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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

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Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell - Ext. 2

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LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

Assessor's Agent: Mike Malesky - Ext. 3

Monday..... 1pm - 5pm

Email newportlandassessors@tds.net

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin - Ext. 4

The Town Office will be closed for training on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 3rd

Thursday, October 4th

Thursday, October 11th

The Town Office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on the following dates:

Saturday, October 6th

Monday, October 8th

IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

IT IS A VIOLATION TO FEED THE DEER POPULATION FROM JUNE 1 TO DECEMBER 15

There are a few known spots of high deer traffic areas in New Portland where we are seeing a significant increase in deer/vehicle collisions; The State of Maine has put up signage marking those spots on Route 27 and Route 16. But there are many other locations on the secondary roads. Please assist us in keeping the traffic accidents down that involve the deer population by not feeding them. The local emergency services along with those involved in said accidents would greatly appreciate it.

Here are some known facts about feeding the deer population from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's *"Living on the Edge Winter Feeding of Deer: What you should know."*

Feeding deer in late fall may disrupt deer migration to natural wintering areas. • Feeding concentrates deer in smaller areas reducing size and effectiveness of trail networks. • Concentrating deer in smaller areas can create a feeding ground for predators. • Concentrating deer in smaller areas may increase their vulnerability to diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease. • Concentrating deer in smaller areas can literally kill all vegetation within their reach over one to several hundred acres, impacting regeneration and reducing the forest's ability to shelter deer in the future. • May cause long-term impacts on deer behavior as they lose their wariness toward people.

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

- Feeding sites near homes also place deer at greater risk of death from free-roaming dogs.
- Feeding sites can significantly increase deer/vehicle collisions.
- Deer may actually starve when fed supplemental foods during winter if they have a full belly of indigestible foods; many deer have starved to death with stomachs packed full of hay.
- Providing inadequate amounts of supplemental foods can actually cause malnutrition in normally healthy deer populations.
- Spoiled or moldy feed may be ingested and can be fatal.
- Introducing a sugary diet to a deer used to eating a fiber-rich diet of browse can also lead to rapid death.
- Deer compete aggressively for scarce, high-quality foods and only the strongest, most dominant deer (who would have survived the winter anyway) gain access to food, while deer most vulnerable to starvation in winter (usually fawns) are denied access to supplemental feed by more aggressive deer.
- Deer may die from eating too much feed at one time.
- Ending a feeding operation prematurely will lead to nutritional problems for deer that have become dependent on winter feeding, as will beginning a feeding operation too late.
- Winter feeding is expensive; one deer requires 2 to 5 lbs of feed per day depending on the quality of feed.

Submitted: The Town Office of New Portland, Town Manger

Town of New Portland Notice of Clean Up Bid at 54 RIVER RD. NEW PORTLAND, ME

The Town of New Portland is requesting written proposals from qualified Bidders for clean up at 54 River Rd. This includes furnishing all labor, equipment and materials required to satisfactorily and safely conduct all work to remove the debris left on the property from the controlled structure fire. The town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any informality the Town may determine necessary. The Town also reserves to itself the exclusive right to accept any proposals when it is deemed by the Town to be in its best interest. The Town is governed by Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 408-A, the Freedom of Access Law, which treats Bid Specifications as public documents. In awarding any proposal, the Town may consider, but not be limited to, any of the following factors: Bidder qualifications, price, experience, solvency, financial standing with the Town, history of claims with the Town, history of work quality with the Town, warranties, references, insurance bonding, compliance record, safety

record, delivery date, work schedule, and past and present service of Bidder. Vendors/Contractors shall be current on all amounts due to the Town prior to the Town entering into any contract agreement.

A Request for Bid and Bid Proposal Form may be obtained at the New Portland Town Office or requested by email to the Town Manager. Those taking out bid packages must supply the Town with their name/ company name and contact information, including a telephone number and an email address where addenda (if issued) will be sent. Questions should be addressed in writing by mail or email and addressed to Town Manager, 901 River Rd, New Portland, Maine, or nwprtInd@tds.net up until two days prior to bid opening. **Bidders may attend a pre-bid meeting with the Town Manager and Selectmen on Friday, October 5, 2018 @ 5 pm at the site prior to bid submission to review the scope of work.**

Proposals will not receive consideration unless submitted in accordance with the following instructions for Bidders.

