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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

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 Officials along with other town department members would like to invite the RESIDENTS of New Portland to our annual FREE holiday dinner. Due to COVID issues we haven't been able to have this event for the past two years, and now we are pleased to announce we will be hosting our annual holiday dinner once again. The dinner will be held on Sunday, December 4 at the Community Room in the Fire Station from 5:00 to 6:00 pm; it will be a spaghetti and salad dinner with rolls and brownie sundaes for dessert. And again, this is free of charge completely funded by town officials and other department members as a way to gather and unite for an evening at the table.

Dog licenses have started for the 2023 year. Please license your dog(s). For a neutered or spayed dog(s), it is \$6.00. For non neutered or spayed dog(s), it is \$11.00. Late fees are imposed after January 31st. If you have any questions, you can contact the town office at (207) 628-4441 or by email at townofnewportland@gmail.com

Nomination papers have been made available as of Wednesday, November 23. They are due back on Monday, January 3, 2023. The following seats are available: Board of Selectmen - three year term, Town Clerk - three year term, School Board - three year term. Please contact Mallory Stratton at 628-4441 or email her at townofnewportland@gmail.com for more information.

If you would like to participate on the 2023 Budget Committee please contact the Town Manager at newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com or call the office and speak with the Town Manager. Any requests for funding for the 2023 year will need to be brought before the Board of Selectmen before December 31.

The Town Office Will be CLOSED on the following dates: Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas; Thursday, December 29 to process end of year closing of the books; Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day. Also, please note that due to winter hours, the Town Office will not be open on the first Saturday of the month.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Minutes for the Selectmen's Meeting - October 4, 2022

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

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:28 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: None
4. Items by the Public: None
5. Items by Department Heads: a.) Trevor Tozier updated the Board about the beaver issues in town and the grading schedule. b.) Kip Poulin updated the Board on calls and payroll. There was a brief discussion on the new repeater and tower options. No decisions were made.
6. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The Board reviewed and signed the payroll, A/P warrants. b.) The Board reviewed and signed the August Treasurer's Report. c.) Stacie shared with the Board that some of the library members were interested in assisting if the Town was going to host its annual holiday dinner again for residents. The Board members asked if any of the members could attend a meeting so they could discuss things with them in person.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) The Board reviewed and Raymond motioned to grant an abatement for William Howard in the amount of 137.64. Wayne seconded and all were in favor. b.) The Board signed the 2022-2023 General Assistance Ordinance.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the November 1 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett

New Portland Community Library

Where did November go?! Hoping everyone had just the right Thanksgiving for them. Now onward into December, filled with holiday fun and end of year business.

Upcoming events: Saturday, December 3 will be our Holiday Fair from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will have tables in the library and the town community room next door. Beautiful gift ideas, yummy food items for your events and lunch to ease your decision making stress. PLUS, this is your last chance for raffle tickets as the winners will be drawn at the end of the fair!

The prizes for our awesome raffle are: First Prize: Yeti Tundra cooler with \$100 gift cards to each 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*). Fourth Prize: Two 9 Hole Rounds of golf at Diadema Golf Course (*sponsored by Diadema Golf of North Anson*). It would be fun to win one of these for yourself or to give it as a gift! Many thanks to these wonderful sponsors. Tickets are \$5.00 each or three tickets for \$10.00 and are available at the library or from any of the board members.

Please keep in mind we are now running into Maine winter weather. During inclement weather it may be best to call ahead, 628-6561, as your safety and that of our staff is of great importance. Our winter clean up volunteer decided to step down this year. If you or someone you know would be interested in cleaning out and sanding our walkway, porch, and gas tank path, please reach out to any of the library staff for information and expectations.

If you are unable to attend one of our events but wish to make a contribution, please note we are a 501(c)3 non-profit entity. Your tax-deductible contributions may be dropped off at the library or mailed to the New Portland Community Library, 899 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961. While December is extremely busy, remember the new year is right around the corner and tax season may become a bit happier with the gift of a tax deductible donation.

The board and our staff wish you the happiest and healthiest holiday season and new year! Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary; Wenda Spooner, President; Valencia Schubert, Treasurer; Beth Perera, Board Member & Volunteer, Sheila Atwood, Library Director

Submitted by: Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is December 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.

RSU 74 / School Board

The November 2 board meeting was held at Carrabec High School. The quality of the food, I had cookies and brownies, was very good.

