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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)

#### Deputy Town Manager/Deputy Town Clerk: Mallory Stratton

Email ..... [newportlandclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandclerk@gmail.com)  
Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

#### Town Clerk: Jianna Pinkham

Email ..... [newportlandclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandclerk@gmail.com)  
Office hours: Thursday noon to 5:00 pm or by appointment

LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

#### Assessor's Agent: Audra Swanson

Wednesday ..... 10am - 3pm  
Email ..... [newportlandassessor@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandassessor@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 ..... 9am - Noon  
Wednesday ..... 4pm - 6pm  
Thursday ..... 1pm - 3pm  
Saturday ..... 9am - Noon
- **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

## Town Manager

As the town manager, I would like to welcome Tina Poulin to the board of selectmen for a three (3) year term, Jianna Pinkham to the office of town clerk for a three (3) year term, and Mallory Stratton as my deputy and as the town clerk's deputy.

I would also like to recognize Danika Bates for winning the municipal election as the RSU #74 School Board member to serve another three (3) years. She must be doing a great job as the voters have made that very apparent to us. Congratulations to all!!

There were 43 votes cast. All of the offices were for a three year term. With the results as follows: Office of Selectman - Tina Poulin with 39 votes; RSU#74 School Board Member- Danika Bates with 30 votes; Office of Town Clerk - Jianna Pinkham with 31 votes.

You can find the results of the Annual Town Meeting on the New Portland website; [newportlandmaine.org](http://newportlandmaine.org). As well as the annual Town Report, and the audit report for 2020. The town office will be closed on Saturday, April 3 in observance of Easter; Monday, April 19th in observance of Patriot's Day.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Selectmen

### Minutes for the Jan. 18, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Andrea Reichert, Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Marilyn Gorman.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Old Business: None
4. Items by the Public: None

5. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants
  - b. The Board reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report for December 2020
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. The Board members discussed the options for the Annual Town Meeting. It was an unanimous decision to hold the meeting at the Fire Station, using the bay area and the Community Room to stay compliant with the CDC guidelines for Covid-19, and no more than 50 people. Stacie would begin to make the preparation for this, as the meeting will need to be televised from the Community Room out into the fire department bay area for visual and audio purposes.
  - b. The Board made their final adjustments to the proposed 2021 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 2. smr*

## Minutes for the Feb. 2, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Andrea Reichert (absent), Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: None
4. Items by the Public: None
5. Department Heads: Kip updated the board on the status of the forestry truck and work being done on it. There was a brief discussion on the pump on the tanker and the purchase of a new fiberglass antennae.
5. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 15. smr*

## Minutes for the Feb. 15, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Andrea Reichert, Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett;

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Keith Mudgett, Craig Lehigh, Kendal Knowles, Mike Wales.

1. Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. The Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept them as written with one change, as Andrea was not present at that meeting. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: There was a brief discussion that we still have not heard from the electrician regarding work to be done in order to install the Sand Salt Shed door.
4. Items by the Public: None
5. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants.
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. The Board opened and reviewed all bids for properties which had been foreclosed on, they were as follows: Map 008-010-002 Carrabassett Road land only property: Shelley Abbott - \$7,500; Gary Agren - \$31,419, Chuck Phlugger - \$3,150; Robert Wales - \$16,111; Cousineaus - \$3,150; Justin Jordan - \$3,500; Darrin Collins - \$6,500; Jaimie Chambers - \$3,600; Craig Lehigh - \$25,125; Barry Turcotte - \$2,401; Joel Torrey - \$2,800.
  - b. Raymond discussed with the Board he felt even though it was a lower bid that it should go to the adjacent property owner, which is Craig Lehigh. Andrea and Wayne stated that the usual protocol is to go with the higher bidder. Andrea motioned to award the bid to Gary Agren, Wayne seconded, Raymond was opposed. Gary Agren won the bid.
  - c. Map 002-028 River Road land only property: Jaimie Chambers - \$600; Joel Torrey - \$301.
  - d. Raymond motioned to award the bid to Jaimie Chambers, Wayne seconded and all were in favor. Jaimie Chambers won the bid.
  - e. Stacie shared with the Board an opportunity through Efficiency Maine to have a heat pump installed at the Town Office. There was a discussion on the matter. It was unanimously decided to table the matter and get a formal proposal regarding the purchase and installation of a heat pump proposal for the next scheduled meeting.
  - f. The Board reviewed and signed a quit claim deed for 38 Carrabassett Road, as the property owners paid all back taxes and current taxes in full.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 2. smr*

## **NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is April 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.

