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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 w	eekend)

Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett

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Deputy Town Manager/Deputy Town Clerk: Mallory Stratton Email......newportlandclerk@gmail.com

Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

Town Clerk: Jianna Pinkham

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Office hours: By appointment

LPI: Leo Mayo - 566-7341

Assessor's Agent: Audra Swanson

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

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

Remember... =

Selectmen's Meeting
 1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month6:30pm

- New Portland Fire Department Meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month6:30pm
- Planning Board Meeting
- 1st Wednesday of the month......6:30pm

 New Portland Water District
- 2nd Wednesday of each month......6:30pm
- Recreation Committee
- 1st Thursday of each month6:30pm

 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, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Town of New Portland would like to WELCOME Trevor Tozier as our new road commissioner. Trevor has worked under our former road commissioner, Gary Agren, for a few years now, and he will be taking over those responsibilities, as Gary Agren has retired. The Town of New Portland would like to express its gratitude to Gary Agren for his many years of service to New Portland as road commissioner. Enjoy your retirement, it's well deserved.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND

2022-2023 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 **"2022-2023 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, May 16th, 2022 at 5:00 pm** at the following address:

Town of New Portland "Winter Sand Bid" Attn: Stacie Rundlett 901 River Road New Portland, ME 04961

Bid packages will be opened publicly at the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022 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 3,500 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 who 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:

Annoucement

Due to the fact no power has been produced for several years and the fact repairing the facility back to its original operating condition would be unaffordable, I am in the process of surrendering the FERC exemption. As part of that process, the facility is being offered to anyone who would want to repair the facility and operate it within the parameters of the existing FERC exemption. Anyone interested should contact John Bertl at 628-1011 or email at jbertl@hotmail.com. If you wish to contact the FERC to explore your options, please contact Steven Sachs at (202) 502-8666 or email steven. sachs@ferc.gov

Submitted: John Bertl

- 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

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2022

Roster Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Asa Taylor, Kasey McCarty, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin

- 1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- 2. The Board reviewed minutes from previous meeting. Tina motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. Old Business: None
- 4. Items by the Public: None
- 5. Department Heads:

Kip updated the Board on issues with the dump tank on Tanker 1. He is working on having the issues fixed. There was a brief discussion regarding the repeater and the cell tower's contact. Stacie will work on finding an updated contact for the cell tower. Kip discussed with the Board again the need for signage for discontinued roads, as motorists have gotten stuck three different times so far this winter season on an unmaintained road and the Fire Department had to assist. Stacie would contact White Sign and order signs.

- 6. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants
 - b. Stacie discussed with the Board complaints made to the Health Officer for unsanitary amounts of trash and rubbish on a property on Hancock Pond Road. Stacie shared with the Board there was an issue with not having a mailing address for the tax payer. Stacie recently tracked it down and issued a certified letter, giving the tax payer 30 days to rectify the matter.
 - c. Stacie shared with the Board the inspector's letter from MMA Risk Management. He was pleased with the building and its upkeep and found no risk issues.
 - d. There was a brief discussion time for the upcoming Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting.
- 7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a. There was a lengthy discussion on the resignation of Road Commissioner Gary Agren and what to do moving forward. After the discussion the Board decided to run an ad for two full weeks in the usual locations to begin the hiring process for a new road commissioner. In the meantime, the Board felt they could address any road issues that might come up. Stacie would draft an ad for

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is May 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.

the selectmen to approve and once that takes place, she will post the ad immediately.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the March 21 meeting. smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2022

Roster Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Tina Poulin (absent); Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Jean Antonucci, David Veilleux, Josh Nunes, Trevor Tozier, Asa Taylor, Garrett Oswald, Brian Rundlett, Tiffany Silva, Ron Lindner-Demers, John Demers-Lindner, Oliver Dulac, Cherly Knighton

- 1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
- 2. Wayne motioned to nominate Raymond as chairperson for the Board of Selectmen. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seonded and all were in favor.
- 4. Old Business: None
- 5. Items by the Public:

Jean Antonucci addressed the Board, requesting that the Board come up with a task force to research how the town can work towards having better quality internet services for New Portland residents. There was a brief discussion regarding this matter. The Board authorized her to head this task force, and Stacie would see if something could be put in the New Portlander about this.

- 6. Department Heads: None
- 7. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, and A/P warrants.
 - b. The Board reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report for February.
 - c. There was a discussion on options and input for a Marijuana Ordinance. Stacie would get the information to the town's attorney to have something drafted. Stacie would also reach out to KVCOG for suggestions on a Solar Farm ordinance.
- 8. Items by the Board of Selectmen
 - a. The Board spoke about receiving three applicants for the road commissioner position. There was discussion on moving forward with interviews. Stacie was asked to contact Tina to see what her availability was to participate in the interviewing process. Once that is determined the Board will schedule interviews with the three applicants.
 - b. There was a discussion regarding road complaints. The issue on Bennett Hill Road was to be taken care of by a local contractor. And Raymond suggested that he take the road rake across the bad areas of road on the George E. Cole Road to try and expedite those spots in drying out.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 5 meeting. smr