Please submit your proposal marked: **54 River Rd Cleanup Bid 2018** to the Town no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2018. Bids will be opened at the Selectmen's Meeting that night at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room at the Fire Station. This is a Public Meeting and all Bidders are invited. The Board of Selectmen's will award the bid at this meeting and thereafter become part of the public record. Proposals not submitted in time will not be considered.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manger

PUBLIC NOTICE

The municipal officers of the Town of New Portland will meet at 911 River Road on the second day of October, 2018, at 6:30 pm for the purpose of holding a public hearing on and enacting the following ordinance: **GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE.**

The public will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the consideration of the above ordinance by the municipal officers. A copy of the ordinance is available at 901 River Road at the Town Office.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is October 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.

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett (arrived later in the meeting due to storm and fire calls). Present: Stacie Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi Wills, Michael Malesky, Chris Williams, Ray and Amanda Jordan, Becky and Gilbert Taylor, Mike Allen, Kristen Mitchell, Brayden Lovejoy

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Public Hearing:

- a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the information before them regarding the Bennett Hill Road property. The owner of the property, Mike Allen was not at the meeting as of this time. After reviewing the information and taking into consideration that there was not power due to a storm that had just gone through, the board decided to contact Mike Allen and schedule him to attend the next selectmen's meeting to discuss the property violations with him then.
- b. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the information before them regarding the 48 River Road property violations. There were discussions on the clean up of the property after notice of a public hearing on the matter was sent out. The Board members discussed with Ray and Amanda Jordan their concerns with the violations issued on an annual basis. The Board members and Ray and Amanda had a discussion regarding keeping the property kept up as it has been recently to avoid future violation notices. It was agreed by the Board members that the property was currently compliant with the Junkyard Ordinance.
- c. Mike Allen arrived to the meeting. He was on a fire department call in Salem. The Board members updated him on their earlier discussions of his property. Mike voiced to the Board members that he needed another month to finish cleaning up the outside of the property as well as the inside. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the conditions of the property and why there was a junkyard violation and a dangerous building violation. After a discussion and reviewing more information that Mike Allen discussed with the board, the Board members agreed to give Mike another month to address the issue properly. Mike agreed to contact Stacie once he did some cleaning inside of the home to have her document the conditions of the inside of the building. He stated that he would contact her when he was ready. The Board

members stressed to Mike that all of the junk metals, debris, appliances and tires needed to be removed from the property within this month that they are allowing for him to complete his cleanup. Mike agreed to this and stated that he understood what they were asking of him. The matter will be revisited on September 4 at the selectmen's meeting.

3. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Andrea seconded and all were in favor.
4. Manager's Items: The Board members reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants. Stacie updated the board on the proposed timeline for the Wire Bridge Memorial Park. After a meeting with the park committee it was hopeful to have the parking lot and pathway paved and the tank for the bathroom facility installed later this year.
5. Department Heads:
 - a. Gary Agren updated the board on the status of damages from the storm that came through earlier in the evening. He also discussed with them that there is another beaver dam on Safford Road again. He updated the board on the status of the ditch work that has been done and what is scheduled to be done.
 - b. Judi Wills shared with the board upcoming events and that the recreation committee was considering changing the name of the group.
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The Board began discussions with Gilbert Taylor regarding the snow plow contract. Becky Taylor voiced to the board members that she was very upset with the board because they backed out of a verbal agreement regarding purchasing Gilbert's sand/salt lot. Becky stated that the previous agreement on the amount for the snow plow contract was only because Becky and Gilbert were under the impression that the town would be purchasing their property for \$50,000.00, otherwise they would have asked for a higher amount to do the snow plowing. Andrea discussed with the group why she was reconsidering her thoughts on purchasing Gilbert's lot. Raymond also voiced to the group why he was reconsidering agreeing to purchase Gilbert's lot. They both shared with the group they were not totally ruling out that the town might purchase the lot, but felt it was crucial to look at all viable options and compare costs to do any site work and construction of a building. Currently, the property that the town already owns and the Fire Station and Town Office already set on could be another option to put a sand/salt shed facility. After a lengthy discussion regarding all previous agreements

and information regarding possible locations for a sand/salt shed, Gilbert stated to the board that he was not willing to sign a contract for a one year term to plow the roads for anything other than \$265,000.000. The Board members were all in agreement that at this time they were not comfortable in changing the amount previously agreed upon of \$255,000.00 without further review and consideration of the amount. The board members and Gilbert and Becky Taylor continued to have discussions regarding the matter. After more discussions, Raymond proposed to increase the amount to \$260,000.00. Gilbert stated that he would agree to that and sign a contract for that amount. Stacie Rundlett voiced her concerns for the board and the amount and what she has already heard regarding the increase from the public. Andrea discussed with Gilbert some previous issues with two turn arounds and the complaints were thoroughly reviewed with Gilbert. Gilbert brought up a concern about some trees at other turn around locations. There were no other concerns with the contract. Andrea motioned to sign the 2018- 2019 snow plow contract with Gilbert for \$260,000.00; Raymond seconded and all were in favor. It was noted that all those signing the contract initialed the changes made to the contract made at this meeting.