The meeting opened with the Pledge.

Adjustments to the Agenda: A coaching appointment was added to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the October board meeting were approved.

New Board Member: The board chairman welcomed new board member Brenda Stevens of New Portland (In my September recap I incorrectly reported that she had joined the board at the September meeting. She was not officially on the board at that time.)

Presentation: There was none.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell had submitted a written report to the board, but he had a few additional items to share with the board. He attended the MSMA conference last week and enjoyed it. (He also won a door prize of a weekend in Camden.) He noted that the RSU 74 Staff Spotlight recipient for November is Aimee Pomerleau. He commended the work she does in the classroom and in the cafeteria. He encouraged the board to reach out to him in the event they had any financial questions. He invited the board members who attended the MSMA conference to report on the experience. Board members Troy Dunphy, Judi Dunphy, and Laura Layman all gave positive reviews of the conference. Board member David Royce commended the superintendent and the admin team on the quality of their written reports.

Appointments: Jamie Robinson - CCS girls basketball coach, Erik Carey - CHS boys basketball coach, Rob Peabody - CHS boys basketball volunteer, Andrew Ferrari - CHS boys basketball volunteer, Dave Ela - CHS boys basketball volunteer, Candy Lebeau - bus emergency operator,

Eli Canales - CHS jr boys basketball coach, Ed Yahn - CCS boys basketball coach, Jordan Smith - CCS boys basketball coach.

Resignation: Craig Turcotte - CHS special ed teacher

Admin Reports: 1.) Robert Greene said the work order system has been very efficient and has been earning good reviews. Though one bus is in need of repair, a new bus has arrived. It will be in service no later than Monday. 2.) Scott Hall had nothing to add to his written report. 3.) Grace Cram told the board there are 12.25 ed techs at CCS and 19.25 districtwide. 4.) Jaime Ela said all grade 6-8 students will travel to CHS on November 9 to watch a play. First quarter academic awards assemblies will take place soon. 5.) Jean Butler noted the upcoming assemblies and parent conferences in her schools. 6.) Athletic Director Erik Carey commended CHS student Desmond Robinson who finished 15th out of 107 runners at the state cross country meet. Girls soccer players Riley Crocker and Karen Baker received Honorable Mention status as MVC all stars. In boys soccer,

Logan Caldwell and Zach Crawford received Honorable Mention recognition. Lucas Vicneire was a second team all star, and Luke Carey a first team all star. 7.) Peter Campbell invited board members to the upcoming Performing Arts event at CHS. There will be 90 minutes of Greek Mythology skits. One night will feature a pre-play meal. Mr. Campbell took many questions from the board regarding changes to the CHS dress code which allow students to wear hats/hoods. Questions were also raised about a policy change which allows student use of cell phones during non-academic times. 8.) Student board rep William Price mentioned the play. He drew the board's attention to artwork adorning the cafeteria walls. The recent Trunk or Treat was a success. The most recent CHS student of the month is senior Lindsay Hamilton. Student morale is high. Administration is giving students' voice but consistently enforcing rules.

Committees: The superintendent eval committee met prior to the board meeting. There will be a board workshop on Nov 16. It will be at CCS at 6pm.

Public: No one spoke.

Policies: The board approved policies AC, ACAA, ACAB, and GCFB for first reading.

Cooperative Teams: The board voted to approve cooperative wrestling and cheering with Madison High School.

Basketball Trip: The board voted to approve a CHS boys basketball overnight trip to Aroostook County on December 2/3.

School Calendar: The board voted to make November 15 an Early Release Day. The staff will have ALICE training.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 7:24.

The next regular school board meeting will be at Garret Schenck School on December 7.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association

Announcement

All Roads Lead Home:
Join us as we explore connecting more deeply with ourselves, re-igniting the simple joy of living fully in the present through journaling, meditation, poetry, books, film and thoughtful conversation.



Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, starting December 7, 2022. Held at the New Portland Community Library (This is not sponsored by the library.)

Please contact Renee @ 207-701-8333 with questions.

Submitted: Renee Oesterlin

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The November meeting was called to order with 13 members present.

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master's Report: The trail master was not present; it was reported both groomers have been serviced. Trail work with the hired mini-excavator has been finished, with rocks and stumps removed from the worst parts of trails.