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2022

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Mr. Mike Tracy, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, Garrett Oswald, Trevor Tozier

- 1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
- 2. The Board reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Tina motioned to accept the minutes as written; Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. Old Business: 1.) Discussions on proposed marijuana ordinance. Stacie would send of the information to MMA for review. 2.) Stacie inquired of the Board if the Winter Sand Ad should reflect the need for 3500 yards of sand. Tina had looked at the remaining sand left, and the Board felt comfortable with that amount to be in the description of the ad.
- 4. Mr. Tracy (RSU #74 Superintendent) reviewed with the Board the proposed RSU #74 budget.
- 5. Department Heads: 1.) Kip updated the Board on payroll. He reviewed with the Board a proposed ordinance to authorize the fire department to charge for cost recovery on accidents and calls where the department spends a lot of time on a scene. 2.) Trevor briefed the Board on the evaluations on the roads and conditions. He updated the Board on repairs needed on the grader. Stacie would schedule a time as soon as possible to rent a sweeper for the town roads and removal of debris and sand from the winter.
- 6. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants
 - b. The Board reviewed and motioned to accept cyber security acceptable use agreement.
- 7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a. The Board reviewed a Personal Property abatement request for Dana Wills.

Raymond motioned to grant the Personal Property abatement as written by the Assessor's Agent. Tina seconded and all were in favor. Dana Wills: 2017- \$1,509.54; 2018 - \$895.99; 2019 - \$1,607.95; 2020 - \$1,829.47; 2021- \$1,468.05 Total - **\$7,311.00**. Raymond asked Stacie to relay to Audra, the Assessor's Agent, the Board would like a monthly report submitted so they know what she has been working on.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 18 meeting. smr

RSU 74 / School Board

The April school board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Two appointments and one new teacher hire were added to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 2 regular board meeting, and the minutes of the March 23 budget meeting were approved.

Math Team: Mr. Twitchell introduced Marc Collard and the students on the Carrabec High School math team. The team was applauded by the board and audience. The math team recently won the MVC championship. Mr. Collard gave the board members and the audience three math problems to solve, while Mr. Twitchell expressed hope that it might be possible to once again have a state math meet at the Augusta Civic Center once again in 2023.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Tracy had three updates. a.) RSU 74 may need to find a new auditor in the near future. The company that the district has used in the past will have some retirements coming soon. b.) With energy prices skyrocketing, the district is looking at all options. c.) There was a third update, (but I was a bit preoccupied with trying to figure out the answers to the three math problems.) I didn't get the third update.

Nominations: Terrie Hoops - Foreign Language, CHS; Kelsey Creamer - Science, CHS

Appointments: Jenah Leeman - After School Program, CCS, Debra Aitkin - CCS/CHS track, Kyle Dixon - CCS/CHS track, Mackenzie Baker - CHS softball, Suther Bickford - CCS softball, Erik Carey - CHS baseball, Rob Peabody - CHS baseball volunteer, Dave Ela - CHS baseball volunteer, Jeff Fowler - CHS boys' tennis, Eric Baker - CHS softball volunteer, John Berube - senior class advisor, CHS

Reports: Grace Gram spoke about an increase in the number of special education students. 29 new IEP students have been added since October. Some have needs that can be addressed by RSU 74 staff. Some need to be transported to out of district placements. Scott Hall fielded a guestion from a board member about pass/fail grading, and a problem with Synergy. Keith fielded a question from a board member about seating assignments in the CCS cafeteria. Tim Richards noted that the senior class is sponsoring a dance on April 15. He commended Brooke Welch for receiving the MPA Principal's Award. He said that the atmosphere at CHS is improving, as the seniors are taking leadership roles. Lorie Agren and her crew have been busy getting the fields ready for the spring sports season. During Lorie's report, a board member spoke up to make it known he had heard people say that the board moved the CCS playground. He said the playground decision came not from the board, but from a committee of staff. Erik Carey thanked Lorie and her staff for their work this spring. Track numbers have increased dramatically. Last year five students in grades 6-12 signed up for track. This year the number is

30. Skip Rugh recently announced he was resigning as CHS girls' basketball coach. Mr. Carey thanked him for his 11 years as coach and commended the job that he had done. A board member praised some high school coaches for prioritizing athlete health and safety. Team numbers: CCS track – 9, CHS track – 21, CCS baseball – 12, CCS softball -18, CHS baseball – 15, CHS softball – 11, CHS boys tennis – 7, (There is currently no CHS girls' tennis.) At this time Mr. Tracy informed the board that a bus driver, Anthony Wyman, had recently saved the life of a student who was choking on the bus.

Committees: There were no new committee reports.

Public Participation: The future of Garrett Schenck is once again a topic for discussion. Tammy Murray of Anson spoke briefly about this, requesting to be kept informed. Mr. Tracy said that his goal was to be as transparent as possible as the process moves.

Garrett Schenck: In June of 2020, the board voted to direct the superintendent to develop a plan in the event that GS was closed. With COVID and the 20-21 need for social distancing of three or six feet, this was not high on the priority list. Now that COVID restrictions seem to be a thing of the past, this topic is back. A plan will be developed to see how much savings would be generated from a closing, how students would be distributed in the event of a closing, and how to best educate students if the district moved from four buildings to three.

