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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

Deputy Town Manager/Deputy Town Clerk: Mallory Stratton

Email newportlandclerk@gmail.com

Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

Town Clerk: Jianna Pinkham

Email newportlandclerk@gmail.com

Office hours: By appointment

LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

Assessor's Agent: Audra Swanson

Wednesday 10am - 3pm

Email newportlandassessor@gmail.com

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 8am - 12pm

2nd and 4th Wednesday 3pm - 6pm

Thursday 3pm - 6pm

Saturday 8am - 12pm

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 Monday, April 18th in observance of Patriot's Day.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen are authorizing Jean Antonucci to head a task force to search out possible options and resources for better quality internet services for New Portland residents. If you would like to participate or would like to know more about this, please contact Jean Antonucci at jnantonucci@gmail.com.

Selectmen's Meeting on February 21, 2022 Minutes

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Craig Lehigh

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Tina motioned to accept them as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: None
4. Items by the Public: The Board briefed Craig Lehigh on the approved project to use ARPA funds to purchase and install a new repeater antenna for the Fire Department.
5. Department Heads: None
6. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants.
 - b. Stacie discussed with the Board the State of Maine Speed Trailer Loan Program, and asked if New Portland should participate. It was decided that New Portland would submit an application to participate and utilize the speed trailer at location(s) that would bring speed awareness to traffic.
 - c. Stacie reminded the Board of the Municipal Election March 4 and the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held in the bay of the Fire Station to accommodate the public and social distancing.

- d. The Board reviewed and signed the January 2022 treasurer's report.
 - e. There was a brief discussion regarding the fire alarm in the Sand Salt Shed and how it operated.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
- a. The Board reviewed and signed a release deed for Ralph and Lynn Warren for payment of taxes.
 - b. The Board reviewed and signed appointment papers for Jianna Pinkham and Dillon Wellman to the Recreation Committee.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the March 1st meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

The March board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School. The meeting opened with the Pledge.

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

Masks: The board voted 11-1 to make mask wearing optional for the remainder of the school year in RSU 74. This applies to schools, buses, etc.

Superintendent Report: 1.) In the week following vacation, as of Wednesday night, there were only three cases of COVID district-wide. 2.) RSU 74 will solicit bids for property/casualty insurance. 3.) Mr. Tracy has talked with Detective Royle of the Maine State Police. Detective Royle is likely to do a presentation for parents and students about cyber crime before the school year is over. 4.) Budget season is here. The first budget meeting will be on March 16.

Appointments: Maurice Langlois - NHS Advisor, CHS; Stacey Robinson - NHS Advisor, CHS; Tamara McLean - ed tech; Kayli Addink - part-time ed tech.

Admin Reports: Most of the administrators chose not to add to the written report they had previously submitted to the board. Tim Richards noted CHS had held its first Student of the Month assembly in two years. Lorie Agren reported the CCS curtain has finally been fixed. Erik Carey gave the Athletic Director's report. The CCS girls' basketball team had 12 on the roster, and the CCS boys' basketball team finished with nine. At CHS, the bowling team had six members, girls' basketball had 18, and boys' basketball had 22. The CHS girls' basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 13-2, and advanced to the second round of the tournament. Milestones included Skip Rugh's 100th

coaching win, and Cheyenne Cahill scoring her 1000th point. The CHS boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 8-10, and advanced to the tournament in Augusta for the first time since 1998. Luke Carey passed the 1000th point mark during the season. Luke and Cheyenne became the third and fourth CHS basketball players to score 1000 points. Glenn Conners and Chris Lawrence were the first two players to score 1000. Mr. Carey noted that Glenn has been very supportive of the basketball teams all year, attending many games. Sign ups are in progress for spring sports: tennis, track, baseball, softball, etc.

Committees: The board's Finance Committee met on February 16 to go over the 22-23 budget. The district will likely receive about \$100,000 less in state subsidy next year. The cost of education is up about 7%. It is expected some carryover funds will be used to keep the local increase down for the taxpayers.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

After School Nutrition Program: The board voted to opt out. This was pretty much a formality, as the district has never participated in this.

Suspending Policy BD-R: The board's policy on adopting new policies was temporarily suspended. This was done so as to allow the board to immediately adopt some policies that are now required by state law.

New Policy: GBGB The board adopted policy GBGB. This is a Workplace Bullying policy.

Revised Policies: ACAB-R, BBAAA, JLCB, JIC, JKD, JKE-R, and JLF

Policy BBAAA was sent back to the policy committee. The other policies were approved.

Architect/Engineer: The board voted to hire an architect/engineer for the CCS roof.

Adjournment: The meeting ended around 7:15 pm.