## Minutes for the Mar. 2, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Andrea Reichert (absent), Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Keith Mudgett, Dan Howard

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: None
4. Items by the Public: None
5. Kip updated the board on call volume y-t-d. He discussed with the board repairs which are scheduled to be done and still waiting on belts for turnout gear.
5. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll and A/C warrants
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. The Board members reviewed and signed an affidavit to correct a government document for 2020.
  - b. There was a brief discussion on the heat pump proposal. Raymond and Wayne both were in agreement to move forward with the installation. Dan Howard showed up to explain exactly how the program for the heat pumps works.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## RSU 74 / School Board

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The March board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: A resignation was added to the agenda.

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

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Tracy said there are currently several bills before the legislature which have the potential to impact education. He said that the district is in the best financial shape it has been in during his time as superintendent. The board's budget committee is working on the 2021-'22 budget.

Resignations: Issac Davis - ed tech 3, CHS; Ellen McQuiston - school board member, effective June 30, 2021

Nominations: None

Admin Reports: Only Tim Richards added to the report he had submitted to the board. He said it appears the 2021 CHS Graduation will be similar to 2020.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

Service Animals, Part Two: At a previous board meeting, a policy about service animals in schools created a bit of controversy. It was back on the agenda Wednesday night and concerns were raised once again. What could be done if students were allergic to the beast? What if the animal was disruptive? The second reading of the policy was ultimately approved.

2021-2022 School Calendar: The calendar was approved, but the vote was not unanimous. Some board members expressed concern about having graduation on a Friday night.

To see if the Board will move that the superintendent, in accordance with Policies DJ and DJ-R, be authorized to forego competitive bidding of certain purchases to be funded by federal Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars because (i) the purchases are only available from one source; or (ii) the grant funding deadline for expenditure of CRF funds does not permit the delays that a competitive bid process would cause for emergency purposes, as documented by the superintendent, which shall be incorporated into the school board minutes. The title of this agenda item is a bit lengthy. So was the discussion of the item. The item passed by a vote of 8-3.

To see if the Board will approve a temporary classroom structure at CCS with the use of federal grant money. Mr. Tracy and the admin team will plan for 2021-'22 with the hope that by September everything will be back to "normal". At the same time, they will also plan for a scenario where CDC distancing guidelines are still in effect. In either scenario, the goal is to have all kids back five days a week. If distancing is in effect, more space and more staff will be needed to bring all the students back, all the time. The board voted against leasing mobile units. Instead, other options will be considered, such as: keeping sixth graders at Solon and GS displacing the people in the admin wing of CCS, and turning that into classroom space; exploring the possibility of using space in the Embden Community Center as classroom space; using space at the TDS building in North Anson or the Fire Station in Solon.

To see if the Board will discuss the district athletic position. This school year, the CHS and CCS principals have served as the athletic directors of their school. The board voted to separate the AD responsibilities from the principals in 2021-'22. Board members expressed an interest in making the position be about more than just sports - more of an activities director. The hope is to find an applicant who is adept at collaborating with the transportation director. There has been much turnover in the AD position(s) in recent years (or even decades). It is hoped that whoever is hired may be someone local, who is willing to stay for many years.

Adjournment: The meeting ended just before 8:00 pm.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Association President*

## New Portland Community Library

Let's face it; we are all tired of places being in shut down mode, nowhere to go, and nothing to do. We all know it is important to take all the precautions but are also seriously wondering how to get through yet another day waiting for a return to "normal". Our solution: THE LIBRARY! We are open, and people are welcome to COME IN, following the required safety procedures, of course. Drop in to check out new books (a list is posted on the door for quick reference), old classics, new and not-so-new movies to enjoy at home, books on Maine, biographies, inspirational books, books on Maine history and happenings, and books to be read to and by children. We constantly change the selections, put out books free for the taking, offer interlibrary loans for books throughout the state. We make sure people get documents printed and have several research/support platforms available. We also have great internet connections for mobile devices and have computers inside for your use. We are currently open Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:30 am - noon, and Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

