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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 townofnewportland@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 - 2pm

Email newportlandassessor@gmail.com

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

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

Assessor

Due to the Market Valuations of the Past and Current sales, property and building values are being adjusted to meet the State Of Maine Sales Ratios of our area. This lets us take full advantage of the reimbursements offered to us by the State (examples are Homestead & Veteran Exemptions, T/G and BETE reimbursements). All property values have increased across the board at a 30% increase and building values are being adjusted to at least a 35% increase in valuation. Of course, this does NOT imply that your taxes will increase that %... as the valuations increase, the MIL rate decreases. Please contact the Assessor's office with any questions or concerns @ 207-628-4441 typically on Wednesdays.

Thank you

Submitted: Audra Swanson

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month6:30pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month6:30pm
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
2nd Saturday of the month 9am
- **Planning Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of the month6:30pm
- **New Portland Water District**
2nd Wednesday of each month6:30pm
- **School Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of each month6pm
- **Recreation Committee**
1st Thursday of each month6:30pm
- **New Portland Community Library**
Tuesday8am - 12pm
2nd and 4th Wednesday3pm - 6pm
Thursday3pm - 6pm
Saturday8am - 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
Saturday7am - 10:30am

Selectmen

Minutes for Selectmen's Meeting June 07, 2022

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett; Stacie Rundlett (town manager), Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Garrett Oswald

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Tina motioned to accept the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Stacie discussed with the Board the Spirit of America award and who to nominate for 2022. She suggested Janet White for all of her time tending to the flower beds every year. The Board thought that was a good choice.
 - b. The Board discussed with Kip the proposed Fire Department Ordinance. Kip would revamp the proposed one and let the Board review it when he had finished. The Board discussed their options for an ordinance to help govern possible solar farms. No decisions were made.

- c. There was a discussion regarding the option for two more years on snow plow contract. The Board felt comfortable with the draft Stacie sent them of a contract stating the contractor and Board would be extending current contract for the additional two years. Stacie would print and have all parties sign the document for the Town's records.
4. Items by the Public: Chris Williams was in attendance to discuss with the Board a notice of violation he received from the Town. He asked for a two or three week extension on getting his property cleaned up. The Board felt comfortable with that.
5. Department Heads: Kip shared with the board he finally has had some communication with the people in charge of the tower. There was a discussion regarding possibly using ARPA funding to purchase smoke detectors for residents which the Fire Department could distribute to tax payers. He briefed the Board on calls and equipment repairs.
6. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
 - b. There was a discussion on office hours for Saturdays now that people could register their vehicles online. The matter was tabled.
 - c. Stacie shared with the Board a request to allow a company to come in and digitize town documents for free. At this time the Board did not feel it was necessary.
 - d. There was a discussion regarding the current Dog Ordinance and the information which Stacie had learned from the Town's attorney. It was suggested to review and update the current ordinance as there have been many complaints about barking and dogs at large.
 - e. Stacie reviewed with the Board the Junkyard Ordinance violations notices that have been sent. She asked if the Board wanted to give an extension on those as well, and they did.
 - f. The Board reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Report for May.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant for RSU #74 Budget.
 - b. The Board reviewed and signed the certificate of appointment for David Royce for RSU #74 school board for a three year term.

Tina motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting July 05, 2022

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Stacie Rundlett, (Town Manager) Brian Rundlett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. The Board reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Tina motioned to approve the minutes as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Ordinances/ schedule public hearing tabled
 - b. The Board reviewed and signed the two-year extension for the Winter Plow Contract
4. Items by the Public: None
5. Department Heads:- Stacie discussed the Planning Board vacancy with the Board with the passing of Peter Gardner (Planning Board Chairman). There was a brief discussion regarding the Dog Ordinance and complaints regarding dogs barking. Stacie would also reach out to the ACO (Dillon Wellman) to discuss complaints about livestock issue in the West Village.
6. Items by the Town Manager
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll, A/P warrants.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a. There was a brief discussion about the Assessor's updates on the upcoming taxes and valuation changes.
 - b. There was a brief discussion on possible uses for ARPA funding. Stacie would gather more information for the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the July 18 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

Due to Mr. Ela's vacation, there are no School Board minutes for July.

