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TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am - 5pm
Thursday 4pm - 6pm

Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett

Email newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com

Deputy Town Manager: Lori Alyea

Email townofnewportland@gmail.com

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Town Clerk: Jacob Pinkham / Deputy Town Clerk: Brittany Rundlett

Email newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

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Animal Control Officer: Dillon Wellman - 207-405-1134

TOWN OF NEW PORTLAND

2023-2024 WINTER SEASON

Request for Winter Sand Bids

Notice to Bidders

The Town of New Portland, Maine is requesting sealed bids to provide winter sand in compliance with the attached specifications, terms, and conditions to the Town of New Portland. Prospective bidders are advised to read this information carefully prior to submitting a bid.

The "2023-2024 Winter Sand Bid Form" must be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Winter Sand Bid" and received **on or before Monday, July 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm.** at the following address:

Town of New Portland

"Winter Sand Bid"

Attn: Stacie Rundlett

901 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961

Bid packages will be opened publicly at the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and read aloud. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive any formality and may consider as informal any proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with these provisions. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept any proposal or reject any or all proposals if it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.

General Requirements

The Town of New Portland is seeking per-yard bids for the purchase of 2,500 yards of winter sand.

Specific Requirements

All proposals will be required to meet or exceed all of the conditions, standards, and requirements contained below:

- Winter sand gradation requirements: clean and sharp ½ inch
- Sand must be free of any foreign materials such as; Sod, sticks, roots, etc. Successful contractor will supply a gradation sample prior to product acceptance.

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

- These conditions, standards, and quality of the sand MUST BE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED throughout the entire delivery process. If not rectified, the contract will be terminated and the Town will seek an alternative supplier.
- The sand must be delivered and loaded into the sand/ salt shed facility with the equipment and operator to do so provided by the contractor.
- At the time of contract signing, the contractor will furnish the Town proof of liability and workers compensation insurance.

Selection Process

The Board of Selectmen will review and choose the contractor that most closely suits the needs of the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals at its sole discretion. Proposals will be judged in the selection process relative to their performance in the following areas:

1. Conformance with ALL submission requirements
2. Respondent's ability to supply the material as described
3. Reference checks and previous history with the Town
4. Overall cost
5. Availability to start as soon as our facility is ready

Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen will host their regularly scheduled 1st meeting of the month on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm due to the 1st Tuesday of July being Independence Day.

The Town Office will be closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The normal first selectmen's meeting of the month will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm.

The Board of Selectmen and residents from Lexington TWP are scheduled to meet with Maine D.O.T. to discuss concerns on road conditions. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 25 at 5:30 pm in the Community Room at the Fire Station in New Portland.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Results of the Special Town Meeting held on June 6, 2023 are as follows.

Town of New Portland Medical Cannabis Caregiver Retail Store and Registered Licensing Ordinance passes. Vote was counted yes 27 no 23.

Town of New Portland Fire and Rescue cost Recovery Ordinance passed. Passed by a large number so no count was needed.

Amendment to the Town of New Portland Subdivision and Commercial Development Ordinance (governing solar panels) passed. Voted was counted yes 27 no 22.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

The meeting with the Maine Department of Transportation will be held on July 25, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be at our fire station in the bay area. Representatives from Maine D.O.T. will be there, plus Senator Russell Black. Other officials have been invited, but at this time we do not know who else will be in attendance.

We understand that the meeting time maybe hard for some of you to make, but it is what Maine D.O.T would agree with. We urge you to attend even if you arrive late.

We will be discussing the bad road conditions of Route 146, the East Village Bridge, which currently is one lane and the Lexington Road. This meeting is not about any of the town owned roads.

We look forward to seeing you there. Let's show the state, with big turn out, that we need their roads repaired as soon as possible.

From the Editor

This issue of the *New Portlander* marks the beginning of the 30th year of publication. I felt this was worth noting. As I continue to edit this monthly newsletter, I hope you, as readers and citizens, have enjoyed the newsletter as much as I have enjoyed making it available over the past years.

Submitted: Dallas Landry

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is July 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 June school board meeting was held at CHS.

