. cut trees and shrubs near windows, 2. get shatter proof coating for windows, 3. acquire more cameras. The committee also discussed the need for bleacher repair at CHS.

3M film for windows: The board approved the purchase of 3M film for windows. This is a safety precaution to make the windows less likely to shatter.

Norlands: The board approved an 8th grade trip to Norlands on October 19 and 20.

College Visits: The board approved a November 1-2 college trip for CHS sophomores and juniors. They will visit BC, Emerson, Saint Anselm, and Southern New Hampshire University.

Youth in Maine Government: The board approved the November 9-11 Youth in Maine Government event.

Policies: The board approved 19 policies.

Bleachers: The board voted to repair the CHS bleachers. Most of the money needed will come from an existing capital improvement account.

MSMA Fall Conference: Mr. Tracy discussed the MSMA conference with the board and encouraged members to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 6:44 pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting at CHS on November 1.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President

Notice

The Wire Bridge Thrift Shop will be closed until further notice. Due to illness and lack of volunteers. We will be open during our annual Christmas Toy Sale.

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is November 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.

Sno-Travelers

The snowmobile club did not have an official meeting in October as not enough officers were present.

Submitted: Lynne Cary

New Portland Calendar

In 1991, a calendar was made as a fund-raising project. It was entitled "The People of New Portland". I don't remember ever seeing another after that one in 1991. As I was going through items left to me, I found the 1991 calendar. My sister Phyllis Mitchell did the pictures, and the Rural Living Center sold the calendars.

So I went to people who have lived in New Portland most of their lives and asked if I could take their pictures to produce a calendar for the year 2018. Some people took a little longer to say yes, but eventually the "yes" was said and 12 months on the calendar captured the "People of New Portland" once again. Each person who did this got the calendar for free. It was advertised in the *New Portlander*. Some people may not have read the article and did not know the about calendars. Soon many people in New Portland were asking and buying them. The money raised from the sale went back into the Recreational fund.

So, I would like to let people know a calendar was made again of the "People of New Portland". Again, the pictures were taken and the calendar for 2019 has been made. They will be for sale as soon as the calendars are received. And again, the people in calendar kept quiet about posing for the picture. So curiosity will make people want to buy one (or more) just to see who the "Citizens of New Portland" are this year.

I want to thank all the people who said "yes" and helped me be able to do this calendar once again.

Submitted: Judi Wills

New Portland Library

What a great time we had during Fall Festival! Zigsaw puzzles were offered for free. The bake sale offered everything apples. The real vs fake apple pie contest left a lot of people pleasantly surprised. We reached our goal of one mile of pennies (That is 84,444 pennies!), and we asked patrons to let us know what they would like us to purchase for the library. We have decided after a brief recess to continue to run the event with penny jars at the library and at the Tindall's country store in New Portland.

Deb, a library board member, participated in the trunk or treat event for Halloween for the library; it's great to keep the children off the streets and safe!

Our October winners of the 60s Club are Anonymous (yes, you can choose to be anonymous!), Bob Whitten, and the New Portland Lions Club.

Check out our new Facebook page. We will be listing announcements about current and upcoming news and events. We also have a group email that we send out every month or so; if you would like to be included on this mailing, please let us know. Don't forget to participate in the Amazon Smile account anytime you order items on Amazon. At no cost to you, you can list us as the organization to receive 5% of your purchase price to offset our purchases for the library.

We are currently updating our contact information. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or emails since you registered for a card, please let us know.

The new art exhibit will be going up soon and may be up by the time this is published. The artist is Mary Beth Morrison.

Welcome to our new volunteer, Alissa. We are saying good-bye to Edie and Matt as volunteers, and welcome the return of Deb, Joan, and possibly Pete. Say "hi" when you drop in!

Our free table keeps emptying out so I keep adding items. Check out what we are giving away!

Our book room welcomes donations for winter reading as does Tindall's in New Portland where we have a couple of shelves. Thank you to Tindall's!

Not sure if I put anything in but here's the write-up with some more information.