While you are here, pick up a copy of the submission form for our cutest pet contest. Do you have a pet (member of the family) that makes you smile, gives you unconditional love, and/or makes you crazy, gives you a good laugh, or is just so darn cute you just have to say "Aww, isn't that the cutest thing you have ever seen?" Just click that camera!. They have been our friends and have helped us get through this past challenging year. Well, take a picture of that cutest or craziest pose, and enter it in our "Cutest Pet in New Portland" contest. We have a \$5 entry fee with a chance to win \$25. You may enter any time in April, and we will have patrons choose the cutest pet in May. Pictures will be posted in the library, please come in to add your pet's picture or check out the pictures we have received.

We also have a raffle offering two Easter baskets, which are currently on display. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be April 3 pictures may be found on our Facebook page.

The library board, librarian, and volunteers would like to thank the Town of New Portland for their continued support!

Reach out to us at any time by phone (207) 628-6561 or by e-mail [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com) or even better in person.

Come on Spring!!!! Respectfully...

*Submitted: Sheila Atwood and Becky Knowles-Redlevske*

## Churches

New Portland Community Church news for April. Spring is definitely on its way! We hope everyone will enjoy the warming sun and the budding plants as the season progresses. Sunday services for the New Portland Church are still being held remotely, but as more of the congregation gets vaccinated there is a greater possibility we will be meeting in person sometime in the not too distant future! The session is hoping to meet soon to discuss our way forward. In the meantime, worship services and bible studies will continue at the ZOOM locations listed below.

April 4 is Easter Sunday. Join us for an online celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. 10:00 am at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009696278> This is the same address where the weekly worship services can be found.

Here is the link for the weekly worship services held at 10:00 am on Sunday morning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009696278> The worship service is also streamed live on the Fairbanks Union Church Facebook page.

The link to Journey of Faith Bible Study which is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85809422311>

Attending Zoom meetings on your device will require you to download the Zoom app. The link will instruct you on how to do this. It doesn't take much time or space. If you prefer, the links can be emailed or text messaged to your phone. Please call Nan Berry at (207)-682-6061 or Judi Batchelder at (207)-858-3628, and we can set you up.

If you would like to receive a text version of the Sunday sermon and other weekly reflections from Rev. Thea via US mail or email please call Nan Berry or Judi Batchelder at the numbers above to be added to the mailing list. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

**Mission at the Eastward**, Housing Ministry is getting ready for its 2021 season. We realize that COVID has been a devastating event for so many people, and we would like to help those who are in need of home repairs but have limited resources.

Last year left us with limited volunteers able to come to Maine to help with these repairs, but we are hopeful and prayerful that we will be able to resume our normal season this year, and able to help as many as we can.

Normally, our work groups come from all over the northeast to Central-Western Maine to share their talents and caring with area homeowners, who without assistance with labor and/or materials, would be unable to make needed repairs and maintenance to their homes. Many of the volunteers take vacation time to be here.

Painting, roof repairs, porches, steps, ramps and simple interior and exterior repair are likely prospects for the teams. Wherever possible, we ask homeowners and families to participate in the work and its cost, as they are able.

The work will take place in parts of Franklin and Somerset Counties. We have groups staying in North New Portland and Farmington and like to keep the work within 30 minutes of these towns. Mission teams arrive at different times at different sites. They begin arriving in early to mid-June and stay through August.

Mission teams seek to do Christian service. They are called out of their everyday lives to serve in our community. They come to work on housing and would be pleased to work along with you. Their experience is made better by the time you share with them.

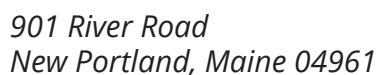
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The applications are available on our website: [www.missionattheeastward.org](http://www.missionattheeastward.org), under the housing ministry tab. You can also contact Thea Kornelius at (207)491-8404 to request an application to be send out to you.

*Submitted: Rev. Thea Kornelius*



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4	Easter NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am ZOOM WMBC Services 10:00 am	5		6	Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	7	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	8		9		10	
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