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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

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#### Town Clerk: Jianna Pinkham

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#### LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

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#### Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

#### Animal Control Officer: Dillon Wellman - 207-405-1134

## 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 ..... 3pm - 6pm
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station**  
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday ..... 7:30am - 4:30pm
- **New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours**  
Monday - Friday ..... 7am - 9am, 2pm - 4pm  
Saturday ..... 7am - 10:30am

## Town Manager

The Town Office will be closed on the following dates:  
Saturday, September 4; Monday, September 6 in observance  
of Labor Day; Thursday, September 30 for training.

The Town Office would like to thank everyone who made a  
donation of non-perishable food items which we will deliver to  
the People Who Care Food Cupboard in Madison. Every little  
bit helps, and we appreciate all who were able to contribute.

During the month of September the Town Office will be  
hosting a bottle drive to benefit students in the RSU #74  
district who may need assistance with school supplies. We  
will accept any amount of bottles which can be dropped off  
at the Town Office during regular office hours. At the end of  
the month we will take all of the proceeds and donate it to  
the RSU #74 school district to purchase items that some of  
the less fortunate students may need. We would like to thank  
those upfront who might be able to participate and assist us  
with the event.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*



# Selectmen

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2021

Roster - Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin (absent), Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Judi Wills, Bobette Turner, Brian Rundlett, Garrett Oswald

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes from previous meeting as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: Stacie shared with the Board that the electrician has ordered the parts necessary to complete the installation of the overhead door for the sand salt shed. He should be completing this part of the project this week. Raymond updated everyone that Jordan's should have the entry door in last week or sometime this week. There was a lengthy discussion regarding ARPA funds available to the town and options that we have to spend those funds. The discussion involved the option to pay essential workers an additional amount of money per hour. Stacie provided the Board with details of all the workers who worked for the town during the State of Emergency and how many hours each had worked. She listed three different options of additional pay to award our essential workers. Raymond stressed it was his opinion that the only workers for the town he felt were deserving of any additional pay, as an essential worker, were the members of the Fire Department and maybe something for Stacie, but not the amounts that were given to the board as he felt it was too much money. He felt there were other ways to spend the funds that would be more beneficial to New Portland. He suggested granting funds to the library, and the New Portland Fireman's Association to assist them with lost revenue during the pandemic. Stacie stressed to the Board that if they were going to issue any additional pay for essential workers it should be all of the workers on the list that was provided to the Board or none, and if it was only a few choice people on that list that others may consider that discrimination. The discussion continued with a few different ideas to utilize this funding, like some work could be done at the Wire Bridge to include a better bathroom facility, more seating, and some sort of fencing or barrier to keep cars from going on the field area.

Garrett suggested offering funds to local businesses that lost revenue from the pandemic or actual residents who were not able to pay their bills. Stacie shared with the members of the meeting that during the pandemic there were no residents or businesses who approached the town for assistance, so how would the Board decide how to distribute any funds to residents or New Portland businesses. She stresses her concern of discrimination if the Board only chooses certain employees or residents to grant funds. Garrett suggested that the town purchase a month's supply of N95 masks for a possible future use and then the town could distribute them to all of the residents. Raymond tabled the matter until all three of the Board members could discuss this issue more.

4. Items by the Public: There was a brief discussion on past complaints about employees having children at the town office. It was noted if the employee's work was getting done that it should not be an issue. No decisions were made.
5. Department Heads: The Board briefly reviewed quotes from Pike Industries and Fine Line Paving for work to be done on Freeman Ridge Road. No decision was made and the matter was tabled. Raymond shared with the Board he had a company that was coming to give a quote to repair the Fire Department parking lot as it was in need of repairs. Brian shared with the Board that Tanker 1 pump had been rebuilt and that the truck was back in service.
6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll, and A/P warrants.
  - b. Stacie updated the Board that Dale and Gloria Walker had turned over their duties for the North New Portland Cemetery Association to Charles Pease. A copy of the official document would be given to the Town Clerk to have on file. Stacie updated the Board the Kathy and Matt Sleeper had gotten all of the necessary paperwork finalized with the bank and were now officially the West New Portland Cemetery Association. Stacie also updated the Board that she would be out of the office for training on August 11, 12 and that the office would be closed on September 30 for training which she and Mallory would both be attending. She assured the Board this would be posted in the usual places so that the public had plenty of notice.

