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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	10am - 5pm
Thursday	12pm - 6pm
First Saturday of the month	8am - noor
(except Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar. and permitting it's not a holiday wed	ekend)

Town Manager/CEO, Deputy Clerk: Stacie Rundlett

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Town Clerk: Kristen Mitchell

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Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

Animal Control Officer: Keith Mudgett, Jr. - Cell: (207) 248-2874

Remember... <u>-</u>

•	Selectmen's Meeting
	1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month6:30pm
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- New Portland Fire Department Meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month6:30pm
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting
 2nd Tuesday of the month6pm
- 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 month6pm
- 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
- Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station
 Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday.......... 7:30am 4:30pm

Thursday & Sunday 1pm – 3pm

New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours
 Monday – Friday.......7am - 9am, 2pm - 4pm
 Saturday.....7am - 10:30am

Notice of Public Hearing

TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the Town of New Portland will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station in the Community Room, 911 River Road. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on the proposal from the New Portland Lion's Club for the Town of New Portland to take over ownership of Chase Hall in the North Village. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing.

Selectmen

Minutes for Selectmen's Meeting June 17, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert (absent); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Jason Thomas, Toby Pinkham, Kristen Mitchell and Brayden Lovejoy, Kyle Handrahan

- 1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- 2. The board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. The Board opened and reviewed three bids for the Sand/Salt Shed Building Project: 1. David Trask & Son \$66,500.00; 2. Thomas Builders \$46,500.00; 3. Maine Highlands Contracting \$149,498.00. After reviewing all three bids and a lengthy discussion regarding the plans provided by the engineer, the Board of Selectmen decided to table the matter until they have a discussion with the engineer regarding the concerns voiced by bidders and the board. They are in hopes to have a decision made within a week.
- 4. Items by the Town Manager The board reviewed and signed the accounts payable and payroll warrants. The board reviewed and signed off on the Treasurer's Report. Stacie shared with the board that it was time to submit tonnage amount to be included in the KVCOG members only rock salt purchase. The board authorized her to submit amount as has been done in the past. The Board will review the previous snow plow contract before the next meeting so a new version can be finalized.

- 5. Items by the Public Mike Malesky shared with the board that he has found approximately \$600,000 in new valuation. He also updated the board the Tree Growth values had dropped, and he has been working diligently to finish up with things so we can commit taxes in a timely fashion. Kristen updated the board about dog licensing. After notices had gone out most of those who hadn't licensed their dogs yet, have come in to do so.
- 6. Items by the Board of Selectmen The Board of Selectmen reviewed the applicant for the Animal Control Officer position. Wayne motioned for Keith Mudgett, Jr., to be appointed as ACO for a three year term. Andrea seconded and all were in favor. The board authorized Stacie to pay Lori Agren, former ACO for the five months at that position. Kristen provided the board with the appointment paper to sign. Kristen will reach out to Keith so he can be sworn in as ACO.Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) Personnel Matters. Wayne seconded and all were in favor. 7:18 pm. The board called the meeting back to order at 7:29 pm; no decisions were made. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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

Minutes for Selectmen's Meeting July 7, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert (absent); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Clifford Norton, Wright Pinkham, Buster Pinkham, Gary Agren, Buffi Phillips, Marilyn Gorman, Kip Poulin, Josh Nunes

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

- The Board opened and reviewed three bids for the Winter Sand Project: 1. JR Nunes & Sons Excavation - \$ 8.25 per yard;
 Fenwick Construction LLC - \$13.25 per yard;
 Cousineau Inc - \$15.25 per yard. After reviewing all threee bids and a discussion, Andrea motioned to accept the bid from JR Nunes and Sons Excavation, pending an inspection of the sand. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
- Review Minutes from previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. Department Heads: 1. Gary briefed the board about the recent repairs to the grader. He discussed some of the summer roads work that is currently going on, and the work that is yet to be done. 2. Kip updated the board about the Highland Plantation coverage, and it has not been finalized yet. 3. Mike briefed the board about some assessing details. Andrea asked if the majority of the discussion to deal with commitment of taxes could wait until the end of the meeting and Mike agreed to that.
- 4. Items by the Town Manager: The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the account payable and payroll warrants.