Mary Beth Morrison's paintings are on display at the library. According to the artist, "My artist pursuit began with watercolor, then acrylic, and on to soft pastel, mono-print, and collage. Generally, my paintings are impressionist in style, reflecting the way I see the world organically. Interests that have helped creative thinking are simple printmaking, collage, clay building, and wire work. I use still life, figures and abstracts as subjects occasionally and make art cards with the hand made materials I accrue. When I discovered painting, it felt like I had come home." The exhibit will be up for several months; a reception will be announced. Stop in and see this wonderful exhibit.

Submitted: Shelia Atwood

Thank You

The North New Portland Cemetery Association would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to Ronald and Vi Coffin and their son, Clay for their generous donation. This and all donations are appreciated and are always put to good use.

Submitted: Gloria Walker

Church News

November 1 the Western Mountains Baptist Church will be hosting a Good Shepherd food mobile. The Lewiston based food mobile will be parked in our church parking lot from 10:00 am to 11:30 am or while supplies last. There will be plenty of room for folks to walk around the truck to choose from the free food items. Generally, there is a good variety of fresh vegetables and fruits, frozen food items, canned goods, etc. No paperwork needed. Bring your own bags.

The Men's Bible Study continues to meet every Monday evening at 6:30 pm at the church. Men of all ages are welcome. You do not have to attend WMBC in order to participate. Just show up or text Jean at 340-8186 for more information or if you need a ride.

Every second and fourth Tuesday the Women's Fellowship group meet at 5:30 pm. This month that will be the 13th and the 27th. In addition to Bible studies there is opportunity to do crafts, make friends and do reachout to our local communities. FMI: call Pat at 265-4164.

Join us for a turkey potluck dinner immediately after the 10:00 am worship service on November 18. Bring something to share or just show up; there is always plenty of food to go around. Men from Teen Challenge will be sharing testimonies on how God has transformed their lives to help them break free from their addictions to drugs and/or alcohol. This is sure to be a day of thanksgiving with good food and friends. Hope you will join us.

Mark your calendars now for the Christmas Community Choir performance scheduled for Friday evening, December 14. If you have attended in the past, you will remember this festive, talented group having fun singing Christmas music together and celebrating the holiday season. If you haven't attended in the past, please make plans to join us this year. More information to follow.

You can learn more about Western Mountains Baptist Church by liking our Facebook page, checking out our website at westernmountainschurch.org or by visiting us any Sunday morning. We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 am and church services begin at 10:00 am. Pastor Tom can be reached by texting 557-3802 or call the church at 265-2557.

Submitted by Crystal Fitch

New Portland Community Church News for November 2018

2018 is almost over. Where did it go? The West Village Church suppers are over for the season. The October supper brought record numbers of people to the Village Church. And record amounts of fun as well! The Italian themed chicken parmesan supper was delicious. The meager entertainment offered was mediocre at best but generously applauded. The suppers have been a big success this year. We offered three out of seven suppers free of charge, donations accepted, and have been very pleased with the response. It offers a way to give back to the community for their support and allows the community to give as they see fit or are able.

The Super Sunday Gospel Service that was held at the end of September was an incredible hit. Folks from Fairbanks Union Church and the Farmington area braved the unheated North Village church on a frosty morning to join the congregation from the New Portland area for a rousing service of gospel favorites and great music! So much was added to the service by the many special musical guests. Thank you to Lonny and David Blood, Louis and Joel Bunker, Anne Smith, John Vetne, Nan Berry, and Thea Kornelius. A special thanks goes out to Sammi Angel for her musical contributions and for keeping the service rocking and rolling along.

Bible Study has begun on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. Rev. Thea Kornelius is leading a curriculum by Adam Hamilton called "The Way". Several members of the New Portland congregation will be going down to Farmington to attend these meeting, but if there is enough interest Thea would be more than willing to schedule a Bible Study class on Thursdays here in New Portland. If you have interest, please let her know at (434) 247-9747 or e-mail her at rotheak@gmail.com or let any of the church community member know of your interest.

The highly anticipated Annual Christmas Sale at the West Village Church will be held November 24 and December 1st from 9:00 am – noon. Fill all your Christmas gift needs. The Wire Bridge Thrift Store will be open at that time as well. Hope to see you there!

Services continue through the winter months at the West Village Church. The schedule remains the same with coffee hour starting at 10:30 am and the service following at 11:00 am. We would love to see you there. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

*Happy
Thanksgiving*





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