Andrea updated everyone regarding the animal control issues and dog licensing complaints.

Chris Williams discussed with the Board of Selectmen his concerns on a notice of violation that was sent to the owner of the property at which he resides. He stressed to the board that he felt he was being singled out and that he cleaned up the property last year and felt there was not an issue currently. There was a lengthy discussion regarding other properties throughout the town that were in violation of the Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Ordinance and how many violation notices have been sent out and how many of them are repeat offenders and how many more are due to be sent out. Stacie and the board assured Chris that he was not being singled out and that there are a number of notices sent out, more to come and many of them were repeat notices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the August 20 meeting. Smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi and Lewis Wills, Brian Rundlett

- a. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- b. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- c. The Board of Selectmen reviewed signed the payroll

and accounts payable warrants.

Stacie discussed the proposed contract with the architect for the sand/salt shed. The board chose not to make any actions at this time.

- d. Raymond discussed with the other board members his thoughts about the ground work being done. There was a discussion regarding whether to get a few quotes from local contractors or put it out to a bid process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 4, 2018

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Marilyn Gorman, Judi and Lewis Wills, Michael Malesky, Becky and Gilbert Taylor, Mike Allen, Brenda Stevens, Dallas Landry, Brian Rundlett, Andy and Christeen Mudgett, Terry Sigler, Kip Poulin, Kyle Handrahan, Gary Agren.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Public Hearing:

- a. Andrea briefed the public from beginning to current day some of the reasons the town was considering building its own Sand/Salt Shed facility. Lewis Wills updated all in attendance the scope of the Sand/Salt Shed Project and the four estimates that were received for the ground work for said project. After a lengthy discussion the Board of Selectmen reviewed all of the information. Raymond motioned for the facility to be built on the town's property currently 911 River Road, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. There was no decision made regarding with which contractor to utilize. It was discussed to put specifics for the ground work in writing and resubmit to contractors to see if their prices still would be the same, and then the Board of Selectmen would decide with which contractor to utilize for the ground work.

Review of minutes from previous meeting: Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Items by the Public: None

Department Heads:

- a. Gary Agren updated the board on work done. He stated that the work was progressing well so far. Flailing will be done soon. There was a little shoulder was out on Freeman Ridge Road.
- b. ad. that has already been addressed.
- c. Mike Malesky presented a supplemental tax bill to the board. The Selectmen reviewed the information and signed the supplemental tax warrant so a bill

can be issued. Mike is also working on the Municipal Valuation Return and a couple of small abatements.

- d. Kip Poulin updated the board on some hose testing that had been done. He told the board that tanker two had been repaired and is now working fine. There was discussion regarding tanker one and the circuit breaker issue in the rescue. Kip said that there had been approximately 48 calls so far this year.
- e. Judi Wills shared with the board that there was an upcoming event and that the recreation committee was meeting on Thursday to finalize said event.

Items by the Board of Selectmen:

The Board began discussions with Mike Allen the conditions of his property on Bennett Hill Road. Mike stated that all the junk in the yard had been cleaned up except a truck cap that he wasn't sure what to do with, and a couple of tires that someone was supposed to come pick up. He also told the board that the inside of the house had been cleaned out as well. He removed a tree that was hanging close to the roof. He just finished working on the property and hadn't called Stacie until today. Andrea asked if he would contact Stacie to schedule a meeting at the property by September 17. He agreed.

Town Managers Items:

The board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants. The board reviewed two treasurer's reports and signed off on them.

Items by the Board of Selectmen:

Andrea inquired with Mike Malesky if he could contact the engineer who has submitted a proposal for the sand/salt shed building and see if he can attend their meeting scheduled for the September 12. Mike said he would reach out to him and see if it can happen.