Old Business: The treasurer is still looking into what needs to be done to register the groomers with Fish and Wildlife. The storage boxes have been purchased and mounted on the drag. Metal stakes for the bridge marker signs have been purchased and will be put up soon.

New Business: The Otter sled, which the club had voted on to purchase last meeting, has graciously been purchased by a member. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to purchase planking for bridges. A computer has been donated to the club to be used in conjunction with the electronic card reader for club memberships. Jim Boyce, a MSA director, talked to the club about the role of the MSA and the importance of each club having directors.

Our next meeting will be December 10, at the Community Meeting Room. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm with our annual Christmas party following the meeting. We will have a Yankee swap and share refreshments. If you would like to be part of the festivities, bring a wrapped gift and refreshments to share.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Churches

New Portland Community Church News: The Christmas season began with the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, and continues with a busy schedule of activities right through the month of December. Unfortunately, this busy schedule does not include a Christmas Eve service at the New Portland Community Church this year. This decision was made for a variety of reasons but primarily due to having no minister to perform the service and a general lack of numbers of attendees. There will also be no service on December 25. A Christmas Eve joint service will be held in Farmington at the Fairbanks Community Church that we encourage people to attend. It will be a service of Lessons and Carols and the traditional lighting of the Advent candles and will feature special music from both Fairbanks and New Portland musicians. We hope to see you there for this lovely service held on December 24 at 7:00 pm.

In lieu of a Christmas Eve service we will be adding Christmas carols and special music to the four Sundays in Advent, and the church meeting house will be beautifully decorated for the season.

There will be a service of Care and Compassion held at the Fairbanks Church on December 15 at 7:00 pm. This is an ecumenical service with participation from Farmington Area churches and the New Portland Church. It is a quiet,

worshipful service for those who have faced loss, or for other reasons, find the Christmas season overwhelming and difficult to face.

We will be having a Christmas Stocking give-away for local children on December 18 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm (as supplies last). This was such a fun event last year we are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.

As was mentioned the November Church News, in December we will be opening the meeting house of the church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be puzzles and games, cribbage, cards and conversation offered to anyone who wishes to come. Bring your lunch or enjoy whatever light lunch is offered, plus coffee, tea and cocoa. Join us December 7 and December 21 for our Warming Wednesdays. If you are in need of a ride on any given Wednesday, please contact Nan Berry or Judi Batchelder at the numbers provided below.

Join us in the Joyce Pease Meeting House adjoining the New Portland Church. It's a warm and cozy place to meet and worship. Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am, worship starts at 11:00 am (unless otherwise stated below).

List of those preaching for the month of December: December 4 [Communion] - Rev Stan Wheeler; December 7, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Warming Wednesday; December 11 - Rev Dick Waddell; December 15 at 7:00 pm - Care and Compassion Service, Fairbanks; December 18 - Rev Doug Dunlap; December 18, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Christmas Stocking Give-away; December 21, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Warming Wednesday; December 24, 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Joint Service held at Fairbanks Community Church, Farmington; December 24 and 25 - No Services at New Portland Community Church.

At this time, we will not be offering a real time Zoom service, but rather a recording of the service should be available to view following the service.

If you are interested in receiving a link to view a recorded service, please call Nan Berry at (207)-628-6061 or Judi Batchelder at (207)-858-362, and we can set you up.

