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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 Monday, October 10 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.

## Selectmen

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2022

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

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes. Wayne motioned to accept them as written, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: None
4. Items by the Public: There was a conversation regarding how the State of Maine audits the town's valuation.
5. Department Heads: Kip briefed the Board on calls and payroll. There was a brief discussion regarding the repeater and that he is still waiting to hear from the tower people to get this project moving.
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:
  - a. Abatement requests / 1. Raymond motioned to grant Jeffrey Verney an abatement in the amount of 199.80. Wayne seconded and all were in favor. 2. Raymond motioned to grant Dewey Morong an abatement in the amount of 78.44. Tina seconded and all were in favor. 3. Raymond motioned to grant Tabitha & Nathan Burke an abatement in the amount of 69.56. Tina seconded and all were in favor. 4. Raymond motioned to grant Justin Jordan an abatement in the amount of 10.36. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
  - b. The Board reviewed and signed 2022 tax paperwork.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 6th meeting. smr

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2022

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin; Tina Poulin; Wayne Rundlett; Stacie Rundlett; Town Manager; Kip Poulin; Trevor Tozier; Mark Campbell Brenda Stevens

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, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: Ordinances-Tabled
4. Items by the Public:
  - a. RSU #74 Superintendent, Mark Campbell introduced himself to the Board of Selectmen and all in attendance. There was a brief discussion regarding his arrival to our district and future plans.
  - b. Brenda Stevens discussed with the Board her concerns on the proposed ordinances and that they should be published in the *New Portlander* for the public to read prior to another public hearing. She also discussed with the Board her concerns on noise and the town should have an ordinance for noise issues. She also discussed with the Board her concerns on rats on her property and others on Hancock Pond Road and voiced her concerns on dangerous buildings and the fire chief and CEO should be notifying several properties with dangerous buildings to correct the issues. Brenda also volunteered to become a school board member.
5. Department Heads: a.) Kip updated the Board on air compressor issues and continued complications with the owners of the cell tower and getting a new repeater installed. b.) Trevor updated the Board on grader repairs and the work he has done and the work that is scheduled to be completed.
6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll, and the A/P warrants.
  - b. The Board reviewed and signed the July Treasurer's Report.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) to discuss a poverty abatement request at 7:06 pm, it was seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned to enter back into the public Selectmen's meeting at 7:18 pm. Tina seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned to deny the poverty abatement request; Tina seconded and all were in favor.

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm; Tina seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the September 19th meeting. smr

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## The Lexington / Highland Historical Society

The Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 pm at the History House in Lexington on the Back Road.

*Submitted: Emmons Pinkham*

## RSU 74 / School Board

The August board meeting was held at CCS.

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 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 lots of summer projects: the CCS roof, new doors, etc. 3.) Currently, there are 25 new staff members set to begin working in RSU 74. 5.) 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: Scott Hall and the tech team are getting computers ready for the start of the school year. Jean Butler said progress is being made to set 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. Grace Cram said the special ed audit went well. There were some timeline and clerical issues mentioned, but overall the results were very positive. 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. 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 for golf, and there may be opportunities for them to play with Madison. According to Larry Dunphy, four buses are at O'Connor in Augusta. Two

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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 that 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. Jaime Ela will officially start work in RSU 74 on August 15, but 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 22, 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, but 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 member voted in favor. One abstained.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association*

## **New Portland Community Library**

Hello, Thank you to everyone we met at New Portland Fair this year and thank you to the Lion's for making us welcome! If you haven't heard, we are having a Budget Booster Raffle with amazing prizes from truly awesome sponsors. We will be selling tickets through our Holiday Fair drawing winners on December 3. First Prize: Yeti Tundra cooler with \$100 gift cards to each to Mainely Provisions and Mainely Convenience in Kingfield, sponsored by Maine Timber Mats of New Portland. Second Prize: 110 Qt. Line-X Truck Gear cooler sponsored by Hight Ford/Line-X of Skowhegan. Third Prize: \$200.00 Gift Card to Hannaford sponsored by Poland Springs of Kingfield. Finally, Fourth Prize: Two 9 Hole Rounds at and sponsored by Diadema Golf of North Anson. How fun to win for yourself or to give as gifts?! Many thanks to these wonderful sponsors. Tickets are available at the library or from any of the board members, tickets are \$5.00 each or Three tickets for \$10.00.

**Upcoming Events:** 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, please reach out to the library for a table or two. Thank you to the municipal leaders for their support with this event.

**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 while you are 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 re-visit 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 versio* of ancestry.com which is free.

Our contact information is: phone 207-628-6561, e-mail 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 Rd, New Portland, ME 04961.

Thank you and enjoy the beauty of October.

*Submitted by: Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary*

## **New Portland Churches**

The Western Mountains Baptist Church is hosting their yearly Drive-In Movie, Friday night, October 7 at 6:45 pm. Movie to be announced. Free popcorn. If you want, bring movie candy to share. And, be sure to have a working radio in your vehicle. In case of rain, the movie will be shown inside the church.

Youth Group is once again available; it is being led by Marilyn and Jason Robichaud of New Vineyard. All youth, 8th to 12th grades, are invited to meet at WMBC every Sunday evening from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Robichaids are excited to work with area youth to help strengthen their faith, grow close friendships and have fun doing it. For more information call Jason at 603-312-0831. Youth do not have to attend WMBC in order to attend Youth Group.

October 11 and 25, Women's Fellowship meets at 1:00 pm. Open to all women to for a devotional and friendship.

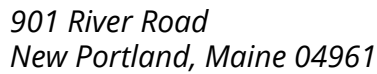
Something new is a monthly Friday Game night. Join us October 14 at 6:30 pm for our kickoff. Not necessary, but if you have a favorite game and or snack you want to share, please do. Please know you are invited, the more the merrier!

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

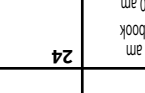
### **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

The first club meeting of the 2022-23 season will be Saturday, October 8. The meeting will be held at the New Portland Community Meeting room starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

If you are interested in being a member of the Wire Bridge Sno-travelers again this season, I have attached the 2022-23 club membership form. Help support our club.



New Portland, ME  
Permit No. 1

<div>  <h1>NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR</h1> <h2>OCTOBER 2022</h2> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<div> <div>1</div> <div>Town Office 8:00 am - Noon NPCL 8:00 am - noon</div> </div>
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