There was a discussion on how things would proceed for deciding on a contractor to do the ground work. The board discussed that putting things in writing and contacting the contractor's that submitted estimates to see if their prices still would be the same. But putting things in a written document would be their next step. Agren discussed with the board that the town has the capability to build the road for the site themselves and save money there. The board thanked Gary for his information and would review all the options to keep costs to a minimum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 17 meeting. Smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Clerk

If you would like an absentee ballot for the Tuesday, November 6 General/Referendum Election you can now request one by contacting the Town Clerk during regular business hours at (207) 628-4441 ext 0 or by email at newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

It's coming that time for nomination papers. This year we have one seat for Board of Selectmen and one seat for RSU #74 School Board Member becoming available. Nomination papers will be available starting on Wednesday, November 21.

Dog Licensing starts on Monday, October 15.

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, 2019 to avoid paying the late fee of \$25.00 per dog.* Any dog(s) 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 seven days, then you need to license your dog(s). If your dog(s) is six 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 ext. 0 as soon as possible so that we may update our information.

To re-license your dog, you need to come to the New Portland Town Office. Our regular office hours are Monday – Wednesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. 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 on the next page 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 fees are used to stop animal cruelty in Maine and to support our local animal shelter, which is located in Farmington.

The licensing fee is \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$11.00 for male or female dogs *if licensed BEFORE January 31, 2019.* The fees will be \$31.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$36.00 for unaltered dogs *if licensed after January 31, 2019.* 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

Dog Licensing Information

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: _____

RSU 74 / School Board

The September school board meeting was held on Wednesday, September 5 in a very warm CHS library.

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Sports Presentation: RSU 74 AD Julie Richards and MSAD 59 AD Chris Leblanc addressed the board about athletic goals. They stated that increasing student opportunities and maintaining competitive co-curricular programs are their major priorities. Currently, boys' soccer, football, and cheering are collaborative efforts between Carrabec and Madison. In the future, if it becomes necessary to combine teams due to low numbers, it is hoped that the decision can be made well in advance of the affected sports season. Girls' tennis and golf are on the radar as being teams to be considered for collaboration, and girls' soccer has been discussed in the past. Some board members indicated that in the future there may be a philosophical question to be answered. Should the goal be to create teams or programs?

Superintendent Goals: Mr. Tracy outlined his academic goals for 2018-2019 - continue work with PBE and PBIS. (He expects to keep traditional GPA based diplomas.), make better use of academic data, improve the attendance rate in 2017-2018. There was an absentee rate of roughly 24% each day. He outlined operational goals for 2018-2019 - find efficiencies and cost-savings, continue with strategic planning.

Superintendent Report: Student enrollment has increased by ten students over a year ago at this time. It may be necessary to repair or replace the CHS bleachers.

An estimate showed that repair cost may be \$40,000 and a replacement cost may be \$70,000. A recent study asserted that Maine is one of five states with the greatest disparity in school funding between rich and poor districts.

Appointments: Sam Harper - special education ed tech 2, CCS/cross country coach, CHS; Andrew Ferrari - cross country, CCS; Tammy Long - yearbook advisor, CHS/after-school tutor, CHS; Joyce Flanagan - special education ed tech 2, GS; Billie Lawrence - special education ed tech 2 to Title One ed tech 2, GS; Heidi Day - girls' soccer, CCS; PJ Vicneire - boys' soccer, CCS; Eleanor Easler - bus driver; Debbie Brown - bus driver; Dave Dickey - part-time groundskeeper; Tony Pranses - after-school tutor; Victoria Burbank - second grade, GS (one year); Janet Boothby - Alternative Ed stipend.

Admin Reports: Tim Richards told the board that Homecoming Week is coming up. Tom Desjardins commended the CCS PTO, and mentioned a CCS Back to School Bash scheduled for September 15. Jean Butler gave dates of the upcoming Open Houses. (GS - September 25, and Solon - September 26). There is full enrollment in pre-K with 31 students. The new pre-K busing plan has gone well so far.

Committees: The Strategic Planning Committee met on August 17, and it will host a community event on October 26-27. The Policy Committee will meet on September 12.

Citizens: No one spoke.

Emergency Plan: The board approved updates to the RSU 74 Emergency Plan.

Ed Tech One, Garret Schecnk: The board approved adding an ed tech one position at GS.

A van: The board debated whether or not a van should be purchased. This agenda item was tabled until next month.

To see if the Board will transfer the below amounts to cover the over expended budget articles for 2017-2018.

Transfer out/reduce: special education (article 2) by \$60,000; student and staff support (article 5) by \$30,000; facilities and maintenance (article 9) by \$65,000. Transfer to/increase: CTE Instruction (article 3) by \$8,500; School Administration (article 7) by \$111,500; transportation (article 8) by \$35,000. This item was approved.

