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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 - noon  
(except Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar. and permitting it's not a holiday weekend)

#### Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett

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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

## Public Notice

After careful consideration as of October 31, 2021, the Town of New Portland Fire Department will no longer be providing State of Maine EMS licensed non-transporting first responder medical services to the Town of New Portland.

## Town Manager

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, October 11 in observance of Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day.

At the selectmen's meeting on August 16, 2021, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to recognize Rosella Pinkham, a lifelong resident of New Portland, with the Cane of Longevity. She is a young age of 102 and turns 103 later this year. The Board would be sending a certificate of recognition to Rosella's home as she is not able to get out to a public meeting. Her name will proudly be engraved as a recipient on the New Portland Longevity Cane plaque at the Town Office. All of the town officials wish Rosella the very best. New Portland Cane of Longevity was created by Bert Dyer and Bucky Emery to replace New Portland's Boston Post Cane that was lost years ago.



For the month of October the Town Office will be hosting another Food Drive. If you have any non-perishable items which you would like to donate, you can drop them off during business hours or contact Stacie at the town office for those donations to be picked up. At the end of the month we will transport all donations we receive to the People Who Care Food Cupboard in Madison, with whom the Town of New Portland contracts. We appreciate any donations.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

# Selectmen

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2021

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Garret Oswald, Craig Lehigh, (KVCOG representative) Gabe Gauvin

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting; Wayne motioned to accept them as written. Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. The Board briefly discussed the completion of the Sand Salt Shed; with both doors now installed and working properly, there is just a piece of drip edge that Raymond will put up and then that project is completed. The Board briefly discussed the junkyard violation notice that was sent to a property in the West Village. The Board was questioning how to get the property owner to clean the property up as there still was a lot of clutter. Tina stated she would make time to stop and discuss the matter with the home owner. Stacie shared with the Board she had contacted Maine Municipal Association, who has two people who assist directly with ARPA funds, and she inquired about two proposed projects of paving the Fire Department parking lot and dry hydrants. Stacie shared their response; those projects would not qualify as ARPA projects, unless there had been a loss of revenue during the pandemic. Stacie also shared she then reached out to the town's auditor to confirm that we did not have a loss of revenue. The town's auditor gave a detailed breakdown of the increase in revenue that the town had received during the whole pandemic. So, it was confirmed these two specific proposed projects could not be done with ARPA funds.
4. Items by the Public: Gabe Gauvin from KVCOG shared with the Board and all in attendance, the services and programs that New Portland does or can participate in with annual dues which New Portland pays each year.
5. Department Heads:- None
6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants.
  - b. Andrea Reichert requested to the Board that the Cane of Longevity be presented to Rosella Pinkham, who is 102 years old. The former recipient, Nona Young has passed away and Andrea wanted to see Rosella

Pinkham be recognized by the Town as the current oldest citizen in New Portland. Rosella is a life long resident in New Portland. Stacie shared with the Board an example of the usual certificate that has been presented to the previous recipients. The Board was in agreement that this recognition should take place. The Board asked Stacie to invite Rosella and her family to the next selectmen's meeting. Stacie inquired if the Board would like to do a plaque instead of a paper certificate. The Board members were all in agreement to find out costs and get a plaque.

Stacie presented a Land Purchase Agreement Lease Release. The Board reviewed and signed a release to a land purchase agreement.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. Review and sign appointment papers for David Royce to fill vacant RSU#74 School Board Member until March 2022.
  - b. Review and sign Abatements (5):
    1. Raymond motioned and Wayne seconded to approve an abatement for Steven and Arlene Trudel in the amount of \$532.50; all were in favor.
    2. Raymond motioned and Wayne seconded to approve an abatement for Jared Erb in the amount of \$377.01; all were in favor.
    3. Raymond motioned and Tina seconded to approve an abatement for Jeremiah Murray in the amount of \$97.98; all were in favor.
    4. Raymond motioned and Tina seconded to approve an abatement for JR Fabrication in the amount of \$230.04; all were in favor.
    5. Raymond motioned and Tina seconded to approve an abatement for Bruce Short in the amount of \$127.80; all were in favor.

Raymond shared with the board members that he spoke with Brent Davenport and Brent will be using the option to extend his contract another two years. Raymond also spoke to Stacie regarding a conversation she had with him last week. Raymond stated that in the future he would rather any discussions were done at a meeting so there was more than the two people observing and listening, so it didn't become a situation where there was a "he said, she said".

