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## TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

Phone: 628-4441 • Fax: 628-4440

### Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

#### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 10am - 5pm  
Thursday ..... 12pm - 6pm  
First Saturday of the month ..... 8am - noon  
(except Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar. and permitting it's not a holiday weekend)

#### Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett

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

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

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

Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

#### Town Clerk: Jianna Pinkham

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

Office hours: By appointment

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

#### Assessor's Agent: Audra Swanson

Wednesday ..... 10am - 2pm

Email ..... [newportlandassessor@gmail.com](mailto: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 the following dates  
in observance of Independence Day: Saturday, July 2 and  
Monday, July 4

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Selectmen

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2022

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

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 the minutes as written, Raymond  
seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Stacie shared with the Board that Jim Tindal would like  
to paint other town signs so they are all the same and to  
make those signs more colorful like the one he has already  
done. The Board thought that would be a good project and  
to let Jim know to contact the Board before removing signs  
to be painted.
  - b. The Board did not have a suggestion for the Spirit of  
America award for 2022 at this time.
  - c. There was a brief discussion regarding the ordinances. The  
Board tabled the matter until they can get clarification on a  
few things.
  - d. The Board discussed J&R Davenport Trucking's option to  
take 2 more years on the snow plow contract. The Board  
authorized Stacie to draft a document for Brent Davenport  
to sign as a formal document.
4. Items by the Public - None
5. Department Heads: Trevor updated the board on the  
upcoming projects for Summer Roads. He informed the Board  
that the calcium spreader was currently down and he was  
waiting on parts to arrive to fix it. He updated the Board that  
the grader was fixed and back in service.
6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll, A/P warrants

- b. The Board reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report
- c. Stacie shared with the Board that after a very lengthy process the annual reporting for the ARPA funds received had been completed.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen
  - a. The Board opened 4 sealed bids for the 2022-2023 Winter Sand bid. 1. Jordan Excavation for \$13.23 per yard. 2. Pike Industries for \$12.75 per yard. 3. J&R Davenport for \$19.95 per yard. 4. Alpine Earthworks for \$14.25 per yard. The Board had a brief discussion on the bids which had been received. Raymond motioned to accept the bid for \$12.75 from Pike Industries, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the June 7th meeting. smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## **RSU 74 / School Board**

The June 1 board meeting was held at CCS.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Two resignations were added to the agenda. One agenda item was moved to the end of the agenda.

Letter to the Board: Troy Dunphy opened the meeting by reading a letter that he had received from a citizen. The North Anson Snowmobile Club had held a fundraiser at CHS. The letter was complimentary of the school. The cleanliness of the building and the artwork on the walls was appreciated.

*Minutes: The minutes of the May 4 regular board meeting and the May 18 and 25 special board meetings were approved.*

Superintendent Report: 1.) Mr. Tracy thanked administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and the community for their help during the 2021-2022 school year. He is looking forward to a "normal" re-opening in the fall. He also commended the graduating CHS seniors. 2.) He discussed the work of the Restructure Committee. He met with the staff committee on both May 2 and May 23. He met with the board's subcommittee on May 11. 3.) In the

event that Garret Schenck is closed in the future, it would appear that the 7th and 8th graders will move to CHS. Different configurations are being considered for grades k-6. Perhaps both Carrabec Community School and Solon elementary would house grades k-6. Or students could be distributed differently with students in the younger elementary grades in one building, and students in the older elementary grades in another building. The board's committee will meet again on June 8 to address this topic. 4.) At this point, the projected savings of closing a building is not known. The hope is by the end of the summer, there will be a consensus on what is the best plan for educating students in only three buildings. From there, cost savings will be estimated. Perhaps by early autumn the board will vote whether to close a building or to continue on with four buildings. 5.) The newly purchased bus should arrive by the third week of June. Some buses are currently being repaired and should be returned in working condition as early as this week. RSU 74 buses will no longer be maintained by RSU 59 in the future. It is possible that O'Connor will assume this role. 6.) There will be 95 k-5 kids attending summer school. In grades 6-12, summer school will assume a credit recovery model.

