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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

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Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

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Wednesday 10am - 2pm

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

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2022

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

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. There was a brief discussion on the draft ordinances and scheduling a public hearing. The Board motioned to schedule a public hearing for August 15 with a Special Town Meeting to follow immediately. Stacie will put the information in the August newsletter as well as proper posting of the matter.
4. Items by the Public- None
5. Department Heads- None
6. Items by the Town Manager
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: Stacie presented to the Board paperwork to release a lien from 2007. The Board reviewed and signed the document.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tina seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the August 15 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

RSU 74 / School Board

The August board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School. A new board member, Robert Lightbody of Embden, joined the board. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 6 regular board meeting and the July 12 and 14 special board meetings were approved.

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent's Report: 1.) This was Mr. Tracy's final board meeting, and he thanked the school board for their support over the last five years. He said he enjoyed his time here. He feels he is leaving the district in a good place, as they have a great central office staff, great administrators, and dedicated teachers and support staff. 2.) There have been many summer projects such as the CCS roof, new doors, etc. 3.) Currently, there are 25 new staff members set to begin working in RSU 74. The admin team has been meeting to plan for the August 24 New Staff Day and the August 29 and 30 Opening Day Workshops.

Appointments: Debra Aitkin - CHS cross country; Jillian Holden - Ed Tech 3, CCS; Danielle Schinzel - Ed Tech 1, CCS; Rachel Burke - Ed Tech 2, CCS; Jack Kaplan - Will Power/Cobra Power

Nominations: Christina Turner - CHS Guidance Counselor, Monique Bess - CCS Special Ed Teacher

Resignation: Heather Vaughn - CHS Art

Admin Reports: 1.) Scott Hall and the tech team are getting computers ready for the start of the school year. 2.) Jean Butler said progress is being made setting up the new pre-schools. Supplies and furniture are being added. The GS pre-school can have 16, and the Solon pre-school can have 14. 3.) Grace Cram said that the special ed audit went well. There were some timeline and clerical issues mentioned, yet overall the results were very positive. 4.) Mark Campbell has sent letters to the CHS freshmen explaining how the first freshmen day will go, and he will meet with teachers to plan the day. He has also sent letters to the 21 CHS seniors inviting them to come in on August 17 to discuss their senior year. 5.) Erik Carey discussed fall sports. CHS girls' soccer numbers are concerning, with only 13. Boys' soccer is all set. CHS will have a cross country team for the first time in many years. Three students are signed up for golf, and there may be opportunities for them to play with Madison. 6.) According to Larry Dunphy, four buses are at O'Connor in Augusta. Two will likely be back next week. Nine buses are available, and seven are needed to get students to school and back. RSU 74 is still in need of bus drivers. Buildings are being washed and branches are being cut. The CCS playground has been loamed and seeded. More grass seed is needed. Mr. Dunphy found some of the work done by Portland Glass was unacceptable, and he will not sign off on it. The student employees will stop working August 18. Some of

the part-time workers may stay on longer because some RSU 74 employees are out with injuries right now. The CCS roof is leaking in 17 places. 7.) Jaime Ela will officially start work in RSU 74 on August 15; she has found time to work on some scheduling issues, work on class lists, communicate with staff, and meet with the admin team. She is happy to be back in RSU 74. A fourth grade job is vacant.

Restructure Committee: The restructure committee met on July 20. If the board votes at a later date to close GS... Solon would house grades pre-k, K, and 1. CCS would hold grades 2-6. Grades 7-12 would be at CHS. If the board were to decide to close GS in the fall of 2022, the restructure would begin with the '23-24 school year. By '24-25, the superintendent position could be reduced to three-fifths. In '25-26, half of a principal position could be cut. Estimating the projected savings of a school closure is a less than exact science;; a savings of \$250,000 a year was mentioned.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

Delegate and Alternate to the MSMA Conference: Troy Dunphy and Kevin Sousa were picked.

Superintendent: The board voted to approve Mark Campbell as the new RSU 74 superintendent. All but one voted in favor. One abstained.

Director of Operations: The board voted to approve Robert Greene as Director of Operations. All but one voted in favor. One abstained.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Submitted: David Ela, President, Carrabec Teachers Association

New Portland Community Library

Hello! September already? Well, we should still have some beautiful weather ahead of us. We want to send out a "thank you" to those who made donations of funds and books. We also have had some wonderful volunteers donating time within the library, painting our return drop box, organizing used books for sale, and helping us weed those out. Thank you so much for your support! We also thank UBM officials and participates for allowing us to have a sale at their rally!

As with all non-profit entities, we have been significantly challenged by the last couple of years and would like your input on a number of items. As a board, we would like to assess the needs of the townspeople in regards to our library. We will be sending out a very short survey for your options and would very much appreciate your responses and ideas. Following the survey, we would like to set up a task force to review the surveys, discuss areas of strength, and develop a plan for improvements both in our strong areas and especially in areas which need improvement. We welcome positive ideas and energy! We very much want to offer FUN EVENTS for our area rather than just necessary fundraisers – please help us with energy and ideas!

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is September 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.

If that sounds a little intense for you, we have several other areas where volunteers are needed; we welcome full and part-time residence as your schedule may allow. We have several dedicated people who bake or donate items for our sales; if you would like to be placed on the list, we would love to have you. We could then break up the list and start a rotating schedule so we are not over-extending our requests. We would love additional volunteers before, during, and after some of our events. You may be interested in making solicitation calls for our bake sales (a great way to catch up with some people you may not have talked to in a while), setting up or taking down at events, or helping during an event.