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Raymond seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the September 7th meeting. smr*

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is October 20 by 4:00 pm.**

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

**Dallas Landry • PO Box 34, North New Portland, ME 04961 • phone 628-4201 • email: alderswamp2@gmail.com**

If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2021

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Gary Agren, Kip Poulin, Bobbett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. Stacie discussed with the Board that Rosella is not able to attend a meeting for recognition of the New Portland Cane of Longevity due to health issues. Stacie stated she would just be delivering a certificate to her residence.
4. Old Business: Tina discussed with all in attendance that she had stopped at Raymond Jordan's house to discuss the Junkyard violation notice which he received. She shared with the Board the conditions of his property, and there were multiple bags of garbage and old tires and old lumber all over the property. She said she informed Raymond Jordan to clean up the property. There was a discussion regarding the violation and fines that can take place per the ordinance. Raymond Poulin told Stacie to issue a letter giving Raymond Jordan 14 days from the date of the letter to remove all bags of garbage, old tires, old lumber and junk, or the town would issue a daily fine of \$100 for each day thereafter that the issue was not resolved.

Stacie inquired with the Board if Christopher Williams property on RTE 27 was in compliance of the Junkyard Ordinance, and Raymond and Tina were in agreement that his efforts to clean up his property met their expectations, and no further actions were required at this time.

Raymond stated he was waiting for a final plan as to the approved projects for which ARPA funds can be used. Stacie stated to the Board the approved project plans are pretty much finalized at this point according to the State of Maine and the Federal Government. She stated that she did contact MMA regarding a new town digital sign for communication purposes and that could be an approved project. She updated the Board that Embden is going to be doing the same thing as well as issuing additional pay to their essential workers. She discussed with the Board she has read many articles over the past couple of weeks, and she has found over two dozen municipalities and counties which are issuing additional pay to all of their essential workers for working during this pandemic. She asked the Board to make a decision regarding additional pay to New Portland essential workers as she felt at this time of year many of those workers could use the additional funds to prepare for winter, pay taxes and that it would benefit not only them but the Town of New

Portland. She reminded the Board they had until October 31, 2021, to decide if they were going to accept the funds from the Federal Government and that the town had until 2024 to allocate on what those funds would be spent, and they had until 2026 to disburse those funds. Raymond stated he had a discussion with the librarian regarding the library and if they had already received a grant from the Federal Government, and the librarian stated that NPCL did receive approximately \$2200. He felt that the town should still issue funds to the library from ARPA funds and the New Portland Fireman's Association because they lost revenue last year from not being able to do fund raising as they normally did. Stacie reminded the Board she had already inquired about these proposed projects and because the town did not have a loss in revenue, the town cannot use those funds for just anything and had to follow the guidelines of the Federal Government. She stated MMA had said that if there was no loss of revenue for the Town, these were not projects for which the Federal Government would approve ARPA funds to be used. She reminded the Board the only way the Town could do projects like this was that they would need to develop a protocol and guidelines and offer any small business or committee, group of any type which is New Portland based an opportunity to apply for funds because of their loss of revenue. There was a discussion regarding the matter. Stacie asked the Board to make a decision about the essential worker pay. Raymond stated the town would be accepting the funds but felt he did not want to make a decision regarding issuing essential worker pay at this time as he felt he wants to rule out any other options which can benefit the town, too.

5. Items by the Public: None
6. Department Heads:

Gary Agren discussed with the Board work that had been done and work still in need of being done. Fine Line would be doing the work to Freeman Ridge Road this month. There was a discussion regarding a complaint which had come from Glenn Mirlocca on the Middle Road. Glenn had sent an email regarding his concerns with ditch work that had been done on Middle Road and how water run off was overwhelming his driveway. He requested that the town divert any future water with two culverts and ditch work along the edge of his property on Middle Rd. The Board discussed the matter with Gary and the Board and Gary were in agreement to invite Glenn to the first meeting in October to discuss this matter in more detail with him. Stacie would reach out to Glenn and notify the Board and Gary if he would be able to attend that meeting.