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is September 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](mailto: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.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:

- a. Stacie discussed with the Board that the Remote Participation Policy was only necessary if the Board wanted to have other Board members participate via the internet. A policy was not necessary to just offer coverage of the meetings on the internet for the public to have access. Raymond and Wayne were in agreement that a policy was not warranted.
- b. Stacie shared with the Board that she had started to allow residents to have access to use the Community Room again, since the State of Emergency had been lifted. The Board was in agreement with her decision.
- c. Judi asked why increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen was on the agenda. Stacie shared it was a matter which was brought up by Tina at a previous meeting, and she was asking for a public hearing via a recent email to Stacie. Stacie felt it was important for the Board to have more discussions on the matter and go over all of the details of the process to do this if the Board was in agreement to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen from a three member Board to a five member Board. Raymond said he wasn't against it but that he thought we would have a hard time finding two more people to run for the Board. He concluded that Tina had brought this up before as a way to ensure that there would be enough Board members at a Selectmen's Meeting to make a thorough decision on any given matter. Wayne was in agreement that he also felt that they would have a hard time finding two more people to run, and that it would be an increase in the budget to pay two additional Board members.
- d. Wayne suggested that the Board allow Lewis Wills to bush hog the town's field annually until a time that they felt changes were necessary. Raymond was in agreement as long as Lewis provided the proper insurance annually to Stacie prior to mowing the field.
- e. Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A), for personnel matters at 7:26 pm Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- f. At 7:53 pm Raymond called the public meeting back in order, stating also that there were no decisions made in the executive session. Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Raymond 2nd and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the August 3rd meeting. smr*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2021

Roster - Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Garrett Oswald, Gary Agren, Chris Williams

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, Raymond asked for a correction regarding his response to a five member board to reflect what he said, being that he had no preference and that we would have a hard time filling those positions. Stacie noted the correction and would change the minutes to reflect that. Wayne motioned to approve the minutes as written with the correction Raymond discussed, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: Stacie clarified with the Board there have been discussions on different ways to utilize the ARPA funds. She reviewed at the last meeting it was stated the only way to utilize the funds had been for just additional essential worker pay. She reminded the Board that even before the last meeting they were talking about a few things other than additional pay, such as recouping money for the extra cleaning costs. Stacie also clarified at the last meeting Raymond stated that former select person Andrea Reichert had given Stacie the choice to stay open or close during the State of Emergency; she did not recall it to be that way. After not finding anything like that in the minutes from last year, Stacie reached out to Andrea and Andrea stated they (the Board) had asked Stacie to come up with a plan that she was comfortable with. Which is what Stacie did. Stacie reminded the Board that some town offices did close, but New Portland did not, and she wanted to make sure that was clarified. Stacie also updated the Board that the electrical work had been completed on the overhead door for the Sand Salt Shed. Raymond stated that he reached out to Jonathan Jordan about the man door for the Sand Salt Shed, and it was due to be in on Wednesday. Raymond stated that if it did in fact come in, he would install the door on Friday on his day off. There was a brief discussion on the project and finally finishing it. Raymond also shared his thoughts on utilizing the ARPA funds. He stated that a few people and he thought that they could use some of those funds to pave the parking lot which would be considered infrastructure and to help alleviate the cost to the tax payers. He also thought some of the funds could be used to install an additional dry hydrant for the Fire Department. Stacie stated she was pleased that the Board was working hard to come up with other ideas, and hopefully once the town receives the funds there will be more



clarifications on the approved projects. Tina shared that she had some discussions with someone and they thought that as long as it wasn't something that wasn't already allocated in the budget and it was to benefit for the infrastructure that it could be used for that. Stacie stressed she was hopeful for more clarification and didn't want the town to spend funds somewhere that they would find out later was not approved by the Federal Government. Tina inquired if there was a list started yet with all of the suggestions. Raymond and Stacie stated that not at this time. Stacie also stated she had requested from the State a number of items which were available for free. Kip helped her determine what items for sanitation and protection, and she was now just waiting to hear back about those items. Stacie also updated the Board about the rapid renewal program for residents to process re-registrations online. The office staff was just waiting for training to take place and then the link would be posted on the town's website so that the public could access this program right from there. Garrett spoke to the Board stating it was encouraging to hear the discussions on different ways to spend the ARPA funding. He also spoke to the Board about how he felt and maybe the funds could also be used help residents who might be in a situation where they may be evicted from their home. The discussion continued on if this became an option the Board would need to come up with a protocol and procedure on how to process requests for funding, due to possible eviction. Stacie stressed that all of 2020 there were only three requests for general assistance and none as of this year. Other than more residents utilizing the People Who Care Food Cupboard, she was not aware of any situations of someone losing their housing. Raymond thought that the town was on the right path.