Appointments: Jenah Leeman - preK-5 Summer School; Kim Cole - CHS Yearbook Advisor; Stacey Brown - Summer Cook Manager; Tanya Carey - Chief Mentor/ New Teacher Mentor, GS; Stacey Robinson - New Teacher Mentor, CHS; Michelle Stevens - New Teacher Mentor, S; Lesa Weggler - New Teacher Mentor, CCS; Jasmyn Wagg - STEAM Lead Teacher, GS; Jasmyn Wagg - Lead Teacher, GS; Stacey McCluskey - STEAM Lead Teacher, S; Richard Reichenbach - STEAM Lead Teacher, CCS; Mary Keenan - Ed Tech Authorization Chair; Brian Twitchell - Certification Chair; Grace Cram - 504 Coordinator; Chudala Holden - IEP Coordinator; Jen Lachance - Lead Teacher, S; Suther Bickford - 6-8 Summer School; Jerzee Rugh - 6-8 Summer School; Katie Hall - Advisory Dean, CHS; Aaron Baum - Advisory Dean, CHS; Stacey Robinson - Advisory Dean, CHS; John Berube - Advisory Dean, CHS; Maurice Langlois - NHS Advisor; Stacey Robinson - NSH Advisor; Brian Twitchell - Instructional Coach

Resignations: Joyce Flanagan, Tim Richards, Sue Geib, Alisha Golden, Keith Mahoney, Lorie Agren

Nominations: Missy Miller - 2nd Grade, CCS; Karen Pease - 7th and 8th Grade LA, CCS;

Committees: The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on May 11. They discussed last year's projects and upcoming projects, such as the CCS roof. The Restructure Committee also met on May 11.

Admin Reports: Jean Butler informed board members the place settings at the board table were provided by Jasmyn Wagg's students. Jean also mentioned the end of the year

### **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

The next meeting will be October 8 starting at 6:30 pm.

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is July 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**

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will be filled with activities, assemblies and field days. Tim Richards told the board all fifty seniors will graduate on June 3. Mr. Brian Twitchell reported on math work which he had done with Tanya Carey's students. Lorie Agren said the shingles will arrive next Friday, and the paving behind CCS will be completed in June. In his AD report, Erik Carey said he has received compliments from other coaches and fans regarding how good the CHS baseball and softball fields look. The CHS boys' tennis team won their first ever MVC championship on Wednesday. Two CHS athletes, Cheyenne Cahill and Desmond Robinson, will compete in the state championship track meet on Saturday. The CHS baseball and softball teams will participate in post season playoff games. Finally, Mr. Carey presented Skip Rugh with a plaque recognizing his success as CHS girls' basketball coach for more than a decade. Skip won 100+ games as a coach, reached the tournament numerous times and coached in a state championship game. Mr. Carey said that Skip will be a very tough act to follow. Board Rep Trinity Slate spoke briefly, and stated the seniors are very excited for their upcoming graduation.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

Student Board Rep: William Price will be the student board rep in 2022-2023.

To see if the Board will allow the Superintendent to hire teachers in June, July, and August and notify the Board. The board approved.

Audit Firm: RKO was approved as the school auditor.

Property/Casualty Insurance: After a lengthy discussion the bid from Maine School Management was approved.

CCS Leadership Configuration, 2022-2023: The board directed the superintendent to seek a one year (interim) principal for 2022-2023. If it is not possible to find a suitable one year principal, the superintendent may serve as principal, with a Dean of Students added to assist.

Academic Goals: Mr. Tracy reviewed his academic goals with the boards.

Strategic Planning: RSU 74 held a round of Strategic Planning in 2018. There will be another session of Strategic Planning in 2022.

Student Handbooks: The principals shared changes in the student handbooks with the board.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at about 8:05.

June 16 - There were two special board meetings tonight.

In the 6:00 pm special board meeting, the board unanimously approved Mark Campbell as the new CHS principal.

In the 6:30 pm special board meeting, the board accepted Mr. Tracy's recommendation to remove the word "interim" from CCS principal search. It will no longer be advertised as a one year position but advertised in a similar manner as the recently completed CHS principal search.

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

## **New Portland Community Library**

Thank you all for the amazing support of our Chinese Auction and Plant, Bake, and Book Sale fundraisers, and we hope you had FUN! We succeeded with record setting amounts for both events! Of course, we thank the Pinkham's and all of the Happy Horseshoe family, Richard and Bonnie Atwood and their families for all their support, along with all of the commercial and individual donors who made our efforts successful! We appreciate you all and hope you will come and enjoy the benefits of your contributions.