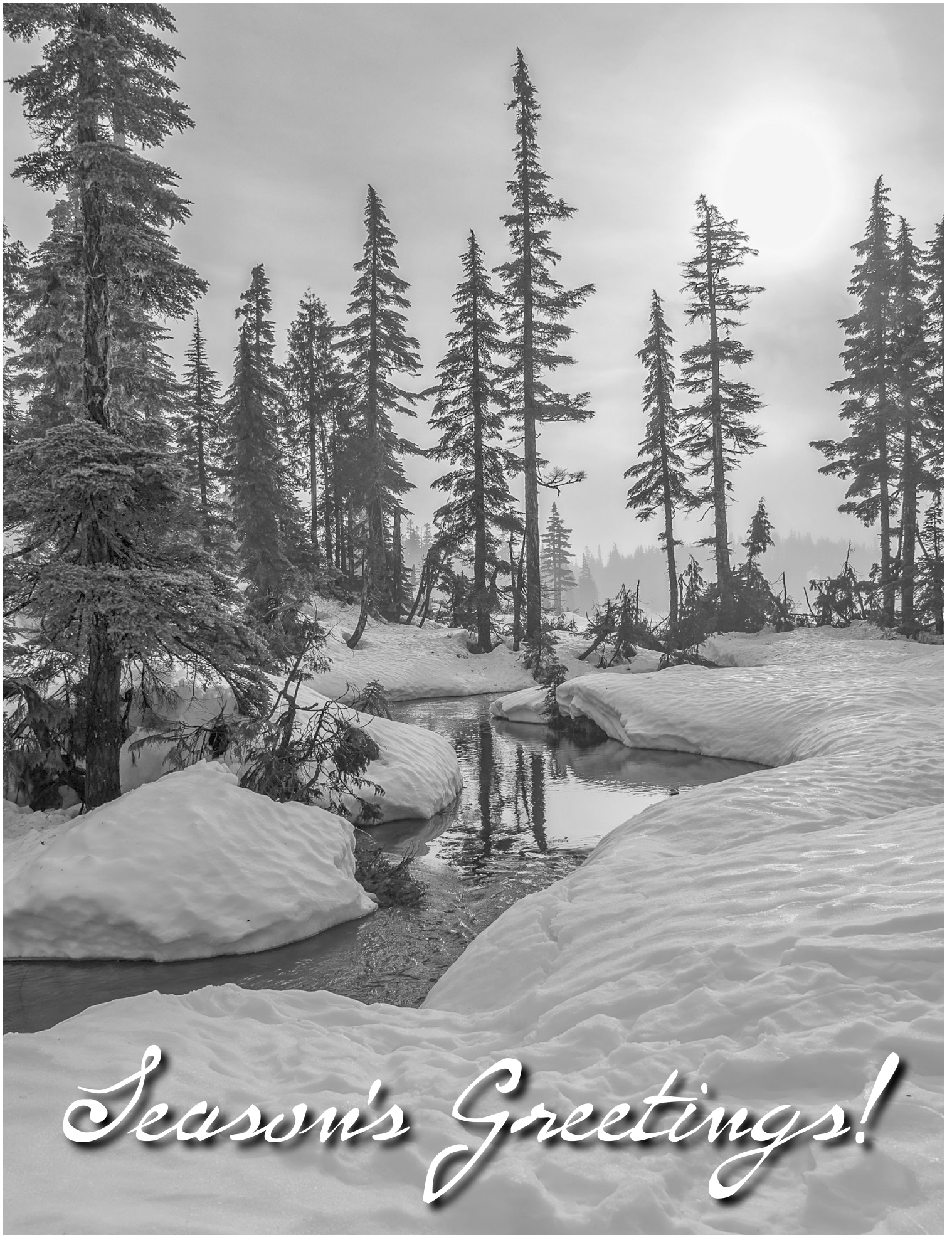
As a general reminder, if you wish to use the church buildings for any meeting or event please contact Marilyn Gorman at 628-3532 and/or Dick Salmon at 628-3631 for details on the use of the building. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

From the Editor

As this final edition of the *New Portlander* closes for the year, I would personally like to offer all readers a very heartfelt greeting and a wish for a truly joyous holiday season. With the closing of the old year and the opening of a new one, let's remember what has brought us happiness and made us smile, and let's hope the incoming year brings more of those smiles. Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Sincerely, Dallas Landry





NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Recreation Committee Community Room 6:30 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	2	3 Town Office Closed NPCL Holiday Fair 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
4 NPCC Service 11:00 am WMBC Service 10:30 am	5	6 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	7 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm CHS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm NPCC Warming Wednesday 11:00 am-2:00pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	8 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	9	10 NPCL Trustees 9:00 am NPCL 8:00 am - noon Sno-Travelers 6:30 pm Community Room
11 NPCC Service 11:00 am WMBC Service 10:30 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 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	16	17 NPCL 8:00 am-noon
18 NPCC Service 11:00 am NPCC Christmas Stocking Give-Away 12:30 - 1:30 pm WMBC Service 10:30 am	19 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Deadline for <i>New Portlander</i> 4:00 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	21 NPCC Warming Wednesday 11:00 am-2:00pm	22	23	24 NPCL Closed NPCC No Services
25 NPCC No Services WMBC Service 10:30 am	26 Town Office Closed in Observance of Christmas	27 Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am - noon	28 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	29 Town Office Closed/ Closing of Books NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	30	31 New Year's Eve NPCL closed

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