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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

Email nwprtInd@tds.net

Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell

Email newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

Assessor's Agent: Mike Malesky

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

Notice

**The Town Office will be closed
on the following dates:**

Monday, November 11
in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28
in observance of Thanksgiving

We will be closing at 3:00 pm
on Wednesday, November 27



Town Clerk

Notice of Referendum Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 Referendum Election

Location:

Community Room / Fire Station
911 River Road, New Portland

Time:

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

Dog Licenses have started for the 2020 year as of Tuesday, October 15. Please come into license your dog(s). For a neutered or spayed dog(s) it is \$6.00. For non neutered or spayed dog(s) it is \$11.00. If you have any questions you can contact me at (207)628-4441 or by email at newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk

Town Manager

The Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm will be held at the Town Office as the Community Room will be busy with Elections.

The Town Office will be open Saturday, November 2 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Starting the week of Thanksgiving, the Town Office will have their Giving Tree set up and ready for people to come in and get a gift tag for a local child or adult who is in need for the holiday season.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Minutes for Selectmen's Meeting September 3, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, absent, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Kyle Handrahan, Kip Poulin, Marilyn Gorman, Betty and Gary Cobb, Mary Jane Reed and Richard Salmon, Toby Pinkham, Jason Thomas, Michelle Abbott, Winonna Emery, Dale and Gloria Walker, Brett Fenwick

1. Call the meeting to order: Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.
2. Review minutes from previous meeting: The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Department Heads:
 - a. Kip updated the board on the repairs done to the Rescue. There have been 61 calls ytd. Kip discussed with the board his opinion on the contract with Highland Plantation. No decisions were made at the time.
 - b. Mike reviewed with the Board of Selectmen a supplemental bill for issuing a homestead exemption in error to Robin Norwood in the amount of \$382. Wayne motioned to accept the supplemental, Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Mike reviewed two Tree Growth withdrawal penalties, one to Wyatt Myers in the amount of \$2,130 and the other to Robert and Jackie Kennedy in the amount of \$3,465.60. Wayne motioned to accept the supplementals for the amount written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Mike reviewed with the board two abatements. After

reviewing the information Wayne motioned to accept the abatement for Knowles and Redlevsky in the amount of \$5.12 Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Wayne motioned to accept the abatement for Denise Quirion in the amount of \$7.64, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.

- c. Judi shared with the board that there was a Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday.
- d. Gary was not present but there was brief discussion regarding the Tannery Bridge and the recommendations made by the State of Maine Department of Transportation.

4. Items by the Town Manager:

The board of Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants

5. Items by the Public:

There was some discussion from the public regarding the sand/salt shed and the timeframe. There was also some discussion regarding the snow plow contract and the status.

6. Items by the Board of Selectmen:

There were no items by the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 23rd meeting. Smr

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting September 23, 2019

Selectmen Present: Andrea Reichert, Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, absent; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Judi and Lewis Wills, Kyle Handrahan, Kip Poulin, Brent Davenport, Harold Gaines, Dale Earle, Sr., Dale Earle, Jr., Nikki Shamaly, Paul Hilenski, Keith and Christeen Mudgett, Ethan Mudgett.

1. Call the meeting to order: Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Review minutes from previous meeting: The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Open Bids for Snow Plow Contract: The Board opened the two bids that were received. 1.) Brent Davenport of J&R Davenport Trucking and Snowplowing had a bid of \$307,900. 2.) Dale Earle of Earle Trucking and Excavation had a bid of \$220,000. The board took some time to review both bids and shared their opinions on the two bids. Andrea motioned to accept J&R Davenport Trucking and Snowplowing, Raymond seconded, Wayne abstained.