The next board meeting will be held on May 4.

Submitted: David Ela, President, Carrabec Educational Association

Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2021

Roster: Peter Gardner, Lewis Wills, Brian Rundlett; Brook Gardner, Stacie Rundlett, Sarah Churchill, Susan and Rupert Pratt

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Brian motioned to accept the minutes as written, Lewis seconded and all were in favor.

Sarah approached the Board regarding purchasing an abutting property to her property on Chick Road. There was discussion regarding purchasing the abutting property and then selling off a piece of it. She wanted to get clarification if this was compliant to any sub-division laws. After thorough discussion on the matter the Board informed Sarah that as long as she was only selling one piece off the existing abutting property, she was in compliance with all sub-division laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the April 6, 2022 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The April meeting was called to order with seven members present.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The trail master reported both the municipal and club grants had been sent to the State. A huge thanks goes out to everyone who volunteered their time maintaining our trails.

Old Business: The brush cutter has been purchased and is being installed onto the Tucker groomer. The electronic swipe machine is all set to be used, starting next season.

A member volunteered to get prices for five foot metal posts so bridge signs can be placed. He will report back to the club at the next meeting.

New Business: 1.) Discussions were held about purchasing some items for the club. Two members have volunteered to get prices on these items and report back to the club. These items are boxes to be placed on the drag to store items and a sled to pull behind a snowmobile so items could be hauled when doing trail maintenance. 2.) A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow a member to purchase hydraulic hoses that are needed to connect the new brush cutter and also to purchase new hoses for ones that need to be replaced on the drag. 3.) The membership chair reported the club had 75 members this year. The number of people joining our club has to do with the huge support of Cafe'Rellis. Thank you Cafe'Rellis! We appreciate all you do for our club. The club would like to thank you for supporting our club this season. Enjoy your summer. The next meeting will be October 8 starting at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Community Library

We would like to remind everyone our board meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 am. Please join us to learn more about the library, consider volunteering, or working to assist with updating a strategic plan for the organization.

Memorial Weekend: We are happy to announce The Happy Horseshoe Campground has invited us to hold our annual Chinese auction fundraiser on Saturday May 28, 2022! The event will take place from 10:00 am to 11:00 am with winners drawn at 11:00 am. Also, if you are spring cleaning and have gently used items you would like to donate, please contact us by calling or e-mailing the library! We will make arrangements for collection. We will be working with local businesses, artisans, and crafters for some awesome donations. If you would like to advertise your business or art by donating items, please reach out to us; we would love to promote your products and talents!

Just a week later Saturday, June 4, we will be offering our very popular Plant, Bake, and Book Sale beginning at 9:00 am.

What a great way to start the summer season with fun things to do, planting, eating, and reading all while not freezing! If you are unable to make our event but would like to support the library, please be aware your tax deductible contributions may be either dropped off at the library or mailed to the New Portland Community Library, 899 River Road, New Portland ME 04961

We still have an amazing batch of collectible classic books for sale plus Sheila received a large batch of books and audio books. We are offering the audio books as "take one get one" deal! There are a variety of authors you will find interesting while traveling or for gifts to those who would enjoy them. Check it out!

We are still collecting recipes for a cookbook we plan to publish in November. We would love to have you share one or two of your favorites to help make this a community project.

Our hours of operation are Tuesdays 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; second and fourth Wednesdays 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Thursdays 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and Saturdays 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please reach out if you would like to place any orders either from our stock or the lending program. Our contact information: phone 207-628-6561, e-mail newportlandcl@gmail.com, or via Facebook.

Thanks everyone and have a happy spring.

Submitted by: Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary

New Portland Churches

The Western Mountains Baptist Church celebrated a joyful Easter with well over 100 people attending sunrise, breakfast and/or the 10:00 am worship service. What a blessing to see people of all ages come together to celebrate Jesus and the hope we have for life after death.

A reminder to high school students living in the coverage area of Carrabec and Mt. Abram that the applications for the WMBC Scholarship 2022 are due May 15. Someone will receive \$1000 for their first semester expenses. It could be you! An application can be found online westernmountainschurch.org.

For the month of May: on the 7th, Men's Breakfast held Saturday at 8:00 am, on the 14th and 28th Women's Fellowship, on the 15th a Mexican themed potluck after church, an on the 28th Bridging the Gap meals for the elderly.

Looking ahead to June 20 - 24, Vacation Bible School will be made available to children ages three and up. Fun Bible stories, upbeat songs, healthy snacks, action packed games and more will be available from 9:00 am - noon, Monday thru Friday. There is no charge. Parents are welcome to stay with their children. FMI, call the church, 265-2557.

WMBC offers Sunday School for all ages every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Worship service begins at 10:00 am with Nursery and Children's Church offered up to age 12. Snacks and hot beverages are available all morning for no charge. Come as you are. FMI call the church or reach out to Pastor Tom DuBois, 557-3802 or email him pastorwmbc@gmail.com

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