



# NEW PORTLANDER

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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/Town Clerk: Mallory Stratton

Email ..... [townofnewportland@gmail.com](mailto:townofnewportland@gmail.com)  
Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

#### 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  
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

## Reminder from the Editor

The first Saturday of March is Annual Town Meeting.  
Mark your calendar.

## Town Manager

February 20 at 7:00 pm we will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night in the Community Room. All are welcome to attend. The Town Office will be closed that day in observance of President's Day. We will be holding our selectmen's meeting as well as the meet the candidates night.

The annual Town Meeting is March 4 at 9:00 am. The annual Town Vote is March 3 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Community Room.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2022

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Wayne Rundlett, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, James Reinhard, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Tina motioned to accept them as written Wayne seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: There was a brief discussion to clarify the noise ordinance and lawyer fees.
4. Items by the Public: There was a brief discussion on lighting for the Wire Bridge.
5. Items by Department Heads: Kip Poulin, Fire Chief, discussed with the Board the need for two AED machines and possibly using funds from ARPA funds. Raymond motioned to use funds from ARPA to purchase two machines, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
6. Items by the Town Manager:
  - a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll, A/P warrants
  - b. The Board reviewed and signed the September Treasurer's Report
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
  - a. Raymond motioned to appoint Mallory Stratton, current Deputy Town Clerk, to serve for Town Clerk until the annual March 2023 town meeting, due to a resignation by the current Town Clerk Jianna Pinkham. It was seconded and all were in favor.

There was a brief discussion regarding having a community dinner. No decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 12/6/22 meeting. smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## RSU 74 / School Board

The January school board meeting was held at the Solon Elementary School. The food was tremendous, particularly the cookies ... The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Some appointments were added to the agenda.

*Minutes: The minutes of the December board meeting were approved.*

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Appointments: Paige Giroux - ed tech, CCS; Cyndia Rafferty -Tierney - ed tech, CCS; Lisa Cowan - CHS bowling; Ed Yahn - B-team boys basketball, CCS; Aimee Pomerleau - After-School Program, Solon; Julie Costiga - custodian, GS

Resignations: Bruce Dostie - CHS math, Doug Woodsum - CHS, part-time social studies

Nominations: James Logan: CHS, part-time social studies

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell did not add much to the written report which he had submitted to board members prior to the meeting. He did discuss some areas of the budget where spending seemed to be noticeably higher than last year. Transportation was of particular interest. Last year at this time, the district had spent \$21,000 on van runs, while this year the total has risen to \$66,000. We have more students being transported out of district this year, and there is an increased need for van monitors on those runs.

Admin Reports: 1.) Most of the administrators chose not to add to the written reports which they had previously submitted. Jean Butler welcomed board members to Solon, and she noted the snowman candy cups at the board table had been prepared by Jen Lachance's kindergarten students. She thanked her staff members for contributing food for the meeting. (Not to repeat myself, but the food was very good...) Finally, she noted with the holidays over January is a month with a heavy focus on instruction. 2.) With the athletic director, Erik Carey, at a junior high basketball game, Peter Campbell updated the board on CHS sports. At a girls basketball game on Saturday night, CHS graduate Cheyenne Cahill will have her number retired. Both the CHS boys' and girls' basketball teams beat Winthrop over Christmas break. Also, before Christmas, the CHS boys beat Madison. The sophomore class is conducting a fundraiser called Halftime Hoopla, where contestants can earn one dollar for making a lay up, five dollars for hitting a free throw, \$10 for a three pointer, and \$100 for a half court shot. 3.) There are vacancies for a special ed teacher and a math teacher at CHS, and Mr. Campbell is looking to fill those. Mr. Campbell was asked about mandatory English-Language Arts detentions at CHS. Students who are failing ELA are required to stay after school to complete work until they are caught up. This is being done in ELA rather than other subjects because ELA is required all four years of high school, and if a student fails at one grade level, they then fall into a situation where they need to take two English classes in a year. This creates scheduling problems and also presents a major challenge for the student.

Student Rep: William Price shared information with the board

highlighting the benefits of learning a foreign language. He noted the positive environment and good morale. He said teachers are working hard to help students pass their classes.

Committees: 1.) The Transportation/Buildings and Grounds Committee met on December 14. They discussed a bus replacement plan, electric buses. 2.) The Academic Committee also met on December 14. Mr. Twitchell discussed the ELA curriculum. Also the Literacy Coach position, which has not been filled since 2020, was discussed.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

Fingerprints: The board approved having the district pay for the fingerprinting of substitutes.

Photocopiers: The board authorized the superintendent to enter into an agreement with Kyocera to extend the copier lease for fiscal year 23-24.

Executive Sessions: The last two agenda items were executive sessions. The board chairman stated that he did not anticipate any action being taken following these items.

Next School Board Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for February 1 at CCS.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association*

## New Portland Community Library

February already?! Hopefully, there have been wonderful books helping you get through the rainy, sleety, slushy days. Please make note our hours of operation have changed slightly to 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. We will not be open the first and third Wednesday's at this time.

If anyone is interested in volunteering time, we may have an area of need which may peak your interest. 1.) Training and working within the library to obtain a shift of your own or perhaps training to offer coverage during scheduled time off or emergency situations. 2.) Assistance with website and Facebook development and maintenance. 3.) Assistance with building maintenance. Currently, we need a piece of weather stripping to be installed on the front door. We have the strip but are not brave enough to install as the door will need to be drilled to allow attachment. 4.) Volunteers to attend board meetings and perhaps become board members to assist with general operations, fundraising, and helping to shape future programs.