Recreation Committee

This summer was a busy time for many people on the Recreation Committee. We did not have our meeting in August due to members not being available.

The committee discussed ideas and will make plans for some events for the people in New Portland. We would like ideas from people so we would know your interests, so we can try to organize and try to bring new activities to our town.

We will post notes in the September New Portlander with what we receive and what the committee will try to put together.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and please send your ideas to the committee. You can email me, jwills@tdstelme.net. I will then share this information to the committee.

Submitted: Judi Wills

- 5. Items by the Public: Members of the New Portland Lion's Club discussed their intentions for the Chase Hall Building. After their attorney reviewed a deed to them dated back in the 1930's, it was determined that if the Lion's Club was to no longer posses the building that it would need to be deeded back to the Town of New Portland. The Lion's Club discussed the conditions of the building with the board and asked the Selectmen to decide if they would like the building back or not and if not if they would issue a quit claim deed to the Lion's Club, so they would legally sell or dispose of the building. The board of Selectmen stated that they would consider the town's options and try to make a decision within a timely fashion.
- 6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: 1. Raymond reviewed with all the material submitted by the three lumber companies proposed for the construction of the Sand Salt Shed Building. The board members were in agreement that Jordan Lumber Company seemed to be the only company that provided costs for all the material needed to erect the building. There was a discussion regarding the designs of the building and what the town's needs were. It was determined that Raymond would contact the engineer again, and the board asked Stacie to review the recorded minutes to find a particular meeting where they had discussions with the engineer regarding what the town's needs were for this building project. There was a brief discussion regarding the lowest bidder for the building project. Raymond motioned to accept the bid from Thomas Construction, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Raymond stated that he would contact the owner to let him know the board's decision. 2. Andrea read an email from the Maine D.O.T. regarding their proposals to do repairs to the bridge in the East Village in 2020. D.O.T. is proposing closing the bridge completely for three to four months. The Board of Selectmen have asked the D.O.T. representative toattend

the next selectmen's meeting. Andrea asked Stacie to make sure that it was posted on the town website as well as their Facebook page and the New Portland Community Facebook page so that the public had an opportunity to attend and ask questions or voice concerns. 3. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the only bid that was submitted for the paving portion of the Sand Salt Shed Project. It was from Fine Line Paving in the amount of \$22,149.00. The board tabled the matter until the next meeting. 4. The board also tabled the matter of the Snow Plowing Contract until the next meeting. Stacie made sure that all three board members had a hard copy that they could make their revisions on to bring to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the July 15 meeting. Smr

Minutes for Selectmen's Meeting July 15, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert (absent);

Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Marilyn Gorman, Kip Poulin, Deb LeBeau, Kristen Mitchell, Bryan Knowles, Brayden Lovejoy, Bobbie-Sue Harrington, Leanne Timberlake

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

- Review Minutes from previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written; Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- 2. D.O.T. Discussions: The Maine Department of Transportation Representative, Leanne Timberlake discussed that MDOT looking for input from the town and how a closure of the bridge next year would affect the community. MDOT had bridge engineer, Rebecca shared a power point session showing the deterioration of the bridge and what MDOT proposes for repairing the bridge in the East Village. There was a lengthy discussion afterwards by many, offering the concerns of the community of the impact of not having the bridge open during any of the repairs. Leanne expressed her gratitude for the public's input on the matter and would take all of the questions and concerns back to the committee working on this matter to see if there is a better way to address this matter.
- 3. Department Heads: 1. Kristen Mitchell reminded the board that there is still a vacancy on the school board. Bobbie-Sue discussed with the board some of her ideas on how to fill that vacancy. There were no decisions made regarding the vacancy at this time. Kristen also brought to the board's attention that at this time there were only four people on the list of

residents that have not licensed their dogs as of yet for the year 2019. She reviewed with the board the detailed report that she received from the new Animal Control Officer, Keith Mudgett. The board thanked Kristen and Keith for their great work. 2. Mike reviewed with the board figures to consider for tax commitment. The board and Mike agreed to hold an emergency meeting on July 23 to finalize those figures so Mike could commit 2019 taxes. 3. Kip shared with the board that the old equipment that did not sell was donated to Foster Tech. He also updated the board on status of some repairs being done. 4. Keith updated the board that at some point in the near future there will be a couple of items needed for equipment, but for the time being he would make due with what we have.