4. Items by the Public:

- a. Chris Williams addressed the Board regarding his notice of violation for Junkyard. He updated the work that he had done and wanted to know if the Board felt his work was enough. He also stated that over a year ago he was at a meeting and brought other

### Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The first meeting for tWire Bridge Sno-Travelers for the 2021-2022 season will be held on Saturday, October 9. It will be held at the fire station meeting room, starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see all members and anyone interested in joining the club in October.

properties to the Board's attention, and he felt that the conditions of those properties had not been addressed. There was a discussion regarding how he felt he wasn't properly notified; he showed the Board information regarding his mailing address and didn't understand why the certified mailing had not been sent to his correct mailing address. Raymond noted that Chris was not the only one who had received a notification. And because they understood he felt he wasn't properly notified they gave him an extension. Chris stated that he was going to still continue working on cleaning up the property and wanted to know if the Board was okay with that. Raymond stated that it looked good and he noticed most of the stuff was gone. Raymond also inquired about the other property that had received a notice at 48 River Road and that they would need to give a more specifics on exactly what needed to be done. The Board members would look into that and let Stacie know what needs to be done to meet their satisfaction. It was noted another property which received a notice on Rte. 27 appeared to have cleaned up the property. Tina asked what the repercussions were if the demands were not met. Stacie stated that after a notice was sent with a date for specifics to be done, and if those specifics were not met by that date a daily fine would be imposed on the landowner. There were no other items by the Public.

5. Department Heads:

- a. Gary discussed with the Board of Selectmen work that has been done and projects which will be completed this season. He had one complaint about the Wire Bridge Road being wider, Gary informed the individual that the work being done was within the town's right of way. Gary updated the Board on culverts which were purchased from Frank Martin Son, Inc. out of Madison. Gary discussed with the Board that Fine Line Paving will be coming to complete work that needed to be done on the Freeman Ridge Road. Gary also stressed to the Board that they all should be working on a plan for upkeep for the paved roads. Stacie asked Gary if at budget time we could get a ballpark figure to work with for proposed necessary paving. Keeping in mind this would just be a ballpark figure because prices change over a period of time. And this plan would just be for roads that are already paved.
- b. Kip briefed the Board that year to date the Fire Department had 40 calls. He discussed with the Board that Tanker 1 pump had been overhauled and seemed to be working properly. They are still waiting on parts for the Forestry truck for repairs.

6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen
  - a. Raymond shared that Keith Mudgett had submitted a formal letter of resignation as the Animal Control Officer. There was a discussion regarding advertising this position.
  - b. Raymond opened a quote for paving part of the grounds behind the Fire Station. There was no decision made on the matter.
  - c. The Board reviewed and signed the 2021 Tax Commitment paperwork. Stacie updated the Board that Audra the assessor was out this week for training, and there wasn't much coming in regarding the taxes or complaints. The mil rate did decrease from 23 mil in 2020 to 21.3 mil for 2021. Stacie also noted Audra had done a lot of work and the town was at 100% for valuation and the full amount of the exemptions would be applied to those residents who claimed a Homestead Exemption. Tina inquired what kind of work Audra did to get to that, Stacie stated that would be a question for the assessor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the August 16 meeting. smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## **RSU 74 / School Board**

The August board meeting was held at CCS. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: There was one adjustment. Public comment was moved so that it immediately would follow Mr. Tracy's summary of the Back to School Plan.

*Minutes: The minutes of the July 7 meeting were approved after some corrections were made.*

Presentation: There was no staff or student presentation.

Superintendent Report: 1.) Mr. Tracy told the board that as a result of LD 1189, certification requirements for teachers have been relaxed a bit. 2.) Due to LD 32, the board must establish a remote board meeting policy. 3.) There is a mandate from Augusta requiring school districts to report the vaccination status of their contracted employees. The survey can be anonymous, but districts must report the numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated staff. If less than 100% of staff respond to the survey, the number of unresponsive staff members

## **New Portland Community Library**

The September "Friday Night Film" will take place on Thursday, September 9 at 6:00 pm at the New Portland Community Library. This documentary features interviews with parents and families of vaccine injured children and young adults as well as testimonials from partially and completely unvaccinated individuals and families. You will also hear from medical professionals who were bothered by injuries to some of their patients and began to look into vaccine safety issues.

This film came out a couple years before any of the COVID-19 issues appeared, so you will hear about the vaccines currently on the childhood schedule. I urge all parents and doctors to view this film, which is also available streaming online at the website of the film makers: <https://www.vaxxed2.com/> Note: a Congressional Act passed in 1986 gave all vaccine makers 100% exemption from liability for their products. No other industry has this liability-free status.