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is August 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.

New Portland Community Library

Happy Summer! We hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather, and your gardens are bountiful and beautiful! We love seeing all our visitors and want to remind you to check out the mounted reproduction maps on display. We have an 1861 map of Somerset County and an 1860 map of Franklin County. The maps list land owner names and plat numbers. This is a great resource to start or continue a land lineage project or just enjoy and learn some local history.

To keep the inventory fresh we continue to receive and place an estimated 50 new book and movie titles into circulation each month. Not only does this help keep our shelves and inventory up to date, it also allows us to pull older books in our "used book room and book sale stock. This is a great way to obtain entertainment and knowledge without the stress of a deadline! Plus, several of our weeded items from our used book room are being arranged by author and will be posted on Facebook for your browsing convenience. All book sales are by donation.

Cookbook entries are still being welcomed! We would love to have you share your tried and true recipes; those you love from your parents, grandparents, and any other family or friends! Tell us a story about it; we want to create and enjoy memories of both the people and the food. So many good things are shared with family, friends, and food!

If things stay in the same place too long they become invisible. We would like to bring our "Penny Mile Jar" back into focus. This amazing jar is to benefit our town, state, neighbors, and some small businesses by purchasing books by Maine authors, printed by Maine publishers, and the many facets of our great state. Each time we reach our goal of \$100.00, the change is rolled and the funds are used to provide as much new Maine material as possible for all ages. This is also a great way to teach young ones to appreciate giving; by sharing even one or two pennies at a time will allow our goal of \$100.00 to become a reality in no time. We will post a notice about our purchases and welcome the chance to share the fun.

Our contact information is: phone 207-628-6561, e-mail newportlandcl@gmail.com or via Facebook and our hours of operation are: Tuesdays 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; second & fourth Wednesdays 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Thursdays 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and Saturdays 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. Wishing you much fun and sun on behalf of the board of trustees.

Submitted by: Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary



New Portland Churches

New Portland Community Church News August 2022. Summer is going by quickly. We are already thinking about things we'll want to do in the fall! In August we will be welcoming Grace Church from the Boston area to New Portland. They will be bringing a small group from their mission driven church to work on home improvements in the area from August 5 to the 8. Rev. Abby is a very dynamic leader, and it is always a pleasure to welcome the work group she leads to our area every summer.

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 on August 28, there will be no service at the New Portland Church. On that Sunday we will participate in a musically inspired services featuring the music of Shepherd's Pie, a Farmington area folk band. This service will be held at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington at 10:00 am.

List of those preaching for the month of August: August 7-Rev. Stan Wheeler, Communion Sunday, August 14-Rev. Stan Wheeler, August 21-Louise McLeery, August 28-10:00 am Musical service featuring Shepherd's Pie. Joint service held at Fairbanks Union Church

Online services are being reconfigured as there are very few people linking in via Zoom. At this time we will not be offering a real time Zoom service, but a recording of the service should be available to view. We are still working out the details so thank you in advance for your patience as we deal with potential technology issues.

If you are interested in receiving a link to view a recorded service please call Nan Berry at (207)-682-6061 or Judi Batchelder at (207)-858-3628 and we can set you up. Respectfully ...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

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



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR AUGUST 2022 DOUG KEHR PHOTO						
SUNDAY	1	2	3	4	5	6
MONDAY		Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm		Town Office 8:00 am - Noon NPCL 8:00 am - noon
TUESDAY	8	9	10	11	12	13
	NPCL Service 11:00 am 9:00 am ZOOM/Facebook WMBC Services 10:00 am	Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	Water District Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm		NPCL Trustees 9:00 am NPCL 8:00 am - Noon
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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