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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: Stacie Rundlett

Email ..... [newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com)

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

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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 Saturday of the month ..... 9am

#### 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

Tuesday & Saturday ..... 8:30am - Noon

Thursday ..... 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

During the month of JUNE the New Portland Town Office will be accepting donations for the Franklin County Animal Shelter. The Town of New Portland contracts with the Franklin County Animal Shelter and the ladies in the Town Office would like to help them with much needed items. For each person that donates to this fundraiser we will enter their name into a drawing for a gift box that will be displayed at the Town Office starting June 1. This is all for a great cause, please join us in helping our fur-friends at the Franklin County Animal Shelter. Anyone can participate in this event. For a list of needed items, please see below: Purina Cat Chow (Green or Blue bags), dry cat food for our community pet food pantry, bleach (They are currently in desperate need of bleach.), blankets for dog beds, Wheat Scoop cat litter, Purina Kitten Chow, KMR (kitten meal replacer), Royal Canin Mother and Baby Cat Food, canned kitten food, cat toys!, Diamond Brand Cat Food, Diamond Brand Dog Food, Iams Dog Food, 4Health Dog Food, scoopable cat litter (any brand), clay cat litter (any brand), paper towels, sheets, towels, blankets, and washcloths.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

## Town Manager

### TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND

### 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON

### Request for Winter Sand Bids

Notice to Bidders: The Town of New Portland, Maine is requesting sealed bids to provide winter sand in compliance with the attached specifications, terms, and conditions to the Town of New Portland. Prospective bidders are advised to read this information carefully prior to submitting a bid. The "2021-2022 Winter Sand Bid Form" must be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Winter Sand Bid" and received on or before Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the following address:

## Town of New Portland

### "Winter Sand Bid"

Attn: Stacie Rundlett

901 River Rd, New Portland, ME 04961

Bid packages will be opened publicly at the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. and read aloud. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive any formality and may consider as informal any proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with these provisions. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept any proposal or reject any or all proposals if it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.

General Requirements: The Town of New Portland is seeking per-yard bids for the purchase of 2,600 yards of winter sand.

Specific Requirements: All proposals will be required to meet or exceed all of the conditions, standards, and requirements contained below:

Winter sand gradation requirements: clean and sharp ½ inch

Sand must be free of any foreign materials such as; Sod, sticks, roots, etc. Successful contractor will supply a gradation sample prior to product acceptance.

These conditions, standards, and quality of the sand MUST BE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED throughout the entire delivery process. If not rectified, the contract will be terminated and the Town will seek an alternative supplier.

The sand must be delivered and loaded into the sand/salt shed facility with the equipment to do so provided by the contractor.

At the time of contract signing, the contractor will furnish the Town proof of liability and workers compensation insurance.

Selection Process: The Board of Selectmen will review and choose the contractor that most closely suits the needs of the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals at its sole discretion. Proposals will be judged in the selection process relative to their performance in the following areas:

1. Conformance with ALL submission requirements
2. Respondent's ability to supply the material as described
3. Reference checks and previous history with the Town
4. Overall cost
5. Availability to start as soon as our facility is ready

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Selectmen

### Minutes for the April 19, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin (absent), Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: Raymond briefly discussed that he is getting ready to put in the man door at the sand salt shed. Wayne briefly discussed that he was going to get some adhesive and take care of the issue with the track of the sand salt shed overhead door.
4. Items by the Public: NONE
5. Department Heads: NONE
6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, and A/P warrants.
  - b. The Board reviewed and signed the contract for fire coverage between Highland Plantation and New Portland.
  - c. Stacie discussed with the Board the need to get a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) to cover expenditures until taxes start coming in. The Board was in agreement to do this and for the same amount as last year. \$600,000
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. The Board had discussions on a complaint from Jim Wilson on the Middle Road regarding dead trees and a narrow section of Middle Road by Indian Stream. Gary had already contacted Carter Tree Services to come to town and remove dead trees once the posted road signs come down. It was also discussed that the narrow roadway by Indian Stream was all ledge and that it would be quite costly to change this.Adjourn the meeting 6:42 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the May 4th meeting. smr*

### **NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is June 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 May 4, 2021, Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Mike Tracy, Gary Agren, Garrett Oswald

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept them as written. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Superintendent Mr. Tracy discussed with all in attendance the upcoming school budget.
4. Old Business: NONE
5. Items by the Public
6. Department Heads:
  - a. Gary Agren discussed with the Board a quote for work to be done on Freeman Ridge Road from Fineline Paving Co. for \$8,070. There was also a discussion about paving proposed to be done on Chick Road, Wire Bridge Road, and Old Kingfield Road. Gary updated the Board on rock raking and grader work that has been done, also calcium spreading. Freeman Ridge Road will remain posted until May 15 due to the condition that it is in and not wanting it to be damaged any more. Raymond discussed that he tried reaching out to the Franklin County Commissioner's Office regarding assistance with repairing Freeman Ridge Road, since most of that roadway is in Franklin County. He did not hear back from the commissioner's office.
  - b. Kip Poulin discussed with the Board that he would also like to see about getting the cracks in the parking lot pavement sealed. Stacie would contact Fineline Paving to see if they would give a quote. Kip also updated the Board on repairs that have been done and repairs still needing to be done on the trucks.
7. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board members reviewed and signed all payroll, and A/P warrants.
8. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. The Board reviewed a proposed vote for 2021 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) with Androscoggin Bank, and Wayne motioned to accept the proposal as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the 5-17-21 meeting. smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## RSU 74 / School Board

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The May school board meeting was held at CCS.