Kip Poulin updated the Board on upcoming training which would take place with Anson, Solon, Norridgewock

and Starks. He reviewed calls and payroll to date with the Board. Kip updated the Board on the concerns he has with the departments EMS license with the State of Maine and how the Governor's new vaccination mandates has caused the departments only licensed first responder to resign. He recommended the department rescind the EMS first responder license due to the fact that the department no longer has any members who are certified to act as a first responder. He discussed with the Board that in order to do this the town would have to advertise 30 days prior to a final date chosen to no longer be a part of the EMS state licensing, and the department would also have to return an oxygen tank. He informed the Board the department members who were properly trained would still be able to go to calls which involved AED, CPR, and other similar calls, just not as a licensed affiliation to Maine EMS. The Board was in agreement for Kip to follow through with his plans to rescind the department's license with Maine EMS. Stacie would make the necessary arrangements to meet the State of Maine requirements to do this.

7. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, and A/P warrants.
  - b. Stacie discussions on Town Office hours of operation.
8. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. Review and discussion on application(s) for the ACO position.
  - b. Review and decision on an abatement request;
    - 1.) Raymond motioned to issue an abatement for Dale Hafford for \$330.74, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
    - 2.) Raymond motioned to issue an abatement for Stav & Justin Taylor for \$532.50, Tina seconded and all were in favor.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the board of Selectmen at the September 20 meeting. smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The first meeting for the Wire 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.

## RSU 74 / School Board

The September board meeting was held Wednesday night at Carrabec Community School.

It was a three hour event, which earned coverage in the *Morning Sentinel*.

Adjustments to the Agenda: An item was added to the agenda. The new item would be the discussion of a Covid 19 school level response.

*Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved.*

Academic Goal Presentation: This was postponed to October.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy said that the two workshop days and the first pre-k-8 day had gone very well. He went on to explain the theme of the evening would be safety. It is his goal never to be too far ahead or too far behind the board. With several recent positive COVID cases at CHS, Mr. Tracy thought it was best to revisit the topic of masks. He has repeatedly expressed his goal for all kids to be in school, all the time, and his support for masks being recommended, though not required. However, if the use of some masking, some of the time, would allow the schools to stay open, rather than go remote, he thought the idea was worth consideration. Mr. Tracy read aloud a letter that he wrote to Dr. Shah in August. He shared numbers stating that since the COVID era began, 38 individuals under 20 years old have been hospitalized, and one has died from COVID. The COVID-related Standard Operating Procedures were reviewed. Among them: 1.) In the event of a positive case, a non-vaccinated individual may be out for 14 days, though the CDC makes the call. 2.) A close contact is someone who was within six feet of someone who tested positive for 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period. A non-vaccinated close contact must quarantine for 10-14 days. 3.) A vaccinated close contact can return to work the next day if asymptomatic, but must wear a mask. 4.) A close contact that has had COVID 19 in the last 90 days can be at work but must wear a mask. 5.) Close contacts who are part of a pool testing program can be at work though RSU 74 is not involved with pool testing. 6.) In school systems where a mask mandate is in place, close contacts are not forced to quarantine. (In all of the above cases, a close contact who is symptomatic must quarantine.) This provided some background for the long discussions that would take place later on.

Returning to discussions of the opening of the school year, Mr. Tracy said there are vacancies for Foreign

Language at CHS and some ed tech positions.

Admin Reports: Tim Richards, principal CCS, told the board that Wednesday's Freshman Orientation had been cancelled, but the intent was to resume normal operation on Thursday. With no Foreign Language teacher in place, Rosetta Stone will be utilized, and ed techs will supervise. As of Wednesday, CHS had 191 students, including a foreign exchange student from Italy.

According to Jean Butler, the first day had been great at both Solon and GS. She and Grace are planning to create an after-school program in partnership with the community. Covid money would fund the program. As of Wednesday, Solon had 65 k-5 students, and GS had 76. At CCS, Keith Mahoney has 235 students.

Grace had nothing to add to her report.

Lorie Agren said despite a bus breakdown, the first day had been a success. There are many more kids on the bus this year, so bus routes have had to be adjusted. Most parents want the bus drivers to drive right to their house, but snow and mud will likely make that impossible in some cases. Changes in the pre-k set up led to some confusion on day one, but adjustments were made to address that issue. Finally, Lorie commended the work of Rick Libby at the Madison bus garage.

Brian Twitchell had nothing to add to his report.

