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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
- **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

Selectmen

Thank you to the citizens of New Portland who attended the annual town meeting. It is your town, and it is important to participate in the events which govern the town. We will be having a public hearing and a Special Town Meeting on June 6, 2023, on the following ordinances:

1. Town of New Portland Medical Cannabis Caregiver Retail Store and Registered Dispensary Licensing Ordinance.
2. Town of New Portland Fire and Rescue Cost Recovery Ordinance.
3. Amendment to the town of New Portland Subdivision and Commercial Development Ordinance.

The Public Hearing will begin at 6:00 pm and the Special Town Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Copies of these ordinances can be emailed, mailed or picked up at the Town Office. Please contact us if you are interested in obtaining copies. You can also find these ordinances on the town's website; newportlandmaine.org

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Ray, Tina, Janet – New Portland Board of Selectmen

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Town Manager

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Selectmen

Minutes for the March 20 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Janet White, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Kyle Handrahan, Garrett Oswald, Brittany Rundlett, Jacob Pinkham, Brian Rundlett

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Janet motioned for Raymond to be the chairman of the board, Tina seconded and all were in favor. Raymond agreed to be the chairman.
3. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business - None
4. Items by the Public - None
5. Department Heads - None
6. Items by the Town Manager: The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and AP warrants.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The Board discussed the Road Commissioner position and to have it listed in the April New Portlander. There was a brief discussion regarding the assessor's office. The Board discussed the proposed ordinances that were on the annual town meeting warrant. The Board took into consideration the suggestions and comments that the public made at the annual town meeting. They discussed one change to be made to the FD ordinance. They were in agreement to have the ordinances reviewed at a public hearing scheduled for June 6 at 6:00 pm. The Board also decided to hold a Special Town Meeting to enact these ordinances to follow this public hearing at 7:00 pm.
Adjourn the meeting

These minutes were approved at the April 4 meeting by the Board. Smr

Minutes for the April 4 Selectmen's Meeting

Roster: Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Janet White, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Brian Rundlett, Brittany Rundlett, Jacob Pinkham, Carol Durant, Kip Poulin, Kyle Handrahan, Jarod White, James Reinhard, Jamie Eck, Lori Alyea

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: None
4. Items by the Public: Carol Durant asked about the Summer Roads budget from 2022. Tina presented her with documentation to view regarding that question.
5. Department Heads: Kip updated the Board on the quote from Rusty for the tower and repeater. Janet motioned to go ahead and it was seconded and all were in favor. The funds to be spent from the ARPA funds.
6. Items by the Town Manager:
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed payroll and AP warrants.
 - b. Stacie discussed with the Board the lien notices which are to be sent.
 - c. Stacie presented information on the dam in the North Village from John Bertl.
 - d. Stacie presented the Board with information regarding a proposed solar garden.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen:
 - a. The Board gave Jarod White an opportunity to speak to the Board about his property. Ray motioned to honor Jarod's proposal. Tina seconded and all were in favor.
 - b. The Board opened and reviewed tax acquired property bids. Gary Agren won the bid for the land on Carrabassett Road with a bid of \$27,050. Eric Hutchins won the bid for 25 Bennett Hill Road with a bid of \$13,601.
8. The Board asked Stacie to see if the two applicants could meet for interviews.
9. Raymond motioned to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 7:40 pm.

The Board entered back into the public meeting at 7:50 pm. No decisions were made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the April 17 meeting. smr

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is May 20 by 4:00 pm.

Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

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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 April 11 school board meeting was held at Solon Elementary School. The food was predictably outstanding, with the brownies and cheese and crackers being the highlights for me. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Two items were added to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 1 board meeting were approved.

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Appointments: Scott Mason: CHS boys tennis, Paul Kaplan: volunteer track coach, CHS and CCS, Samantha Taylor: CHS drama, Tammy Long: CHS drama

Resignation: Doug Woodsum: CHS English, effective at the end of 22-23

Nomination: Kalgari Reed: Solon Fifth Grade Teacher

Superintendent Report: 1.) Mr. Campbell recently met with board chair Troy Dunphy and vice-chair Kevin Sousa, and they discussed ways to recognize students, staff, admin, community members, etc. who have made outstanding contributions to RSU 74. He suggested the June meeting begin at 5:30 pm, rather than the usual 6:00 pm, for this purpose. Also, retirees will be recognized for years of good service. Board members seemed to like this idea. 2.) CCS/CHS chorus-band students may perform at this event. 3.) COVID funds will remain in 23-24, and Mr. Campbell was planning to talk with Department of Education to see how those funds might be used. Possibilities include continuing with learning interventionists, having an interventionist coach, after school programs, literacy coach, after school tutoring, behavioral supports, additional social worker, behavior coach, additional hot spots for students in the event there are remote snow days in 23-24, guest speakers, prof dev for staff, self-care for staff, professional development to close learning gaps, more data analysis in math and LA, and reinforcing home/school connections.