4. Items by the Town Manager:
- The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants.
 - The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report.
 - Stacie shared with the board of Selectmen the need to schedule a Public Hearing for the annual General Assistance Ordinance provided by the State of Maine. After a brief discussion it was scheduled for the October 1 meeting and will be posted accordingly.
5. Items by the Public:
- Judi reviewed with the board the events for the Fall Festival which is scheduled for October 19.
 - There was also some discussion regarding the sand salt shed issues. Stacie updated the board that she confirmed with Fine Line Paving that the project was on their list for this year.
 - Kip discussed with the board his thoughts for funding a fire truck to put at the Highland Station to fulfill the contract. He found a truck in Etna for \$5,000.00. The funds for this would come directly from a portion of the contracted amount for fire coverage with Highland Plantation and would not be funded by any New Portland tax dollars. After discussions on the matter Raymond motioned to authorize Kip to purchase the truck, Andrea seconded and Wayne abstained.
 - Brent approached the board about how they would want to handle a situation if we were to get snow or ice before the town's sand salt pile was put up. After some discussions with Brent, the board stated that if by chance this situation takes place that if he could get sand and salt to maintain New Portland roads properly, he could submit an invoice to the town for the material used. They also noted they hoped it would not take place but realize we have no control over mother nature.
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
- Andrea discussed that David Royce was willing to fill the vacant school board seat until the term was up. There was a brief discussion on the matter. Andrea motioned to nominate David Royce to fill the seat for the remainder of the term, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
 - Andrea discussed the need to create a policy for community access to the sand salt pile. Andrea volunteered to work up a draft for the other board members to review.
 - Andrea asked for future agendas to include OLD BUSINESS on them so any business that was not handled at a meeting it could be presented at a later date.
 - Stacie asked the board if she was authorized to pay the final installment to T&T Construction. After some discussions the board authorized Stacie to pay the final invoice if the engineer had signed off on the work. Stacie would need to contact the engineer to confirm the matter first.
 - The board reviewed the proposed contract with Thomas Builders for the construction of the sand salt shed building. Andrea reviewed with the board a conversation that she previously had with the builder, Jason Thomas regarding some additional things the board wanted added to the contract. Andrea noted the additions to the contract, and all board members initialed those changes. And then they signed off on the contract itself.
 - Brian approached the board about an old oil furnace that has sat in the old fire station in the West Village for many, many years. He updated the board that Gary stated he has no use for it. The board discussed the matter briefly. Stacie asked that if the board was considering this for them to ask some sort of dollar amount for it. The board stated that they would consider the matter and make a decision at the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.
- These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectment at the October 1st meeting. smr*

RSU 74 / School Board

There are no minutes for the October Board meeting due to Mr. Ela being absent from the October meeting. Hopefully, he will be back for the December issue of The New Portlander with the minutes for November's meeting.

Next School Board Meeting is November 6 at Carrabec High School.

*Submitted: Dallas Landry, editor for Dave Ela,
Carrabec Educational Association President*

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.

Recreation Committee

Update on the New Portland Fall Festival for October 19, 2019:

The festival began at 10:00 am with lots of citizens coming to enjoy the day.

We had Marilyn Gorman and Jamie Eck with the historical display and information. There also was a raffle for items on the table for all to see. There were lots of pumpkins and paint for the pumpkins. Nikki Atwood helped the children with the paints and encouraged them to paint. We also had students from Carrabec High School doing face painting for all who wanted that done. They were great artist and everyone enjoyed them.

The Recreation Committee was able to get a bounce house for the festival. It was a giant pumpkin bounce house. The kids loved it and were there a good part of the day. Kristen Mitchell found the company who had this available for our festival.

We had many pies for the contest. Judging was done by our local citizens. Great looking pies and tasted so good. Chilli contest was judged by level of heat and taste. Score cards were used by judges to help make fair decisions. Again very happy folks to enter.

We had Scarecrow Contest again this year. Not many entries but the scarecrows that were there really showed the work and thought kids and families put into the scarecrow each person made.

Kids had a chance to play golf. They had lots of fun and laughing. The fry pan toss was a big success again this year. Small fry pan for kids, and large fry pan for adults. Great fun.

Drawing for one boy and one girl bike was done. (ages 7-10) The child had to be at the event.