Amy Squibb has reserved space at the library to host her "Homemade It" Wednesday's beginning on January 11, 2023 starting at 10:00 am. Amy has indicated, "Everyone is welcome to bring their own project, knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, etc." For more definitive information, please contact Amy Squibb at 207-628-4680.

During inclement weather it may be best to call ahead, 628-6561, as your safety and that of our staff is of great importance. Thank you.

*Submitted: Becky Knowles-Redlevske*

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is February 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.

## Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

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The January meeting of the Wire Bridge Sno-travelers was called to order with ten members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master: The trail master started his report by thanking everyone who has been out working on the trails. The groomers have broken out the trails and cleared blow downs, but trails still have standing water and are in rough shape. Cold weather and more snow are needed before trails will be passable.

New Business: The trail master is going to look into a grant which is given to snowmobile clubs. The grant is called the Polaris Grant. He will report back to the club at the next meeting on his findings.

Election of Officers: President - Dave Cary, Vice President - Lewis Wills, Treasurer - Kendall Knowles, Secretary - Joyce Knowles, Trail Master - Brad Bucklin, Directors - Bill Cafarelli, Brad Bucklin, One position remains open.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be February 11, starting at 6:30 pm at the Meeting Room.

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*

## New Portland Churches

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New Portland Community Church News: February will be a quiet month at the church. As winter rolls along, we will continue our worship services on Sundays and our Warming Wednesday socials twice a month.

We will be continuing our Warming Wednesday at the meeting house of the church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We have enjoyed beef stew, corn chowder, various chicken soups, and sandwiches on our Wednesdays. We've had great conversations and some fun card games, too. Bring your own lunch or enjoy whatever light lunch is offered, plus coffee, tea and cocoa. Join us February 1 and February 15 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 on Sundays in the Joyce Pease Meeting House adjoining the New Portland Church. It's a warm and cozy place to meet and worship. Coffee hour starts at 10:30 am, worship begins at 11:00 am.

List of those preaching for the month of February: February 5 [Communion] – Rev. Stan Wheeler; February 12 – Rev. Stan Wheeler; February 19 – Phyllis Blackstone, storyteller; February 26 – Rev. Dick Waddell.

Zoom services are again being offered by the Fairbanks Union Church at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. The service can be found at: If you are interested in receiving a link to the Zoom service and a copy of the bulletin, please call Nan Berry at (207)-628-6061.

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

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

The Western Mountains Baptist Church had a busy couple of months at the end of 2022. During November and December the congregation at WMBC showed much generosity to women struggling with homelessness, children, and elderly by supporting several organizations in our local communities. Recipients included residents at the New Hope Women's

Shelter in Solon, participants of the Free Street Church's Kids Christmas Party in Skowhegan, Angel Tree families from the Carrabec Community School in North Anson and residents at the Edgewood Manor in Farmington. In addition to coordinating all the giving, special events were also held. Events included a Thanksgiving Potluck lunch, Family Game Nights, a Christmas Eve-Eve Celebration and a New Year's Eve Celebration, complete with fireworks. Hot homemade meals were delivered to 70+ elderly for November and December. And Sunday services were held both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. WMBC was busy and blessed all at the same time!

As the New Year begins, WMBC weekly events continue: 1.) Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm is Youth Group for eighth through twelve graders. This group of teenagers did an amazing job hosting the New Year's Eve event. They provided a movie with popcorn, made homemade pizza for dinner, served ice cream sundaes, then played games before ending the evening with a bang. YG is a place for teens to form friendships, have fun, and to learn and grow in their faith. 2.) Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, a group of men gather for coffee and a Bible study. This is open to young and old. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Bible or what it means to be a Christian, or just want to fellowship with men who are passionate about their relationship with Jesus Christ, show up on Monday night. 3.) Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to noon is a Ladies Sewing Group. No matter your sewing level or experience you will be welcomed to join; it is "sew" much fun. Come check it out some Tuesday. 4.) The second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:00 pm is a time for Women's Fellowship. Several women join together for a short devotion and a lot of fellowship. Some weeks it is craft and friendship. All women are welcome and encouraged to participate. 5.) Wednesday mornings 9:00 -10:30ish, is a Woman's Bible study. Again, all women are invited. 6.) Thursdays are church office days, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. If you would like to drop by or call, Thursdays are the best time to find someone at WMBC to talk to. Or, come check out the church library. 7.) Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm there is generally a small group to pray over known prayer requests, our communities, area churches, schools, all levels of government, etc. If you believe in the power of prayer and would like to make your prayer needs known or would like to pray, please stop by.

In addition to the WMBC weekly events, there are other happenings during the month, such as Men's breakfast at 8:00 am on the first Saturday, Family Game Night at 6:30 pm on the second Friday and Bridging the Gap (meals prepared and delivered to elderly) on the fourth Saturday.

Special for February is the WMBC "Cabin Fever Reliever" event for children under the age of ten. Bring the kids Saturday afternoon, on February 11, 1:00-3:00 am. Parents and kids will find an inside bounce house, face painting, games, snacks, crafts and more. Get rid of "winter humdrums" and burn off some energy by having fun with friends. There is no charge. Children must have an adult with them.

Western Mountains Baptist Church is located in New Portland at 928 Carrabassett Road (Rt 27). Sunday services are held every week at 10:00 am. If interested, Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:00 am. During the 10:00 am service Children's Church and nursery are available. For more information about WMBC, including *What We Believe*, visit our website at [westernmountainschurch.org](http://westernmountainschurch.org) or the church at 265-2557. Pastor Tom Dubois can be reached by calling or texting his cell phone, 557-3802. Sermons are live on YouTube each Sunday morning at 10:20 am or request to be put on the mailing list to receive weekly cds of the message, at no charge.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*





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