Scott Hall and his staff have been getting laptops out to all students. All k-8 students (except for those new to the district and those who have not returned a laptop last year) received laptops on Wednesday. CHS students were set to receive their devices on Thursday. With the end of remote learning, there is no longer an extra tech person. Students who are in quarantine will be expected to keep up with classwork through Google Classroom or SeeSaw.

AD Erik Carey updated the board on fall sports. Due to COVID, the first two regular season games for the both CHS boys' and girls' soccer teams have been postponed. The date when the soccer teams resume action is still to be determined (or it was as of Wednesday night). He thanked Tim Richards for helping with any questions he has had, and he thanked Lorie for helping arrange transportation so CHS athletes could play football at Madison. He praised the work that Chad, Henry, and Amy did lining the fields for the pre-season home soccer games at CHS. 16-18 have been showing up for CHS boys' soccer practice, and though 13-14 have shown interest in playing girls' soccer, the team had been seeing 10-11 girls at practice most nights. There are hopes that more girls will join. CCS sports will begin with practices on Tuesday.

Appointments: Brian Twitchell - Instructional Coach, Heather Austin - Fourth Grade, GS

Resignation: Wendy Witham - ed tech 3, CCS

Committees: There was no committee report.

Public Participation about ESSER 3/CARES 3 Funding: Board members discussed the funding of the CHS roof and after-school programming. The windows, floors, and carpets at GS and Solon were mentioned as well.

To see if the Board will approve the yearly update to the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. It was approved.

Discussion of the COVID 19 School Level Response: As many have already read in the *Morning Sentinel*, this topic generated a great deal of discussion from board members and community members.

Mr. Tracy had proposed a scenario where, depending on the number of COVID cases on a given day, a temporary mask mandate might be given in a school building. While he seems comfortable with the district policy of recommending, but not requiring, masks. If a temporary mask order might prevent a building (or the district) from having to shut down and go remote, he thought it was worth considering. Community members Wayne Coro, Victoria Greene, Charlie Day, and Henry Swihart spoke. None seemed particularly amenable to the proposal. Some were vehemently opposed.

Suggestions were thrown out by board members. One suggestion involved only issuing a mask order if between eight and ten percent of a school's students had tested positive. Mr. Tracy was asked if the CDC could really shut a school down due to COVID. He responded a school that ignored a CDC shutdown request would be faced with serious financial penalties. A community member suggested using COVID funds to pay the fine.

Mr. Tracy's temporary masking proposal was rejected 14-0 by the board. RSU 74 will continue with the current masking policy: recommended, not required. If the CDC orders a shutdown, a school will shut down.

For the time being, there will now be two board meetings each month with the next September board meeting scheduled for September 15.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at around 9:00 pm.

September 15 Board Meeting: The school board voted to accept (a slightly modified version of) the Covid-19 School-Level Response Plan which Mr. Tracy had proposed on September 1. The plan will go into effect on Monday, September 20.

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

## New Portland Community Library

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Hello New Portlanders. First and most importantly, as most of you know we lost a long time board member and friend in August. Deb LeBeau spent many years supporting and improving the services of our community library. We appreciate all of the emotional support to her family and donations and support to the library in her memory. She was a good friend and will be greatly missed.

We have a number of fundraisers/community events lined up: 1.) Recipes for the cookbook are due on October 30. We hope you will share both your recipes and your stories about them. Food and recipes usually have wonderful memories attached! 2.) Saturday, October 9 a "bake, book, and DVD sale" will be held at the Library from 9:00 am to noon. We hope to see you there. 3.) Sunday, October 10 we will be having a "toll bridge" event at our own Wire Bridge. We hope many of you will come out to enjoy the fall colors, the beauty of the bridge and river, and support your library! 4.) Saturday, December 4 a Holiday Craft Fair at the library! If you would like to be a vendor for this event please contact us! Table rental will be \$10.00. 5.) 50/50 Raffle is currently ongoing. The winner will be drawn at the Holiday Fair to give someone a boost for the season! Tickets are \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00; tickets are available at the library and with board members.

We recently received a large donation (thank you!) of teen level science fiction including Brian Jacques and Terry Brooks! Please stop in and browse what is new from both this donation and what has been added to our Maine history and genealogy selections. As always, we continue to offer duplicate books and DVD's for sale by donation. We also have FREE paperback book stations both inside and outside so you may add to your personal library at home or school. We also have a good selection of FREE homeschooling lesson plans available in the lobby area.