Admin Reports: 1.) Scott Hall, Grace Cram, and Jaime Ela did not add to the written reports which they had submitted in writing to the board. 2.) Jean Butler noted that the candy baskets at the school board table had been created by the Solon fourth grade class, and the baskets were filled by the pre-K. Jean also thanked Robert Greene and the bus drivers for their help with the April 4 service for Chad Hebert, and she commended Chad's 16 years of service to RSU 74. She encouraged board members to attend the upcoming (April 13) preK-5 Literacy Night which was held at CCS. 3.) Erik Carey had nothing to

add to the AD report. 4.) Peter Campbell highlighted the excellent performance of the CHS Math Team at the state meet, where they had finished second to Gould Academy, a private school. He expressed appreciation for the board members who had visited CHS, and he thanked the student board rep, William Price, for his service this year. 6.) Student Board Rep William Price commented on what has been happening at CHS. The Sugarloaf trip went smoothly. On the day of the trip, there were fun activities at school for students who did not go to Sugarloaf. He mentioned the Math Team's success. Students are preparing for AP exams. He said the atmosphere at CHS has improved each year he has been a student. Students in art classes are using turntables. The CHS One Act play competition was a success with a second place finish. William wished the spring sports teams luck and thanked the board.

Committees: The Finance Committee met on March 13, and the Policy Committee met on March 22. The Superintendent Evaluation Committee will meet on May 10.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

CHS Principal: The agenda item to nominate Peter Campbell as principal of CHS generated some discussion. Board member Laura Layman expressed some concern regarding having the principal and superintendent being related. If a teacher were to be unhappy with the CHS principal, should they go to the superintendent or was there a third party? Superintendent Mark Campbell said that if a teacher was unhappy with Peter Campbell, they could go to the board chair or vice-chair. However, he said that as someone who had coached his own children and taught his own relatives, he would have higher expectations for Peter than other administrators.

Board member Grace Carreiro asked if teachers have a way to evaluate administrators, or if they could give feedback on administrators which would be part of an administrator's evaluation. The superintendent stated there is an instrument in place for administrators to receive evaluations. Regarding feedback from staff, he mentioned he attended an Association meeting in December to solicit feedback from staff. In the past, staff members had given feedback on administrators through the 360 surveys. The district is not using the 360 surveys this year. Laura Layman suggested postponing the hiring of Peter Campbell until something could be done to get feedback from staff. Brenda Stevens, as a former administrator, felt that while 360 surveys were not without value, she wasn't convinced they possessed a tremendous amount of value. If teachers were unhappy with an administrator, they could utilize the grievance process.

David Royce said there has been an "unbelievable difference" in the perception of students and community about CHS, and said he did not feel there was any school that was led more effectively than CHS with Peter at the helm. Doug Cahill said that evaluations should go from the top down, not from the bottom up. Bob Lightbody echoed Laura Layman's comments. Troy Dunphy said that there had been no grievances from CHS staff, and he had not received any calls from teachers who were unhappy. Laura Layman had assumed an eval process would have happened sooner, perhaps the 360 Survey would have some impact on a decision to re-hire. Doug Cahill suggested that anyone unhappy with the CHS principal could go to either Mark Campbell or Troy Dunphy with concerns. Eric Ewing recalled when Jaime Ela was hired as CCS principal, a plan was put in place where a different administrator would evaluate her husband, so there would be no fears of preferential treatment. He was confident something similar can be done to alleviate concerns in this situation. Brenda Stevens did not think it was fair to the CHS principal to delay the vote, but offered that if the board wanted, it would make sense to examine the district's policy on nepotism. Mark Campbell expressed the desire for the Superintendent Eval Committee to also look at Admin Evals. He would like to see about incorporating staff and student feedback. The board voted 10-3 to hire Peter Campbell as CHS principal.

Back to School Plan: A 2023-2024 Back to School Plan was approved.

Early Graduation Request: The board voted to allow a CHS student to graduate a year early.

Policy: The board voted to approve procedure IHBA-R.

2023-2024 Calendar: The board voted to accept the proposed 23-24 calendar. A date for CHS graduation will be selected in the future.

Rubbish Removal Contract: The board voted to approve a bid from Casellas for rubbish removal for 2023-2026.

Plowing/Snow Removal Contract: The board accepted a bid from Partridge and Kids for 2023-2026.

1000 Gallon Tank: The board authorized Mr. Greene to coordinate with Adams and Fogg Oil Equipment Company to place a 1000 gallon tank at CHS for diesel fuel. The money to pay for this will come from the 22-23 budget.

Budget: The board voted unanimously to approve the 23-24 budget at \$11,587,919. \$375,000 of carryover will be used to reduce the amount of increase to taxpayers.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:19 pm.