*These documentaries are for informational purposes and do not reflect sponsorship by the library.*

*Submitted: Beth Perera*

will be considered to be unvaccinated. Several board members were unhappy with this requirement. One board member asked, "What will be next, will the district be required to ask their employees if they have a sexually transmitted disease?" Some board members inquired as to what would happen if the district refused to comply with the survey mandate. The district's law firm, Drummond Woodsum, has made it clear the district must comply. Mr. Tracy accepted the suggestion of a board member, and the survey will be done on paper, not through computers where it might be tracked. 4.) There are still some vacant positions: Grade 4 at GS, Secretary at GS, Foreign Language at CHS, Girls' Soccer at CCS. 5.) The Back to School Plan - Here are some highlights of the Back to School Plan: Learning will be in person, all students, five days a week. There will be no remote option. Students/families should continue with symptom screening. If a child is sick, that student should stay home. The district will adhere to CDC/DOE requirements. For example, it is required that students must wear a mask on the school bus. Buses will not be filled to capacity. Windows will be open on the buses. The district will adhere to CDC/DOE recommendations as much as it is practical to do

so. Three feet social distancing of students will be the expectation when feasible. Staff will social distance when feasible. The CDC recommends that anyone who is unvaccinated should wear a mask. RSU 74 will pass along that recommendation. However, masks will not be a requirement. Whether to wear a mask will be the responsibility of families, staff members, etc. Though there will not be a remote learning option, teachers will continue to utilize SeaSaw and Google Classroom. Therefore, if any students end up in quarantine, they can access their learning each day. In the event of positive cases, RSU 74 will follow CDC protocols on who should quarantine and when those in quarantine are able to return to school.

Public Comment: There were many questions/ comments from the public. The following will be an incomplete summary, as I am not sure I wrote down everything that was discussed. *With buses being at less than full capacity, and with the district often having a shortage of drivers, are there enough drivers to make it work? There are currently enough drivers, and even some subs. Some district employees have received bus driver training, and are close to certified. Will students who live together be allowed to sit together on the bus? Yes. If a student(s) is deemed to be a close contact, are they required to get a COVID test, or just recommended? RSU 74 cannot require a family to be tested. In the event of a positive case/close contact situation .... Quarantine rules are different for vaccinated vs unvaccinated individuals. Will RSU 74 demand to see a vaccination card or take a families' word that a child was vaccinated? RSU 74 will not demand to see a vaccination card and will trust the honesty of our families. Will RSU 74 require students to have a COVID vaccine? RSU 74 will not require a COVID vaccine unless the state mandates it. At this point, the state has not done this.*

A citizen was quite unhappy about the decision not to fill the technology position following the retirement of Roxann Waugh. She described the lack of a k-8 technology position to be a dis-service to our students. The citizen also requested that there be trainings for substitute teachers.

Appointments: Marie Beaulieu - custodian, CHS; D'Ann Luce - Second Grade, GS;

Resignations: Brittany Dunham - Fourth Grade, GS; Heidi Atwood - secretary, GS

Admin Reports: Most of the admin team chose not add anything beyond the reports they had submitted in writing to the board. Lorie Agren mentioned that a new bus is on the way, and Tim Richards reiterated that he is still hoping to find a Foreign Language teacher. 6-12 AD Erik Carey commented that the coaches and athletes were very happy to have had a normal summer

sports season. A board member asked about the open GS fourth grade position and what was the plan to fill it? The hope is that a candidate will be found prior to the opening of the school year. If one is not found, one of the individuals who has been hired in an Interventionist teaching position could be transferred there. Either way, there will be a teacher, not a sub, in place on the first day of school.

### **To see if the Board will approve the live streaming of School Board Meetings.**

The board voted against live streaming meetings. Four voted in favor. Nine were opposed.

### **To see if the Board will elect a Delegate and Alternative Delegate for the Maine School Boards Association.**

Troy Dunphy and Darren Whittemore were selected.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

*Submitted: David Ela, President, Carrabec Educational Association*

## **New Portland Churches**

Ten years ago, members of the Western Mountains Baptist Church were eagerly looking forward to holding Sunday morning worship services in their new building on Route 27. Volunteers from near and far joined forces and raised the church building in record time. Friendships and many fond memories were established during that time. The out pouring of community support was overwhelmingly generous in many aspects of the huge building process, blessings which are not easily forgotten. Plans are currently in the making to hold a "Ten Year Anniversary Celebration" in October. Be on the lookout for details and please plan to join us. WMBC was organized several years before the 2011 building project. We are looking for memories and memorabilia to help us celebrate and remember how God has worked in and grown WMBC. Feel free to email what you have to share to [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net)

Wednesday, September 15, the Ladies' Bible study starts up again after a summer break. All women (including non-church members) are invited. Betsy DuBois will lead women through a Bible based study specifically for women. The study meets every Wednesday at 9:00 am. For more information call Betsy at 678-2328 or call the church at 265-2557.