Michelle Stevens' Solon fourth grade students provided seeds to each board member. At Mr. Tracy's spot, he had jalapeno seeds.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Article 6, the signing of the budget warrants, was moved to the end of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 7 board meeting were approved.

COVID Grant(s) Discussion: There have been several different COVID grants, all with different deadlines, guidelines, and strings attached. COVID grant money will help fund the k-5 and 6-12 summer schools. It will also help bring about a full re-open in the Fall. The hope is that school can open "like normal", but if not, "Plan B" will be in place. "Plan B" allows for a full re-open, even if current CDC guidelines remain in place, as five new teachers/classroom spaces will be found. In the event that the guidelines are removed, and students can return in full without the five new teachers/classroom spaces (3 at CHS, a sixth grade in Solon and a sixth grade at GS), the five new teachers will remain on board. They will play the role of interventionists, helping with the inevitable learning loss that has taken place. COVID money will pay for the five positions.

Superintendent Report: Three new board members will begin serving on July 1: Amy Price, Pam Mitchell, and Erik Ewing. Mr. Tracy has been, and will continue to be, traveling to each RSU 74 town to discuss the proposed budget. Thus far, he says, the reaction has been favorable. We have hit the homestretch of the school year, and spring assessments are underway. Planning for 2021-22 has begun. In April, there were four positive COVID cases in RSU 74. As of Wednesday night, there were three close contacts at CHS. CCS had 26 close contacts and one COVID positive student. GS had one close contact. Two staff members and one coach were close contacts.

Appointments: Skip Rugh - varsity girls' basketball CHS, Dulcie Welch - jv girls' basketball CHS, Mike Cahill - CHS girls' basketball volunteer, Patrick Daubengerger - CHS girls' basketball volunteer

Admin Reports: Mr. Richards was absent, as he was at the Top Ten Honors Banquet. The other administrators had nothing to add to the reports which they had submitted in writing. Mr. Twitchell gave the board a draft of the proposed Teacher Eval Handbook and asked them to review it. It will be an agenda item at the June meeting.

Committees: The Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to the board meeting. The leaky CCS roof will

need to be repaired and ultimately replaced. The summer project list is extensive, and it is hoped that federal money can be used to fund some of the maintenance projects. SCTC will be starting a new tractor trailer training program, which will be held in Madison. SCTC will also have a second welding program, also to be held in Madison.

**Public Participation:** A question was asked regarding whether lockers will be used at CHS in 2021-22. Mr. Tracy said that he is hopeful, but as of now, the guidance has not changed.

The location of the incoming CCS playground was discussed.

To see if the Board will approve the edits to policy IJNDB-R. The board approved the edits.

Approved to move from probationary to continuing contract in 2021-22: Alicia Bedard, John Berube, Amy Cates, Lori Conway, Heidi Day, Lacey Frost, Mike Golden, Richard Mason, Heather Vaughn. (The vote to approve was unanimous.)

Approved to move from probationary, year two to probationary, year three: Bruce Dostie, Keith Holland, Angela Larlee, Melody Rich, Doug Larlee, Paul Thompson. The vote was 11-1 in favor. One board member questioned the practice of hiring teachers who had previously retired.

Approved to move from probationary, year one to probationary, year two: Lindsay Burke-Cinsov,

Taylor Savage, Jill Shelley. The vote was unanimous.

**School Handbook Updates:** There was some discussion of the updated school handbooks.

**Signing the Warrants:** I believe, the warrants were signed, though I didn't stay to watch the signing.

**Reminders:** The next board meeting will be held on June 2 at CCS.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Association President*

## Lexington/Highland Historical Society

The Lexington/Highland Historical Society Museum which is located at the corner of the Back Road and Long Falls Dam Road in Lexington will be open each Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm beginning May 28.

A spaghetti supper benefitting the Lexington highland Historical Society will be served at the Happy Horseshoe Camp Ground on July 2 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar.