The day went by fast with lots of laughing and beautiful pumpkin and face painting.

The committee "thanks" each adult who helped us make this a fun day .

We would also like to thank the Fire Department for all the onion rings, french fries , hamburgers, hot dogs that everyone could eat. Everything was free. Couldn't have done this without Kippy Poulin and Wayne Rundlett for volunteering.

Also, the Recreation Committee members made this an event that will have many happy memories.

Submitted: Judi Wills

Craft Sale

Holiday Craft Sale sponsored by the New Portland Historical Society will be held Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 am. This will take place at the Community Room of the New Portland Fire Station. 911 River Road. Lunch will be available.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Church News

New Portland Community Church News for November 2019

October 17 saw the final public supper of the year held at the New Portland Church. A huge thank you to all those who make our suppers possible throughout the year. Many people contribute their time, talents and donations to make the church supper possible, and we offer a special thanks to all of them! A heartfelt thanks to all those who attend the suppers, folks next door as well as neighbors from Kingfield, Farmington and everywhere in between come together to help make supper a real community event. Thank you everyone, see you next April!

Having the New Portland Historical Society open for diners viewing pleasure this fall has really been great. We hope that this can continue next year. A big thank you to Jamie Eck and Marilyn Gorman for taking the time to open the Historical Society and share their love of our town's very interesting history.

Journey of Faith began again on Tuesday, October 29. Discussions will continue be held at the Fairbanks Church in Farmington on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join the conversation.

The annual New Portland Church Christmas sale will be held on Saturday, November 23 and Saturday, November 30 from 9:00 am to noon at the West Village Church. Expect the same great stuff as every year: new and restored bikes, school supplies, games, puzzles, electronics and so much more.

As always, all are welcome at the North New Portland Church on Sunday morning at 10:30 am for coffee hour followed by 11:00 am worship services every Sunday. See you there. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Lexington/Highland Historical Society

No notices for LHHS until March 2020. *Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham*



Dog License Reminder
New Portland Town Clerk's Office

Dear Dog Owner,

It's that time again! Please come to the Town Clerk's Office to license your dog(s) at your earliest convenience. **Be sure to come in before January 31, 2020 to avoid paying the late fee of \$25.00 per dog.** Any dog that remains unregistered will be summonsed to court by the Animal Control Officer.... So please do not delay! **These fines and deadlines are required by state law and cannot be waived.**

Remember if your dog(s) is here for more than 7 days then you need to license your dog(s). If your dog(s) is 6 months or more in age then your dog(s) need to be licensed. In addition, if you no longer have your dog please call me at 628-4441 as soon as possible so that we may update our information.

To re-license your dog, you can come to the New Portland Town Office. Our regular office hours are Monday – Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm, Thursday 12:00pm – 6:00pm. You may also re-license your dog through the mail. Please send a copy of the dog(s) Maine rabies certificate and a check payable to the "Town of New Portland" for the appropriate fee and I will process the license and return the paperwork and the new dog tag(s) to you. **Please use the form provided at the bottom of this notice if you are mailing your information in.**

Thank you for your attention to this important notice. Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination, which protects the health of your pet and your family.

Remember, all dogs in the State of Maine are required to be licensed.

The Licensing fee is \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$11.00 for male or female dogs **if licensed BEFORE January 31, 2020.** The fees will be \$31.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$36.00 for unaltered dogs **if licensed after January 31, 2020.** Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your copy of the Maine rabies certificate and payment to:

Town of New Portland
901 River Road
New Portland, ME. 04961

Please clip this section and return with your check made payable to the Town of New Portland

Name of Dog Owner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Dog(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Telephone: 207-628-4441 ■ **FAX :**207-628-4440 ■ **website:** www.newportlandmaine.com
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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2019								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DOUG KEHR PHOTO	
					1	2	Town Office Open 8:00 am - Noon	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am		Referendum Election Meeting Room 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Town Office Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Carabec High School Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
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