Submitted: David Ela, President, Carrabec Educational Association

New Portland Community Library

Hello New Portlanders, First and most importantly, we thank the town's people for their support and commitment at town meeting! That being said, we are planning fundraising events as we have met only half of our anticipated budget needs. We will be having our annual Chinese Auction Saturday May 28, 2022 (Memorial weekend) at the Happy Horseshoe Campground. Thank you in advance to the Pinkham family. We will be collecting new and gently used items for the auction. Donations of items would be greatly appreciated, however, no clothes donations are acceptable for this event. To arrange either drop offs or possible pick-ups, please either contact the library or Becky at 207-313-2572. Also sending out a thank you for your support of the March "Bake, Book, & DVD Event"!

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.

We are reaching out for volunteers to allow expanded access. We would love to have a volunteer(s) available to allow expanded summer hours on the first and third Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The summer hours cover June through August. Please reach out to Sheila for details.

We are thinking of having a cleaning day for the library, possibly the end of June. If anyone is interested, please let us know by contacting Sheila Atwood at the library. Date will be set later. The place is looking a bit used! (Guess that is a good thing!)

If you are unable to attend one of our events but wish to make a contribution, please be advised we are a 501(c)3 non-profit entity. Your tax deductible contributions may be either dropped off at the library or mailed to: New Portland Community Library, 899 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961.

Submitted: Becky Knowles-Redlevskes

New Portland Churches

New Portland Community Church News April 2022:

Spring is finally here! April looks like it will be a beautiful month. Easter comes fairly late this year falling on the seventeenth of April. We hope to celebrate this Holy Day in the sanctuary of the church, weather permitting.

There will be palm branches for the Palm Sunday celebration and some special music for this joyous service. We will also be handing out Easter baskets at the North Village Church on Palm Sunday (April 10) from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Even though it was a rainy, chilly day we were so pleased to see all the friendly faces and happy kids who stopped by for a special Easter basket last year. We hope to see you all again this year. It will really make our day!

Maundy Thursday's solemn service will be a joint service with Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. This will be held at 6:00 pm and be officiated by MaryEllen Royce. It is a contemplative service in preparation for Good Friday and including much of the Good Friday litany and messaging.

Easter Sunday (April 17th) the church will be adorned with flowers and spring decorations as we celebrate the joyous occasion of Christ rising from the grave. It is a time of rebirth and renewal in nature and hopefully in our personal lives as we look ahead to planting our gardens and watching the signs of Spring unfold around us.

Sunday services are being held in-person at the New Portland Church. Currently we are holding worship in the meeting house attached to the big church. It's a cozy, warm space for a cozy, warm congregation. We will be keeping an eye on the warmer temperatures and looking forward to moving back into the large sanctuary as weather permits. Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30am, worship starts at 11am.

List of those preaching for the month of April and other scheduled events: April 3 – Stan Wheeler, April 10 at 12:30 – Palm Sunday/MaryEllen Royce, April 14 – Maundy Thursday Service at Fairbanks Union Church at 6:00 pm led by MaryEllen Royce, April 17 – Easter Sunday/MaryEllen Royce, April 23 – Phyllis Blackstone, May 1 – MaryEllen Royce.

Online services are still available through Zoom and Facebook Live at the links below. Please note that 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.

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

Submitted: Nan Berry

The Western Mountains Baptist Church will once again be hosting a big Easter Celebration! The day, April 17, will start off with a sunrise service at 6:00 am. Attendees will meet outside by the cross as Pastor Tom delivers a message to remind attendees why we celebrate Resurrection Sunday. His message will address how people reacted then, and the hope we have today to know Jesus has risen from the grave. Be sure to dress warmly.

Immediately following the outside service (6:30ish), everyone is welcome inside the church to warm up with hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate. A big Easter breakfast will be prepared and served by the men around 7:00 am. There is no charge. At 10:00 am the regular 10:00 am service will include an Easter message. Everyone is welcome to join all or part of the events planned for Easter Sunday at WMBC.

April 15 is Good Friday. A Good Friday service is planned for that evening at 6:30 pm. Join us in remembering the events that led up to Jesus's death and resurrection.

Before Easter weekend, a Women's Tea is planned for April 9 at 1:00 pm. Georgie Woodford, a long time church member and resident of Kingfield, will be sharing her testimony and experiences on "Women Helping Women." In addition to an inspirational time of hearing how God has worked in Georgie's life there will be crafts and snacks. There is no charge and all women, young and older are invited. Hope you will join us.

For the sixth year, WMBC is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a high school senior attending Carrabec or Mt. Abram High School. Students are encouraged to complete an application on the WMBC website: westernmountainschurch.org. Or mail a printed form to WMBC, PO Box 264, Kingfield, 03947. For more information see the guidance counselor at school, contact the church or view the microcast on the church's website. The deadline for scholarship applications is May 15, 2022.

Lastly, a special thank you to New Portland resident, Nanci Mahlmann, EMT-CC, for teaching a CPR class on March 19 to church attendees. Ten people earned their certification in CPR. Happy Spring,

Submitted: Crystal Fitch

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

March meeting was cancelled due to stormy weather.

Submitted: Joyce Knowle



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