*Submitted Barbara Pinkham*

## New Portland Community Library

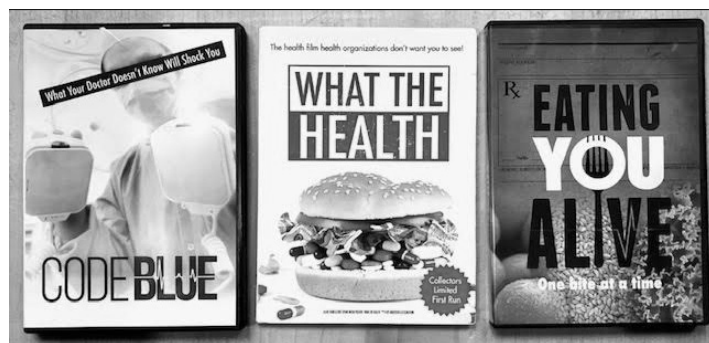
Greetings New Portlanders,

Thank you all for your visits to the library; it is wonderful to see an increase in visitors! Keep in mind our hours have changed slightly beginning June 1; we are open, Tuesday's and Saturday's 8:30 am to noon and now Thursday's 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

We also extend thanks for your support of the Chinese Auction held at Happy Horseshoe Campground and to the campground family for their support of our cause. Mark your calendars for Saturday June 5 for the Plant, Book, and Bake Sale. The event will be held on the library grounds from 9:00 am to Noon. Choose from a variety of plants, fresh homemade baked goods, books and/or DVD's for summer entertainment. We will also be offering a raffle on a Father's Day Basket with our usual ticket pricing of one for \$1.00 and six for \$5.00.

Please reach out with any questions or requests by calling 207-628-6561, emailing: [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com), via Facebook, or of course, by visiting the library. Have a great month, and we look forward to seeing you soon. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Becky Knowles-Redlevske*



**FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS** at the New Portland Community Library (899 River Road) - educational documentaries. Donations to the library are welcomed & appreciated.

6:00 pm Start Time

June 18: Code Blue "What your doctor doesn't know will shock you." This film reveals why medicine's most powerful tool is almost never prescribed. (Based on new book What's Missing From Medicine\* by Dr. Saray Stancic)

June 25: What the Health Exposes the collusion and corruption in government and big business that is costing us trillions of healthcare dollars and keeping us sick. (Lots of humor mixed in with some jaw-dropping details.)

July 9: Eating You Alive "People aren't living longer, they're dying longer."

A comprehensive look into why we are so sick, who is profiting and who is taking the "hit". It brings together evidence-based science and expert testimony about a whole food plant-based lifestyle.

RSVP please: 207/628-6561 or [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com)

*Submitted: Beth Perera*

## New Portland Churches

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The Western Mountains Baptist Church on Rt. 27, just outside of Kingfield, has trees blooming, grass greening and ready for summertime. With the CDC new relaxed guidelines on face coverings and social distancing, things will seem a bit more normal at church on Sunday mornings. We will continue to keep the seating spaced out and continue to have face masks and hand sanitizer available for those who wish to use them. We look forward to outdoor picnics and other activities as the warm weather is finally here.

At the time of this writing, the winner of the WMBC Community Scholarship has not been announced. There were many applicants interested in receiving \$1000 for their first semester of higher education. Stay tuned here for the announcement next month.

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Study group is taking a summer break until September. There are other opportunities for women to get together, such as: the Ladies Sewing Class on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you are a beginner or a sewing pro, you are welcome to join in on making projects and enjoying friendship with each other. Twice a month, the second and forth Saturdays of the month, there is a time for Women's Fellowship. They meet at the church at 1:00 pm and are currently studying the Fruit of the Spirit.

June 5 at 8:00 am is this month's date for the monthly Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am. All men are welcomed, young and old; I often hear fathers and sons attend together...and with Father's Day coming up on the 20th, it may be a good way to start celebrating your dad (or son) early. Men also have a Bible study at 6:30 pm every Monday evening.

Did you know at WMBC you can submit a prayer request online? Go to the website [www.westernmountainschurch.org](http://www.westernmountainschurch.org), complete and submit the form you find under "Contact Us". The information goes directly to Pastor Tom DuBois. This is a great way to communicate other needs you may have also. WMBC is here to help: spiritually, emotionally and physically. You can also call the church at 265-2557. Oftentimes you may have to leave a message. There are regular office hours on Thursdays from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm if you would like to speak with someone when you make a call.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

New Portland Community Church News: The time has finally come! As more and more people are vaccinated and are feeling more comfortable with in-person gatherings, we have decided to start our in-person worship services once again. So, beginning on June 6; we will be gathering for worship at the North Village Church at 11:00 am. We will be requiring masks be worn indoors at this time, and the sanctuary will be set up for social distancing. Readings and hymns will be included in the bulletin. As June 6 is the first Sunday of the month, we will be having communion. Please bring a drink and snack so that we can eat together during the service. There will also be some drinks and pre-packaged bread available at the church. We are pleased to be meeting again in person and welcome you to join us!

Online services will still be available through Zoom and Facebook live at the following links. Please note that the online service will be held at 9:00 am instead of 10:00 am. Here is the link for the weekly worship services held at 9:00 am on Sunday morning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009696278> The worship service is also, usually, 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*





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