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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 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.....6:30pm
- **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
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 in the month of October: Wednesday, October 2 for Training and Thursday, October 3 for Training, Monday, October 14 for Observance of Indigenous People's Day. All State Offices are closed.

Town Clerk

Monday, October 7 is when I can start issuing absentee ballots for the upcoming November 5, 2019, Referendum Election. Voters can come into the office during regular business hours, call the office or email me to get an absentee application. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Submitted: Kristen Mitchell, Town Clerk



Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Lloyd Dalton, Floyd Cook, Kyle Handrahan, Kip Poulin

1. Call the meeting to order-Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. Brief Discussion on Chase Hall
3. Review minutes from previous meeting: The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Andrea seconded, and all were in favor.

4. Items by the Town Manager : a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants b. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report.
5. Department Heads: Mike Malesky had the Board of Selectmen review and sign a Supplemental Tax Bill to be issued to a parcel that was missed at time of the 2019 tax commitment. The board reviewed the paperwork, and Andrea motioned to supplement Jason Winslow and abate Kendra Baker and Jamie Jackson \$1,069.60. Raymond seconded, and all were in favor. Mike provided the board with information for two abatements for the Town of New Portland, for tax bills that were issued in error. Mike also discussed with the board a homestead exemption that was issued in error. This taxpayer already receives a homestead exemption in another town here in Maine. Mike provided all of the supporting documents to the board for review. Andrea motioned to supplement for 2019 exemption that was given in error, and Wayne seconded, and all were in favor. Mike discussed briefly with the board an inquiry made regarding Enviromats to him and wanted to bring it to the board's attention that they may be approached on bringing down the valuation there. Mike provided more information regarding the abatements for the two town accounts. Andrea motioned to abate the two town accounts that were issued tax bills in error for the following amounts, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor. 1. \$68.76 2. \$275.04
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The Board of Selectmen reviewed a contract for Fire Protection between the Town of New Portland and Highland Plantation. Andrea motioned to enter into a one year agreement with Highland Plantation for Fire Coverage per the contract before them, Raymond seconded, and all were in favor. The board signed the contract and Stacie will mail it to Jo Dunphy for Highland Plantation board members to review and sign. Kip discussed with the board issues that the department has been experiencing with the Rescue. A part has been ordered to see if it will be a simple fix, if not it will be approximately \$2,000 for another new mother board. Kip issued a bill for a tractor trailer incident that the department was on for over 2.5 hours. There was a discussion on the building contractor and a conversation that Andrea had had with him. There were also some discussions on the foundation work being done. Andrea stated that she will call Toby Pinkham from T & T Construction for an update on the timeline. Raymond will reach out to Richard Emery regarding electrical work to be done for the sand/ salt

shed. There was a brief discussion regarding the deed for Chase Hall and how it reads. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 3 at the beginning of the Selectmen's meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the Snow Plow Contract; no bids were submitted for this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 3rd meeting. smr

RSU 74 / School Board

The September school board meeting was held on September 4 in a very warm CHS library.

Minutes: The minutes of the August board meeting and the August 26 special (sports-related) board meeting were approved.

Presentation: Superintendent Goals - Mr. Tracy discussed his goals for the 2019-2020 school year. They include *Data Driven Instruction* - Writing Prompts will be utilized. SAT Prep will be a focus. Development of effective RTI programming will continue. *Community-Centric Programming* - Opportunities will be explored in the hope of bringing newborns - 4 year olds into the schools and also adults (19+). Community centric programs might include community initiatives inside and outside of the school. Social Media will be used (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) to keep the community engaged and informed about what is taking place in the schools. *Mental Health and Trauma* - The impact of mental health and trauma has become far more recognized in recent years, and training will be given to help staff deal with this more effectively. *Finding Efficiencies and Cost Savings* - This will continue to be a priority.

Last year the Strategic Planning Committee and more than fifty community members met to identify goals for the future, and this year several of those goals will be implemented. For example, in 2019-2020: An additional Performing Arts position has been added. A middle school JMG position will be shared between CCS and Madison Jr. High. The district Emergency Plan has been revised. There will be more opportunities for teachers to engage in Common Planning Time and Vertical Teaming.