Hours of operation: We will be adding Sunday hours "by chance". If you see a car, please stop

Our other hours remain the same: Tuesday 8:30 am to noon, Thursday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Saturday 8:30 to noon. We would love to talk to you if you are thinking of volunteering time to a great organization! Our contact information: Telephone 207-628-6561, e-mail [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com), and via Facebook. Have a great month and hope to see you soon. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Becky Knowles-Redlevske*

## New Portland Churches

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New Portland Community Church News October 2021: What a beautiful fall it has been! The blue, blue sky and the beautiful colors and the crisp fall air are such blessings.

As the days get cooler, we are moving more of our services from the sanctuary of the church to the Joyce Pease Meeting House attached to the church. It's a cozy, comfortable space with the new heating system which was installed a year ago. As always, 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 if you have not been vaccinated, please do wear a mask indoors.

October 10 will be Reverend Thea's last worship service with the New Portland Church. She has accepted a call to Elgin, Illinois. We are happy for Thea and sad for us. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to grow as a minister and pursue her passion for social justice. She will also be much closer to family. It seems like a calling which will suit her well.

For us this means a return to supply preachers for at least the short-term and possibly an interim minister for a time as we search for a replacement. We will again begin posting the minister 'de jour' in the newsletter as soon as we have that schedule available.

On October 10 we will be having a special coffee hour at noontime following the church service for anyone who would like to wish Thea well with her new adventure. We in the congregation will miss her a great deal.

Journey of Faith, the Fairbanks/New Portland combined bible study, will continue to meet in person for the month of October. This small group of people has been meeting at 4:00 pm on Tuesday afternoons for open discussions that travel down many rabbit holes. It's an engaging hour and a half, and 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 services are held at 9:00 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*

WMBC: It is that time of year again for the yearly drive-in movie night held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church. Join us October 1 Friday night at 7:00 pm for a family friendly movie. The movie will be shown on the outside of the church viewed from the parking lot. Stay seated comfortably in your vehicle or bring a chair to set up outside. You will need a working radio in your car for volume control. The movie is free, so you don't need to bring any cash, only snacks and beverages. Free popcorn will be available.

Sunday, October 24 WMBC is hosting a Ten Year Anniversary Celebration Service and Luncheon. Everyone is invited to help celebrate the construction of the church which happened ten years ago. There will be opportunity to learn the history of WMBC from its beginning in 2005, current happenings at WMBC, tours of the building, activities for children, hear about plans for the future and of course, lots of food! There is no charge to attend. Once a schedule for the day is completed, you will be able find this information on the WMBC website calendar at [www.westernmountainchurch.org](http://www.westernmountainchurch.org).

Over the years, people have shared their personal stories about how the actual building process touched their hearts, peaked their curiosity or how God "spoke" to them. We are collecting people's written experiences to be able to share as an encouragement and reminder of what a powerful time this was for not only the WMBC congregation but to others in our local communities. One such testimony that was shared recently was by Rebecca Philpot, director of the New Hope Women's Shelter in Solon. Rebecca spoke about how she and others, who were in the beginning stages of planning to build their shelter, came to WMBC to see the layout. The day they arrived, work was being done on the inside. Scripture and prayers of love and hope were written on all the walls and beams of the building before being covered over by sheetrock. Rebecca and her team, adopted inscriptions for their building as well. If you have something you would like to share, please email it to [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net) or mail to WMBC, P.O. Box 264, Kingfield, Me. 04947. We are looking for something written which is 100

words or less. Know that submissions may be edited for size and clarity, but the content will not change. For more information please call or email Crystal at the church, 265-2557. If no one answers please leave a message for a call back.

October is a busy month for all of us: preparing for the cold weather, completing outside projects before snow flies and taking care of the garden in preparation for spring 2022. If you have the time and the opportunity to join in on (for either the whole day or just some of the day) the Ten Year Anniversary Celebration Service and Luncheon, know you are welcome and it will be a blessing to have your participation in this time of celebrating just some of what God has done in these beautiful western mountains.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*





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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR OCTOBER 2021 DOUG KEHR PHOTO						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Family Movie WMBC 7:00 pm FREE	2 Town Office 8:00 am - noon
3 NVCC Coffee 10:30 am Service 11:00 am ZOOM WMBC Services 10:00 am	4	5 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	6 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm	8	9 Library Board of Trustees NPCL 9:00 am Wire Bridge Snow Travelers Community Room 6:30
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