- 4. Items by the Public: 1. Bobbie-Sue discussed with the board her strong feelings and information regarding having the school board meetings recorded. She shared that the costs to do so, could possibly be shared by the towns. The board felt that the meetings should be recorded and would be interested in finding out the possibilities of sharing the costs. 2. Mike inquired with the board when there would be electricity installed into the sand/salt shed. Raymond would inquire with 3 companies to see what the costs would be.
- 5. Items by the Town Manager: The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the account payable and payroll warrants, as well as the Treasure's Report.
- 6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: 1. Andrea brought her copy of the revised snow plow contract. She reviewed the revisions that she thought needed to be done. The board discussed and reviewed the changes. There was a brief discussion regarding the building contractor bid and the changes to the building. The board asked Stacie to see if the engineer and the building contractor can attend the meeting scheduled for July 23. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the August 6th meeting. smr

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting July 23, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert (absent); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi and Lewis Wills, Kyle Handrahan, Jason Thomas, Steve Govoni, Becky and Gilbert Taylor

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

1. The board discussed with Jason Thomas regarding the changes to the sand/salt shed building and how much of a price difference it will be from his original bid. Jason did not have a new price for the board but could provide one tomorrow pending discussions with the engineer and the proposed changes. The board had a lengthy discussion with

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the engineer, Steve, about a number of proposed changes and how those would affect the building. It was discussed the need to contact Jordan Lumber Company regarding ordering the trusses. The board authorized Jason Thomas, contractor, to deal directly with Jordan Lumber Company to schedule deliveries for material.

- 2. Mike reviewed with the board the final numbers for committing taxes for 2019. After reviewing a proposed letter that Mike would like to send out to the taxpayers giving a brief explanation of why the taxes have increased, the board authorized it to go out with the tax bills. Mike presented to the board the final figures for tax commitment. After a discussion and reviewing all of the information Andrea motioned to set the tax rate at 19.1 and to approve the change in valuation of 3% on buildings and a 2,000 increase in valuation on rural homesites. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
- The board briefly discussed the proposal from the New Portland Lion's Club regarding Chase Hall. The board authorized Stacie to put the snow plow contract back out to bid.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the August 6 meeting. Smr

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting August 6, 2019

Selectmen Present: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Mike Malesky, Judi Wills, Lloyd Dalton, Marilyn Gorman, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

- 1. Review minutes from previous meeting: The board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written; Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- 2. Department Heads: a. Gary discussed with the board that he recently purchased some culverts. They will be setting three to five culverts soon. Middle Road, Bennett Hill Road, Gilman Pond Road, and Cole Grove Road have all had ditch work done. Gary discussed with the board a culvert on Tuttle Road that was in need of replacement. He shared many details about why it needed to be replaced and the work required to do so. He has a few contractors to look at the job and give a quote on the work to be done. Gary feels it will most likely take a couple of days to do this job. b. Mike updated the board that since taxes have been sent, he has received seven or eight complaints regarding them. c. Kip discussed with the board the proposed contract for fire coverage with Highland Plantation. Stacie updated everyone that Joe Dunphy from Highland Plantation called and stated that they were just waiting on a contract from us to review and sign. Kip stated that there have been 51 calls so far for this payroll year. He updated the board on repairs that have been completed on the fire trucks and some still waiting to be done. d. Judi discussed with the board a proposal that was brought to her for the recreation committee. A resident offered to buy a liner for an iceskating rink to be put in for winters at the community room area. Judi shared with the board that many