The next board meeting will be May 3 at CCS.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association



New Portland Community Library

Greetings. Although winter was comparatively mild and I'm sure not quite done with us yet, spring, warmth, and sunshine are lovely mood boosters! We thank everyone for a successful April bake, book, and DVD sale. It was great to see and visit with vendors, volunteers, bakers, and shoppers! We hope you drop in often to see the ever changing titles. We currently have a beautiful painting for raffle along with a bit of history on the artist.

Upcoming Events: Sheila is working on researching and lining up programs you have requested including computer classes and financial security seminars. More information will be forthcoming as available. Please continue to reach out with any programs, projects, or groups that interest you for adults and children.

Upcoming fundraisers: Saturday, May 27 (Memorial Weekend) we will be at Happy Horseshoe Campground for our annual silent auction from 9:00 am – 11:00 am (drawing will start at 11:00 am). This is always great fun for all, and we are working hard on obtaining donations. We are accepting donations for the auction at any time, please, reach out to us if you have something you would like to donate. Remember, we are happy to post your contact information to promote your craft or business during the auction.

Saturday, June 10 will be our Annual Plant, Bake, and Book Sale from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We thank Atwood's Greenhouse as our annual major sponsor/donor for this event. We have been blessed for many years from their generosity. We hope you think of Atwood's for your spring needs! We also have several other people who graciously donation various herbs, perennials, and flowers to our sale giving a nice variety. Our volunteer bakers are also so appreciated by us and our visitors for making our events yummy and successful.

Enjoy spring! Thank you all

Becky Knowles – Redlevske, Secretary

New Portland Churches

Western Mountains Baptist Church: Spring is finally here, and we at Western Mountains Baptist Church are wasting no time in enjoying the change of season.

It was truly wonderful to see how many people attended our SonRise service. At least 100 people braved the cold morning to observe the start of Resurrection Sunday outside at our Cross. Everyone then warmed up in the church and had a very hearty breakfast. Eggs, toast, sausage, bacon and a lot more were served with coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice. We then shared the "Lord's Supper" and had Easter church service at 10:00 am. It was very uplifting to see old and new friends coming back to church.

On Saturday April 15, approximately 33 women attended our Women's Ministry Brunch. Our guest speaker, Charlotte Sinclair detailed how God moved in her life and shared her testimony with us. It was really interesting! Our Ladies Fellowship meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Our next meetings will be April 25, May 9 and May 23 at 1:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Yep, it is that time of year again! We are gearing up for this year's Vacation Bible School. Always a fun time for the kiddos, so don't forget to mark your calendars, June 26 - June 30. More information for current and upcoming events can be found on our website: www.westernmountainsbaptistchurch.org or you can call Pastor Tom at 207-265-2557.

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann

New Portland Community Church News: Flowers are blooming everywhere. The sun is warming the ground and soon we will be watching our gardens grow and slapping at black flies and mosquitos. At the church, we are planning our summer schedule. There are a few things under consideration but nothing yet is set in stone. Watch this space!

Our last Warming Wednesday of the season was held on April 19. We enjoyed meeting twice a month from December until April. We had great food and good conversation. We were pleased to have a number of members of the community at large stop in for a light lunch and a lively chat.

In June we will start meeting in the sanctuary of the big church, for now we are still meeting 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 May: May 7 [Communion] Louise McCleery, May 14 MaryEllen Royce, May 21 TBD, May 28 Dick Waddell, June 4 [Communion] Stan Wheeler

Zoom services are being offered by the Fairbanks Union Church at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. The service can be found at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009696278> or open Zoom and use the meeting ID: 870 0969 6278. If you are interested in receiving 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

Sno-Travelers

The meeting was called to order with six members present.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master's Report: 1.) Both grants are ready to be mailed. 2.) Trail markers in fields are being pulled out for the season. 3.) A spot has been reserved for the club to use at the New Portland Fair. More details will be sent later. 4.) Plans are in progress to put a kiosk up advertising local businesses.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to give two scholarships to local high school graduates.

This was the last meeting of the season. We will meet again starting in October.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped support our club this season.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR MAY 2023 DOUG KERR PHOTO						
SUNDAY	1		2	3	4	5
		Selection's Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am-noon	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm CCS Planning Board Meeting 6:30 pm	NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	NPCL 8:00 am-noon	NPCL 8:00 am-noon
MONDAY	8	9	10	11	12	13
		NPCL 8:00 am-noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	Water District Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm		NPCL Trustees Meeting 9:00 am NPCL 8:00 am-noon
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 11:00 am	Selection's Meeting 6:30 pm	NPCL 8:00 am - noon		NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm		NPCL 8:00 am - noon Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 11:00 am		NPCL 8:00 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm		NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm		NPCL 8:00 am - noon NPCL Auction Happy Horse Campground 9:00 - 11:00 am
28	29	30	31			
WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 11:00 am	Memorial Day Town Office Closed	NPCL 8:00 am - noon				