We hope you will find time with a good book while enjoying the summer. We have many new title and old favorites. We still have an amazing selection of beautifully bound classics for \$20.00 each. When you come to visit us, we hope you would share a recipe for our upcoming cookbook. It would be great to offer a wide variety of recipes and share favorites of our surrounding communities.

As always, our contact information is: phone 207-628-6561, e-mail [newportlandcl@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com), or via Facebook and our hours of operation are: Tuesday's 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; second and fourth Wednesday's 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Thursday's 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and Saturday's 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

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.

Thank you and have a wonderful July.

*Submitted by: Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary*





## New Portland Churches

New Portland Community Church News for July: Thank you to everyone who has participated in the survey which went out last month. We appreciate the input. We are still collecting those at the Town office and in the box at the church itself. We are interested in what ideas the community has to share with us.

July brings the first of the work groups that will be staying at the church while they work with MATE's housing ministry to improve properties around the community. Flemington Presbytery Church has been coming every summer (with one year off during the pandemic) for decades, and we are happy to welcome them again this year. They will be arriving on July 24 and staying for the week. Feel free to stop by and chat and see what they are doing and what they are about. We appreciate their time and generosity, and their commitment to mission within our town.

Sunday services are being held in-person in the sanctuary at the New Portland Church. Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am, worship starts at 11:00 am (unless otherwise stated below).

Please note that on July 31 there will be no service at the New Portland Church. This Sunday we will participate in an outdoor joint service to be held at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington. Please join the crowd for a service of music, poetry and story-telling.

List of those preaching for the month of July: July 3 - Rev. Stan Wheeler, Communion Sunday, July 10 - Pastor MaryEllen Royce, July 17 - Pastor MaryEllen Royce, July 24 - Rev. Dick Waddell, July 31 - 10:00 am (note time) SuperSunday, Joint Service, outdoors at Fairbanks Union Church

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

## Lexington – Highland Historical Society

On Saturday July 16 the Lexington/Highland Historical Society will celebrate the completion of the History House Project. An OPEN HOUSE with a pig roast at noon is scheduled. All veterans who have lived in Lexington or Highland will be named and recognized for their service to our country at the 10:30 am Veteran Recognition Service. Family members of Lexington\Highland veterans are invited to celebrate this special program.

*Submitted: Emmons Pinkham*

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. Respectfully...

*Nan Berry*

Western Mountain Baptist Church: At the time of this writing, June 20, the Western Mountains Baptist Church has completed the first exciting morning of Vacation Bible School (VBS). Twenty-four children, eleven teens and twenty-two adults participated in day one of Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. Four more stimulating fun days to go. The VBS closing program will be held on Sunday, June 29 during the regular worship service, followed by a big barbecue for anyone who enjoys food!

The Women's Fellowship group has changed their day of getting together. Meetings are still twice a month at 1:00 pm. The new day is now Tuesdays. In July (and going forward) fellowship time for ladies will be Tuesday, July 12 and July 28. For more information please call Pat at 684-2158. To see all events and gatherings at WMBC, check out the calendar on the website: [westernmountainchurch.org](http://westernmountainchurch.org).

Saturday, July 16, WMBC will once again participate in the Kingfield Days celebration. A bounce house will be set up on Depot Street next to the health center and library. There will also be snow-cones and popcorn, all at no charge. So bring the kids by to burn off some energy, cool down and indulge in a semi-healthy snack. While there, check out the prayer tent. WMBC members will be there to pray with you or to take a prayer request. Free bibles will also be available.

Sunday morning services are held at 10:00 am every Sunday morning. Beforehand, Sunday school is available for all ages at 9:00 am. Visitors are always welcome. Coffee, tea and snacks are available before, during or after the service. If you would like to hear Pastor Tom DuBois' sermon, you may listen to it live on YouTube at 10:20 am each Sunday. Free cds are also available for anyone who would like to listen to the message on a cd player. Call the church at 265-2557 or email: [westernmountainbaptist@tds.net](mailto:westernmountainbaptist@tds.net) to make your request.

*Submitted by Crystal Fitch*





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