Upcoming Events: We will be at New Portland Fair this year; Sept 17 and 18! We are planning on sale items, and a raffle item or two to draw that weekend. We will also have a larger, longer term raffle. We will be selling tickets through our Holiday Fair and drawing winners on December 3. Items included in our raffles will be a large Yeti cooler and gift cards sponsored by Maine Timber Mats, a 110 Qt. Line-X Truck Gear cooler sponsored by Hight Ford/Line-X of Skowhegan, \$200.00 in Gift Cards sponsored by Poland Springs, and Two 9 Hole Rounds at Diadema Golf Course. How fun to win for yourself or to give as gifts! Saturday, October 8 will offer one of our popular bake, book, and DVD sales (perhaps even lunch) to be held at the library. Sunday, October 9 will find us at the beautiful Wire Bridge for a voluntary toll bridge collection. Saturday, December 3 will be our annual Holiday Fair; we will be offering tables for crafters and artisans. We will have spaces in both our library and within the Community Room next door. Thank you to the municipal leaders for their support.

Items of Note: One of our volunteers has arranged a list of all used books for sale in order of the author's last name. We have posted these books on our bulletin board for your convenience. We also have free books in two and sometime three locations within the building. We regularly rotate stock with new titles in both books and DVD's. Parents will you be spending time waiting during practices? Books will be your friend! We also have many classic books to lend; maybe your student needs a copy or you may wish to revisit what they are required to read?

We have seen posts on the town's community page concerning cemeteries, history, and families. We have historical maps of the area and several local and statewide books. Our Library Director, Sheila, can assist you with your search. We have the *library version* of HYPERLINK "<http://ancestry.com/>" \n _blankancestry.com which is free.

Our contact information is: phone 207-628-6561, e-mail HYPERLINK "<mailto:newportlandcl@gmail.com>" \n _blanknewportlandcl@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 enjoy the beauty of September.

Submitted by: Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary

New Portland Churches

New Portland Community Church news for September: Summer is winding down. Hopefully, a slightly slower pace of life will accompany the change of seasons. We are looking forward to a beautiful autumn.

It was a busy summer for the church family. We want to thank the work groups from Flemington Presbyterian Church in Flemington, NJ and Grace Church in Boston for sharing our church space and working on property improvements in our communities. We value their mission trips and appreciate being able to partner with them in the work that they do.

A special thanks to the Cobb family for hosting the congregation at Cobb's Camps on Pierce Pond. This is one of our favorite annual outings. The weather was perfect, the water was fine and the company was very pleasant. Who could ask for more?

In August, some of us attended a celebration of life for Noel Sutherland. Noel was a treasured member of the congregation for a number of years following his move East to be with family. At a potluck gathering at Alpacaville in Phillips, family and friends shared some of the things which Noel liked best: community, cribbage and cherry pie! A Marine Corps detail provided military honors in a brief, and very moving, ceremony. We are grateful to Noel and his family for his many years of service to his country and for gracing us with his unfailingly cheerful and charming company!

We did play hooky on August 14 and deeply apologize to anyone who came to church and found no one there. On short notice we decided to attend the Log Church in Oquossoc where our dear friend Rev. Tony McNaughton preaches during the summer months. Due to Covid, it's been a few years since we have visited, and it was great to catch up with Tony and his wife, Jane.

September is a quieter month, phew! We will be meeting in the beautiful sanctuary of the church for at least another month before chilly weather moves us to the attached (and much cosier, ie. 'heated') Joyce Pease Meetinghouse. We would love to see you there. Coffee hour begins at 10:30 am, worship starts at 11:00 am.

The following ministers are scheduled:

September 4 - Rev. Stan Wheeler, September 11 - Rev. Dick Waddell, September 18 - Storyteller Phyllis Blackstone, September 25 -

I have not included a Zoom link for online worship. I believe that at this time our partner church, Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington, is no longer offering this service. If you have any questions about worship services or other ways the church can be of service to you, please contact Nan Berry at 628-6061 or Judi Batchelder at 858-3628.

Keep in mind the meeting hall at the church is available for community meetings and functions.

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 SEPTEMBER 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	2 Town Office 8:00 am - Noon NPCL 8:00 am - noon	3 Town Office 8:00 am - Noon NPCL 8:00 am - noon
4 NPCL Service 11:00 am 9:00 am ZOOM/Facebook WMBC Services 10:00 am	5 Town Office Closed Labor Day	6 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	7 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	8 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	9	10 NPCL Trustees 9:00 am NPCL 8:00 am - Noon
11 NPCL Service 11:00 am 9:00 am ZOOM/Facebook WMBC Services 10:00 am	12	13 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	14 Water District Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	15	16	17 NPCL 8:00 am - noon
18 NPCL Service 11:00 am 9:00 am ZOOM/Facebook WMBC Services 10:00 am	19 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	20 NPCL 8:00 am-noon Deadline for New Portlander Submissions 4:00 pm	21	22 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	23	24 NPCL 8:00 am - Noon
25 NPCL Service 11:00 am 9:00 am ZOOM/Facebook WMBC Services 10:00 am	26	27 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am - noon	28 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	29 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	30	