- of the recreation committee members were concerned as to who would install the ice skating rink, maintain it and where it would be stored when it wasn't winter months. The board thought that was a generous offer from the resident but agreed that there was no one to take care of it at this time.
- 4. Items by the Public: Lloyd Dalton brought to the boards attention that there was a Revolutionary War veteran buried on Atwood Hill Road, and the cemetery was not being maintained. He gave some description of the veteran and asked the board what could be done on making sure that the area was properly taken care of. The board stated that they would look into what options there might be to make sure that the veteran's lot was maintained.
- 5. Items by the Town Manager: Stacie presented payroll and accounts payable warrants to the board. The board reviewed and signed the warrants.
- 6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal from the New Portland Lion's Club for Chase Hall. The board members all felt it was important to get the opinions of the residents regarding the matter before making any decisions. The board will try to hold the first part of their next meeting at Chase Hall, so there can be more discussions on the matter and the condition of the building. Once it is confirmed they asked for Stacie to post the meeting as so. They also all agreed to hold a Public Hearing at the beginning of the September 3 meeting. b. The selectmen reviewed and approved an application for a liquor license permit from Our Village Market in New Vineyard for the sale of beer at UBM. c. The board had a lengthy discussion regarding the new quote from Jason Thomas Builders for the sand/salt shed building. Andrea would reach out to Jason and discuss in more detail why his price increased so much. But it was agreed upon by all that the project needed to move forward, and they were hopeful that Jason Thomas would still be able to work with us and schedule the project in soon. Andrea would update her findings. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the August 19 meeting

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

New Portland Lions

It's time for the New Portland Fair. Fair dates are September 13,14, & 15. New in the Exhibition Hall is in the "cake decorating category". Any one can decorate a box with frosting and enter it to the fair. We also have a new category "dress your doll".

Reminder all entries for the Exhibition Hall need to be brought to the fair grounds on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Look for Exhibition Hall regulations; they are around town at stores and the town office. Hope to see you at the fair.

Submitted: Cathy Horne

We want to

Thank

the Antique Tractor Club of Norridgewock for the donation of their Kids Barrel Train Ride

We hope you enjoy!

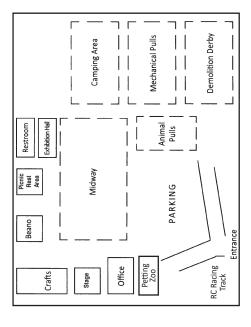
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The New Portland Lions thank you for the donation of a chain saw, a prize to some lucky fair goer and the use of one new tractor.

PIG SCRAMBLE

Sunday at 10:00 am Ages 4-6; 7-8; 9-10 Must Pre-register at 9:00 AM on Sunday Cost is \$3.00 EACH ENTRY



Gold Star Contributors to the Fair:



Mike Witham Trucking

635-2721

** Mr. & Mrs. Parker Tripp Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Horne ** The above names have contributed to purchase all the pigs for the pig scramble.

- THANKS FOR YOUR HELP -

635-2609	628-5001
Mike Malesky, Surveying	Ms. Cathy Hinman
Bob Eliott, Logging	Gilbert Taylor & Sons

Wrestling (NAWA) North Atlantic brought to you by STAN'S FRENCH FRIES

CONTACT INFORMATION

Animal Pulls	Steve Smith639-5621
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Craft Festival	Bob Perkins643-2479
Demolition Derby	Tiger Pinkham431-3113
	Buster Pinkham628-3471
Exhibition Hall	Laurie McLean635-2520
Fair Coordinator	Wright Pinkham628-2916
Camping	Wade Chipman399-3639
RC Racing	Bob Thompson635-2119



New Portland Lions Club

87th Annual

Agricultural Fair

24th Annual

Maine Crafts Festival



R C Radio Control Competition

September 13-15, 2019

State Route 146, N. New Portland, Maine 04961

FAIR PROCEEDS SUPPORT

\$50 CASH DRAWING

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Midway by Miller Amusements

Saturday, 6:00 PM (helmets required) Presents Truck Pulls 778-5607

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Sunday at 3:00 pm Sponsored by ..