Huts and Trails: The board approved a CCS overnight trip (October 26 and 27) to Maine Huts and Trails.

Delegates for MSMA Conference: The board appointed two delegates to the conference.

The End: The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Recreation Committee

Update: The Recreation Committee heard today that Recreation Community

Lori Agren and Heidi Tolman *would not be doing* the Trunk or Treat this year. We are sorry to hear that. It was a wonderful fun time for many kids and parents to enjoy and dress up.

The members (five members) of the Recreation Committee were notified *and agreed they would give it a try!* It would be sad to lose something that Lori and Heidi had created and had brought so many people together to enjoy Halloween.

So, let it be known to bring the kids and adults, on October 31, 2018 to the Fire Station parking lot at 5:00 - 7:00 pm for treats and fun. Come in costume to scare and make everyone laugh. Everyone is welcome to bring your vehicle decorated and have treats to hand out to the kids.

There will be a grand prize for best decorated trunk!!! This is a great time for the community to come together and enjoy the children and your neighbors having fun.

Please come and join us and show our support for what Lori and Heidi started a few years ago.

Minutes of the September 6, 2018, meeting of Recreation Committee:

Members present: Marilyn Gorman, Stacy Rundlett, Kristen Mitchell, Terry Gaudette, Judi Wills .

Notes from August meeting were reviewed. Plans for the Fall Festival were discussed and ideas shared.

The Fall Festival will be held October 20, 2018, starts at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

We will hold a Scarecrow Contest once again. This year we will look at scarecrows, kids have done. We will also encourage adults to enter scarecrows. There is no theme this year, but we ask to not to be disrespectful. Each age group will be judged independently. Entry forms will be available in the *New Portlander* to be submitted to entry box at Town Office. On the entry form check in which age group your entry is. Judging will be done October 19; winners will be announced October 20.

Bicycle entries will be done by age groups. 3 year to 6 year olds. One boy and one girl name will be drawn.

Ages 7 year old to 10 year old. One boy and one girl name will be drawn.

Pie contest will be held again this year. Your entry needs to be at Community Room by 10:30 am. Judging will be held at 11:00 am. This year we will sell slices of pie to public.

A new event this year will be Chili Contest. Can be

whatever you consider chili to be. This will be judged by level of heat and taste. Judges will have score cards to help make decisions. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. \$25.00 for 1st place \$15.00 for 2nd place and \$10.00 for 3rd place. We will have face painting by Christine Mudgett again this year, starting at 10:00 am. We hope to have Melissa Shea come and talk about Organic Gardening. There will be an obstacle course again this year, for kids. Another activity will be the great food the "Firemen Booth" cooks up.

The Western Maine Baptist Church, once again will have a Bounce House available. This is such a fun thing for children and a nice donation by the church.

The Fry Pan toss will be held again. Kids will have the chance to see who can toss the fry pan the furthest The competition for adults will also be done.

Submitted by: Judi Wills, Chair



Scarecrow Entry Form

Name: _____

☐ Child ☐ Adult Child's Age: _____

New Portland Library

Our current art exhibit is by Nita Leger Casey – “On Gilman Pond”. Please stop in to view this great exhibit. It will be up until October 10.

Check out our “free” table just inside the main library door. I currently have quite a few paperbacks put out along with other items. No charge, just enjoy and pass on! Also, don’t forget to check out our book sale located in the conference room. Make a donation and enjoy some great reading of new and classic books.

Our new exhibit is on Maine authors. We have scoured the library for writers from Maine. See what we have put on display, and if there is an author you would like to read and can’t find it, please ask us. We also are creating a display based on the list created by PBS of 100 diverse books. They are encouraging everyone to read as many of the books as possible. Then vote for your favorite. Participate in the Maine poll by going to <<https://www.surveymonkey.com>>. Please share your thoughts on what makes your selected book special. The best loved novel will be revealed during the grand finale episode October 23.

If you have a new email since applying for a library card or a new address or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Check out our teddy bear raffle – a nice collection of teddy bears, munchies and writing supplies. \$1.00 a ticket! It is located directly ahead of you when you enter the library. The drawing will be held October 20.

If you are interested in winning up to \$500, stop in and buy tickets for the fall ball drop to be held during the town’s Fall Festival. The Town of New Portland Recreation Committee is hosting the Fall Festival on October 20. Check our door for activities we will plan during this time to support the event.

The winners of the September drawing for the 60s club are Happy Horseshoe Campground, Jen and Bryan McNaney, and an Anonymous.