A potluck lunch will be served immediately following the church service on Sunday, September 19. Everyone is welcome even if you forget to bring a dish to share. There is always more than enough food. Although, Pastor Tom would disagree that there is ever enough pie! Anyone is welcome to join us for food only; line up for



self-serving of food begins around 11:00 am. Hope to see you then. There is no charge.

October 1 at 7:00 pm, there will be the yearly family friendly drive-in event. The movie is yet to be determined. If you want, bring candy or snacks to share. Popcorn will be provided. Be sure to have a working radio in your vehicle. In case of rain, the movie will be shown inside the church. There is no charge.

Did you know we have a library of books and videos for all ages available at WMBC? Use of library items is free to church members as well as to the public. Stop by the church to take a look at what is available. If you see something you like, know you can take it home with no obligations. While there, check out the free cds of the weekly Sunday messages. Again, regular church office hours are Thursdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Sunday morning services begin at 10:00 am. Children's church (up to third grade) and nursery are available during the service; although children are more than welcome to stay with their parents during the service. Coffee and time to visit with family and friends is available before and after the 10:00 am service. Come as you are.

Visit the WMBC website: [westernmountainschurch.org](http://westernmountainschurch.org) to find the most up to date calendar of events, recent sermons, submit a prayer request and find life changing resources.

*Submitted (with end of summer blues): Crystal Fitch*

The New Portland Community Church News for September 2021: This past summer we have been blessed to have several work groups staying at and around the church. You may have noticed small tent villages using the buildings. Flemington Presbyterian Church from New Jersey and the Grace Church from the Boston area camped in our yard and used the church facilities this summer. It was good to have them in our midst again after a year without them. There were also groups staying in the Farmington area who worked on homes in our area, too. We are thankful for their purpose and mission.

We have enjoyed services in the North Village Church's beautiful sanctuary this summer and welcome you to join us! We are meeting at 10:30 am, prior to the service, for responsibly distanced coffee and cookies. Worship service begins at 11:00 am. We are still practicing social distancing and request that if you have not been vaccinated, please do wear a mask indoors.

A notice of the Super Sunday Service to be held on August 29 did not make it into last month's newsletter. Just in case the *New Portlander* arrives early: SuperSunday (a congregation participation, joint service with Fairbanks

held on fifth Sundays of the month) will be held on August 29 at 10:00 am at the Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. There will be no service held in New Portland on that Sunday.

After missing our special services last year because of Covid-19, we are pleased to again present our Gospel Service which will be held at the New Portland Church on September 26 at 10:00 am. We are pleased to announce that Sammie Angel will again be providing music and inspiration as she leads this special service. In accordance with CDC recommendations, we will require masks and social distancing for this event. We will have masks and hand sanitizer available at the church.

Journey of Faith, the Fairbanks/New Portland combined bible study, continues to meet in person. A small, but fun group of people have been meeting at 4:00 pm on Tuesday afternoons for lively conversation and discussion. We'd love to have you join us.

Online services are still available through Zoom and Facebook live at the links below. Please note the online service will be held at 9:00 am instead of 10:00 am. If you have trouble connecting to the service, please contact Nan or Judi at the numbers below.

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. A Zoom link 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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| NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR<br>SEPTEMBER 2021<br>DOUG KEHR PHOTO                  |   |  |   |  |        |   |
| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
| 1<br>NVCC Coffee 10:30 am<br>Service 11:00 am ZOOM<br>WMBC Services 10:00 am  |   |  | 1<br>School Board Meeting<br>6:30 pm CCS<br>Planning Board Meeting<br>6:30 pm | 2<br>Recreation Committee<br>Community Room 6:30 pm        | 3      | 4<br>Town Office Closed<br>in Observance of Labor Day |
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| 12<br>NVCC Coffee 10:30 am<br>Service 11:00 am ZOOM<br>WMBC Services 10:00 am | 13  | 14<br>Fire Department Meeting<br>6:30 pm | 15  | 16   | 17     | 18  |
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