Lions Fair entertainment is subject to change without notice

* * * Pre-Registration required 15 mins. before event times (FROG, EEL, SACK, PIE & SAWDUST,

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****Sawdust Coin hunt ages 5-8, in front of Stage	:15PM :00PM
Gun Raffle drawing in front of stage. Only 400 tickets to be sold. Ask a local Lion for info.	:00PM
***Eel races must be 7 & under, in front of Stage	:30PM
Demolition Derby (register 12PM), Demo Derby Area ***Register for Eel ages 7 & under, in front of Stage	:00PM
and win a prize ages 5-8, 9-12 & 13-17, in front of Stage	
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Rick Adams (stilt walking) on the Midway	:30PM
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***Sawdust Coin Hunt ages 9-12	:00PM
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presents... ATV PULLS

EORGE BERRY & SON EXCAVATION

Area near the Demolition Derby. Presented by Central Maine Pyrotechnics 6:45-8:45PM ... FIREWORKS - A great fireworks show. Don't Miss It Country and Oldies - Stage

Danny Taylor, Blaine Burhoe & Doug Mathiew (registration 5PM), Mechanical Pull Area

6:00PMLocal Boys Truck Pulls (1/2 ton, 3/4 ton & 4x4 Super Stock) 2:30PM Mainley Balloons Sculpturing - Midway - Fun for all ages a special tribute to Lillian Merrill. Sing old and new country - Stage Valerie Burbank, Sarah Messer & Friends with

BROUGHT TO YOU BY STAN'S FRENCH FRIES

2:00-3:30PM.... 9:00AM-8:00PM... 8:00AM..... 1:30-2:00PM..... 11:30-1:00PM 12:00PM ... Mainley Balloons - Midway. Balloon Sculpting - fun for all ages 10:00 AM 10:00AM Wrestling Assoc. - front of Stage. RAIN DATE: Sunday Afternoon K9 World Finalist and Record Holder, near Craft Building Single Horse Twitching, Pair Scooting, Animal Pull Area ..RC Radio Control Competition - RC Competition Area Farmer's Horse Pull (weigh in 8AM), Animal Pull Area . Mike Piazza & His Flying High Frisbee Dogs Mike Piazza & His Dogs near Craft Building Wrestling - Live- by the North Atlantic Josh Turner, Chainsaw Artist-Midway Midway Rides (bracelet all day \$18 Farmer's Pull, Animal Pull Area Country Music - Stage **Exhibition Hall Opens** Craft Building Opens The Pinkham's

Saturday, September 14, 2019

2:30PM Farmer's Steer & Ox Pull (weigh in 11AM), Animal Pull Area 3:00PM-8:00PM..... 6:30PM-8:00PM ATV Pulls (Check in 6 PM), Mechanical Pull Area Back for 2nd year with a bigger and better show along with new talent by our own local Lions Josh Turner, Chainsaw Artist - Midway Midway Opens (wristbands all day Drag Queen Talent Show- stage Craft and Exhibition Halls Open followed by 2501-3300lb. class Ox Pulling 1700-2500lb. class (Rhino class requires helmet followed by 3301lb. + class Gates Oper

Friday, September 13, 2019

times are subject to change SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

> 9:00AM 8:00AM-5:00PM 8:00AM.....

<u>Sunday, September 15, 2019</u>

KIDS DAY ALL DAY

... Gates Oper

Pro Horse Pull (weigh in 8AM), Animal Pull Area

.. Josh Turner, Chainsaw Artist-Midway

Exhibition Hall Opens

Per Family (includes 2 adults and children under 18) Per Person Daily AdmissionFriday & Sunday \$15 Saturday \$18 ...\$15.00

How Your Lions Help Your Community

- They do eye glass screening for Kindergartens in local schools
- They give eye glasses to people who qualify
- They recycle old and broken glasses, sun glasses, hearing aids and cell phones
- They donate money to local schools for scholarships
- They give fruit baskets to local residents and fruit to local food banks at Christmas time
- They help local families that experience a disaster
- They give money for seeing eye dogs and the Diabetes Fund

RSU74 / School Board

The August board meeting was held on August 7 at Carrabec Community School.

Minutes: The minutes of the July board meeting were approved.