There is still time to sign up for this monthly drawing. \$60 will give you 3 chances to win every month for a year (\$50, \$25 or \$10). Open to the first 60 people to sign up! Ask library staff for more information.

Submitted: Shelia Atwood

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.

Lexington Highland Historical Society

Open House at the Lexington/Highland Historical Museum will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on the following Tuesdays in October: October 2 and October 9. The museum is located at the intersection of Long Falls Dam Road and the Back Road in Lexington. Docents will be available to conduct tours. If anyone would like a tour after October 9 and before October 30 please call Emmons Pinkham at 207-465-8238 or send an e-mail to pinkeb@roadrunner.com. The final business meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 pm with a pot-luck supper to be held following the meeting. The Historical Fall Festival planned for Saturday, October 6 will not be held this year.

Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham

Community Churches

As the summer winds down, the Western Mountains Baptist Church on Route 27 gears up by offering two new opportunities for community members to learn and grow together. Grief Share is a support group to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. There is a weekly video, discussion and workbooks. Space is limited. The first session began the last Sunday evening in September. If this group is something you would like to learn more about and possibly participate, please call or text Pastor Tom at 557-3802 as soon as possible. The second new group is a marriage study called “What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage” by Paul David Tripp. Again, space is limited and the first class took place Wednesday evening, September 26. Pastor Tom can answer your questions and let you know how/if/when you can get involved.

For this month only, the Men’s Breakfast that meets the first Saturday of each month, will be holding their breakfast while at the same time do a repair job on a broken, rotten porch in Freeman Township. Men and women are invited to join in on this combined fellowship/service ministry event. The fun begins at 8:00 am. Call Jean at 340-8186 to get directions.

The Ladies Ministry meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month for Bible lessons, friendship and community service projects. Start time is 5:30 pm. No need to register, just show up.

Teenagers are invited to join Thursday night Youth Group led by Ted and Heidi Neil. The Neils are passionate about supporting and helping parents to teach their teens to grow in their relationship with God and to better manage life’s lessons and challenges. Teens will have the opportunity to play fun games, join in on

meaningful discussions, be involved in creative projects, enjoy outdoor adventures and of course indulge in food/ snacks and more. Parents that want to volunteer time or transportation please call 446-8082.

At WMBC, Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:00 am. Nursery (ages 0 – 3 years) and Children's Church (ages 4 to third grade) are available for youngsters during the worship service. For early risers, Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:00 am. Free coffee and snacks available throughout the morning. Visitors are welcome.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

New Portland Community Church News October 2018: The West Village Church suppers have been lots of fun and everyone has been so supportive of our church that we have chosen to do the last two summers of the 'summer' by donation only. Please come and enjoy a meal with your neighbors. If you missed the Mac and Cheese 'feed' in September DON'T miss the Chicken Parmesan Supper on October 18. This is for all those Italian food lovers!

Also, if it hasn't already gone by, make sure you attend the Super Sunday Gospel Service being held at the end of September. The service is a joint service held with Fairbanks Union Church of Farmington and will be held at 10:00 am on September 30. Brunch will follow. Gospel singer Sammie Angel will be joining us as well as other local talent from the Farmington and New Portland areas.

Rev. Thea Kornelius started holding weekly gatherings on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. These gatherings are a chance to "Explore your Faith" in a friendly and supportive environment.

Several members of the New Portland congregation have been going to Farmington to attend this meeting, but if there is enough interest, Thea would be more than willing to meet 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 know of your interest.

Plans for a Jr/Sr High Youth Group are still in the works. This would address any faith and life issues that these young people might be interested in exploring. If anyone has any interest in participating in this please contact Thea at (434) 247-9747 or e-mail her at rotheak@gmail.com .

Starting on October 7, services will be held at the West Village Church for the winter. 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

Sno-Travelers

The snowmobile club did not have a meeting this month due to not enough officers being able to attend. The next club meeting will be Saturday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at the Firehouse Meeting Room.

Submitted: Lynne Cary





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 <div>NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR</div> <div>OCTOBER 2018</div> <div>DOUG KEHR PHOTO</div>							SUNDAY
1	WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 11:00 am WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services	2	Selections Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room RSU 74 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Community Room Planning Board 6:30 pm Community Room	3	Town Office Closed for Training	4	Town Office Closed for Training
5	Town Office Closed for Training	6	Town Office Closed Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day	7	Town Office Closed Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day	8	Town Office Closed Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day
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21	WVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am	22	Business Meeting 4:00 pm History House Firemen's Meeting 6:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	All Hallows Eve	27	