Presentation - Fall Sports Update - Julie Richard opened her remarks by commending the staff for the condition of the playing fields, saying that she believed they were the best in the MVC. The CHS/ Madison combined boys' soccer team has 14 players. The CHS girls' soccer team has 14. Cross country has three. Ten CHS students play on the Madison/Carrabec football team. Five CHS students are on the Madison

cheering squad. One CHS student is playing golf. At the high school level, as the number of athletes has continued to decrease throughout the state, fewer and fewer schools have JV teams. Less than half of the 15 Mountain Valley Conference schools have JV programs this fall. At CCS: 19 are playing boys' soccer, 17 are playing girls' soccer, seven are running cross country.

Appointments: Aimie Pomerleau - ed tech one, CHS; Wendy Witham - ed tech three, CCS; Henry Esty - transfer to maintenance/grounds; Tim Goding - special ed teacher, GS and Solon; Blaise Kandiko - CHS Science and CHS cross country; Heather Longley - volunteer assistant, CHS girls' soccer; Taylor Savage - volunteer assistant, CHS boys' soccer.

Resignation: Ross Sirois - ed tech 3 at CCS (*He will become the CHS/Madison middle school JMG specialist.*)

Admin Reports: Tim Richards told the board that teacher Tony Pranses wrote a grant that provided CHS with a number of interactive TVs. (I failed to write down the number, but I think it may have been seven.) Jean Butler noted that the year was off to a good start at both GS and Solon and told the board the dates of the Open Houses at the two schools. Tom Desjardins said that the opening of the school year has gone very smoothly, and he informed the board of the CCS "Back to School Bash". According to Scott Hall, the district Facebook page is up and running. Lorie Agren said that there have been some busing issues that are being resolved and thanked people for their patience.

Committees: The Buildings and Grounds Cmte met just before the board meeting.

Citizens: A citizen asked about the cost of bus repairs and expressed unhappiness with the arrangement in which RSU 74 buses are serviced by RSU 59.

Huts and Trails: The board approved a CCS eighth grade overnight trip to Maine Huts and Trails in Kingfield.

Employee Use of Social Media: The board approved the second reading of this policy

District Social Media: The board approved the second reading of this policy

Emergency Plan: The board approved an update to the district Emergency Plan

To see if the Board will approve annuitizing the scholarship monies received from the Kiwanis and

American Legion for student scholarships. The board approved.

To see if the Board will approve the purchase of a new school bus and award the formal competitive school bus bid. The board approved, and accepted the bid from O'Connor.

To see if the Board will discuss the fact finding regarding school financials and enrollment report for possible school closures. There was discussion, but no action was taken.

To see if the Board will enter into executive session pursuant to MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, SS §: 405-6. A. "Superintendent Evaluation."

When the board entered executive session, I went home, because the only remaining agenda item was...

Adjournment

The next school board meeting will be October 2 at the Embden Community Center.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Educational Association President

New Portland Water District

The New Portland Water District is seeking volunteers to serve on the board of trustees. The only requirements are that you are a resident of New Portland, live within the district, and can attend monthly meetings. It is imperative to get new board members to ensure that we can continue as a public utility and allow the New Portland Water District to continue to provide clean, safe drinking water to its customers.

All interested persons please contact one of the current trustees or attend any monthly meeting. Meeting dates are posted at both the post office and town office.

District Trustees: Donald Edes 207-628-4843 or dwed@ gmail.com, Dick Salmon 207-628-3631, Gary Cobb 207-628-3612, Lisa Beane 207-628-4842

Submitted: Lisa Beane

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.



Official Entry Form for Fall Festival Scare Crow Contest

Scarecrow:
Character Name (What story?)

Name of Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Stake Number: _____

Please make sure to put entry in box at Town office.

Recreation Committee

Minutes for the Recreation Meeting September 5, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following present: Kristian Mitchell, Marilyn Gorman, Judi Wills.

Discussion began with setting date and time for Fall Festival in October 19, 2019.

This will start at 10:00 am and go to 1:00 pm. The events for this festival events discussed and ideas shared.

Pie Contest: This will be held again this year. All pies need to be at community room at 10:00 am. Judging will be done at 11:00 am. (Marilyn Gorman will call people to judge pies).

Pumpkin Painting: Small pumpkins will be available along with paint/markers to have kids design and color pumpkins. We will have someone who will be available to help the children with their creations. (Kristian will get markers.)