School Handbook/Staff Handbook Updates: Board members were given copies of both handbooks. Some minor changes were made to the student handbooks for CHS and the elementary schools. Employees will be given a staff handbook this year. Mr. Tracy said that a staff handbook had not been updated/issued since 2011.

Superintendent Report: 1.) Mr. Tracy said that the biggest priority during the summer is filling vacant positions. As of Wednesday night, three teaching positions remained open - Band/Chorus, Elementary Special Ed Teacher, and Math/Sci at CHS. 2.) The admin team attended a two day retreat at UMF to formulate the academic goals for 2019-2020. 3.) Work is being done to compile the financial and enrollment data needed in order to make an informed decision if the possibility of closing a school is explored. 4.) RSU 74 received a letter from the board chair of MSAD 58. A meeting may occur this fall to discuss opportunities for the two districts to collaborate.

The MSMA conference will be held on October 24-25 in Augusta. Appointment: Pauline Langton = bus driver/CHS custodian Nomination: Angela Larlee - fifth grade, GS

Admin Reports: 1. Tom Desjardins announced that RSU 74 received a grant (five years, no cost to the district) that will bring a middle school IMG program to CCS. The position will be shared with Madison Junior High and will work in collaboration with SCTC. He thanked Lorie Agren for the work she and her staff have performed at CCS this summer. He concluded by congratulating Angela Larlee and wishing her the best in her new role. 2. Scott Hall reported that a staff member's computer was infected by ransomware this summer, but the damage was minimal. 3.) Jean Butler said that the elementary schools were active this summer with Special Ed and Title One summer schools and a pre-school summer program. 4.) Tim Richardson thanked Lorie and her staff. He said that 14-15 students attended the CHS credit recovery school. 5.) Lorie Agren thanked her staff for doing "top notch work", and she noted the ongoing challenge that is the CHS roof. 6.) Mr. Tracy said that it seemed that the summer workers had accomplished more this summer than he could remember in his previous two summers in RSU 74.

Committees: None met in July.

Citizens: No one spoke.

Policy, First Reading - Employee Use of Social Media After much discussion, the first reading of this policy was approved.

Policy, First Reading - District Social Media Approved

To see if the Board will authorize the purchase of a maintenance vehicle There was much discussion; the purchase was approved.

Adjournment came at 7:42

The next school board meeting will be September 4 at Carrabec High School. Enjoy what remains of summer.

Church News

New Portland Community Church September News: September is here, and the kids are back to school. The church supper this month reflects the start of the school season with macaroni and cheese, ham, fruit, salad, and pies to die for! Supper will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 19 at the North Village Church. Join friends and family for a fine feed!

Another special event this month is "Super Sunday". September has five Sundays and that means the last Sunday of the month September 29 is a little different from the usual Sunday morning service. This will be a joint service to be held at the North Village Church with the congregation of the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington traveling up for the event. A "Super Sunday" is truly super. The service is made up of contributions and requests from the congregation: songs, stories, special hymns and poems make for a fun and celebratory time of worship. This service will be held at 10:00 am instead of 11:00 am and brunch will follow. All are welcome to the service and for brunch. Hope to see you there.

Journey of Faith meetings continue at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Regular Sunday services begin at 11:00 am, come at 10:30 am for coffee and good conversation. And a reminder that on September 29, the service will begin at 10:00 am and be followed by brunch. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Lexington/Highland Historical Society

The Lexington/Highland Historical Society will be hosting, a Tea/Coffee Gathering and Vintage Clothing Presentation on Saturday, September 21 at the History House located at the intersection of Long Falls Dam Road and Back Road in Lexington at 2:00 pm. Clothing styles of the 1800's and 1900's will be featured.

Old Home Day and a Community Lunch hosted by the membership is scheduled at the Lexington/ Highland History Museum located at the intersection of Long Falls Dam Road and Back Road in Lexington on Saturday, September 28 beginning at 11:30 am. Special exhibits will be presented.

The September meeting of the Lexington/Highland Historical Society will be held Sunday, September 29 at 6:00 pm at the History House.

Submitted: Barbara W. Pinkham



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