Chilli Contest: Can be whatever you consider chilli to be. Judging will be level of heat and taste. Judging will be done by score cards to help make decisions. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

Face Painting: This will be done starting at 10:00 am to 10:30 am.

Golf Game: Clubs will be available along with golf ball. Prizes will be given for those who make the ball go into the hole.

Scare Crow contest: This will be for children to design whatever type of Scare Crow they would like. Being respectful. Entry slips will be in the New Portlander for contestants to give information. The entry needs to be submitted in the box at the town office with contestant's name, age and phone number. Judging will be done October 18, winners will be announced at the Festival October 19.

Fry Pan Toss: Contestants will be going for the longest throw. This will be measured with each person's toss. (small pan for kids, large pan for adults.

Once again, we will have bicycles for kids. Ages 7 – 10 years of age. We will have (1) girl's bike and (1) boy's bike.

Submitted: Judi Wills





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 to 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: _____

Lexington/Highland Historical Society

The Lexington/Highland Historical Society located at the intersection of Long Falls Dam Road and Back Road in Lexington will host a DAR program entitled "The Holden Family of Moose River". This will be held at the History House at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 12.

The Annual Meeting of the Lexington/Highland Historical Society will be held at the History House at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 20 with a pot luck supper being served after the meeting.

Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham

Church News

The Western Mountains Baptist Church has recently updated information on our website at www.westernmountainchurch.org. Take a look at the calendar of events, weekly groups in which to be involved, people to connect with, listen to weekly sermons, give online or read our quarterly newsletters. It's a great way to learn more about WMBC and to get up to date information.

Beginning Monday evenings on October 7 at 6:00 pm, the Daniel Plan group will begin meeting again after a summer break. There is no charge and anyone is welcome. Come learn about Rick Warren's strategy for healthy eating, fitness, faith and focus along with a group of friends on the same healthy lifestyle journey.

On Saturday, October 19, a Farm Fair will be held in Phillips at the Thorndike Farm on the Tory Hill Road. Everyone is welcome to join in on a day of farm animals, hay rides, a pie contest, fly fishing demonstration, potluck meal, music and loads of other entertainment. The fun begins at 11:00 am and will end with a bonfire at dark, 7:00 pm-ish. Bring family, friends and neighbors for the whole day or visit for a few hours.

WMBC meets every Sunday at 928 Carrabassett Road on Rt. 27. Church services are held at 10:00 am. During that time nursery and Children's Church is offered up to fourth grade. Beforehand at 9:00 am, Sunday school is available for all ages. Visitors are welcome any Sunday or at any of our weekly events. To get more information or to ask for prayer send an email to: westernmountainchurch@tds.net or text Pastor Tom at 557-3802.

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

New Portland Community Church News October :
As we head into October the beautiful colors and crisp temperatures make outdoor time so enjoyable. We hope you are getting out and enjoying the season.

The October church supper will be the final one of the year. It will be held on Thursday, October 17. Expect a seasonal dinner to be served featuring a choice of beef stew or corn chowder, salad, rolls, pies and donuts. Don't forget the apple cider! Mulled or chilled! Our final church supper of the year will be free, donations gratefully accepted.

As I've written before, church suppers have been really great this year. Attendance has been excellent and everyone seems to have enjoyed the evening. And we appreciate those whose hard work have made each meal a true dining experience. Mary Ellen Royce and Judy Batchelder have been instrumental in making our suppers spectacular this summer. Thank you both so much for your efforts.

The Historical Society, housed in the schoolhouse building next to the church, will be open before, during and after the October 17 church supper. Please stop by and check out an excellent exhibit of New Portland history. A big thank you to Jamie Eck and Marilyn Gorman for taking the time to open the Historical Society to coincide with the church supper.

Journey of Faith has been on break but will continue again later in the year. Discussions will still be held at the Fairbanks Church in Farmington on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Look for an announcement concerning the date this bible study will begin again. There will be a special focus during the Advent season on The Magnificat, Mary's Hymn of Praise. This should be interesting and thought provoking. All are welcome to join the conversation.

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

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



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR OCTOBER 2019 DOUG KEHR PHOTO						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am	2 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Embden Community Center Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm Town Office Closed	3 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm Town Office Closed	4 Town Office Open 8:00 am - Noon	5 Town Office Open 8:00 am - Noon	6 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am	7 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Services 11:00 am WMBC Bible School 9:00 am Service 10:00 am
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