Prior to the meeting, the CHS chorus/band performed. They did a very nice job. Refreshments included fruit, cookies, and punch. I avoided the fruit, but the cookies and punch were outstanding.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards: Board chairman Troy Dunphy presented some awards. 1.) Community members Rob and Carrie Peabody received recognition for helping with the sports programs - volunteering, helping to purchase uniforms, supplies, etc. 2.) Brenda Mullin is retiring at the end of 2022-2023. She was commended for her outstanding service to RSU 74. 3.) Teacher Chudala Holden received an award. Her positive and empathetic nature was complimented. 3.) CHS Principal Peter Campbell received the final award from the school board. He was commended for his energy and for increasing the pride at CHS.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Two minor changes were made to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 3 regular board meeting were approved.

More Minutes: The minutes of the May 25 special board meeting were approved.

Presentation: Peter Campbell informed the board that in 2023-24, there will be a new elective course at CHS. The course will be Outdoor Skills and Leadership.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell had nothing to add to the written report he submitted to the board.

Appointments: Eileen McDonald – Cook Manager, GSS; Kalgari Reed – STEAM Lead Teacher, Solon; Tiffany Medwick – Bus Driver; Taylor Fournier – Asst. Cook, CCS; Brian Twitchell – Certification Committee Chair; Mary Keenan – Ed Tech Authorization Chair; Jasmyn Wagg – STEAM Lead Teacher, GSS; Jasmyn Wagg – Lead Teacher, GSS; Richard Reichenbach – STEAM Lead Teacher, CCS; Melody Rich – Lead Teacher, Solon; Patricia Theberge – New Teacher Mentor, CCS; Jennifer Hebert – New Teacher Mentor GSS; Michelle Stevens – New Teacher Mentor, Solon; Stacey Robinson – New Teacher Mentor, CHS; Mary Keenan - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Jenah Leeman - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor ; Brenda Mullin - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Aimie Pomerleau - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Jennifer LaChance - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Jessie Cates - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Kathryn Shea-Stocking - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Valerie Pinkham - PreK- 5 summer School Instructor ; Desiraeh Ladd - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Tanya McFadyen - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Jill Shelley - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Kalgari Reed - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Tanya Carey - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Jennifer Hebert - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Jillian Holden - PreK- 5

Summer School Instructor; Heather Austin - PreK- 5 Summer School Instructor; Candy Lebeau – Yearbook Advisor, CCS; Katie Hall – Junior Advisory Dean, CHS; Aaron Baum – Senior Advisory Dean, CHS; Stacey Robinson – Freshmen Advisory Dean, CHS; Stacey Robinson – NHS Advisor, CHS; John Berube – Sophomore Advisory Dean, CHS; Maurice Langlois – NHS Advisor, CHS; Kim Cole – Yearbook Advisor, CHS.

Resignations: Elaine Jillson – Special Ed. Ed. Tech III, retirement; Eileen McDonald – Cook Asst, CCS; Monique Bess – Special Education Teacher, CCS.

Nominations: Jillian Holden – Learning Interventionist, GSS; Barbara Jordan – 40% FTE Interventionist; Kim Swihart – 4th Grade Teacher, CCS.

Admin Reports: 1.) Most of the administrators chose not to add to the written reports which they had previously submitted. 2.) Jean Butler thanked board members Laura Layman and Tori McDonald for volunteering their time to discuss water safety with elementary school students. 3.) Athletic Director Erik Carey informed the board that Connor Peabody was a second team MVC all star in tennis, and Luke Carey was the MVC tennis player of the year. Earlier in the day, the CHS tennis team had competed in the Southern Maine championship tennis match. Next year, CHS will compete in the East-West League. This will be a major change, as the Cobras have been part of the Mountain Valley Conference since the Reagan presidency.

Peter Campbell noted that CHS graduation was a big success that went off without a hitch.

Committees: None have met recently.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

Policy IKF, Second Reading: The policy was approved. There was some discussion about giving students partial credit hours for playing a sport. No action was taken on the suggestion.

Early Graduation Request: An early graduation request was approved.

Attendance Zones: Attendance Zones were discussed at a board workshop in May. At the June meeting, the board took action. K-5 students on the Campground Road and Horseback Road will attend GS in 2023-24. K-5 students who live in Embden will attend school in Solon.

Overnight Field Trip: The board approved an overnight field trip. CCS 8th graders will have an overnight trip to Maine Huts and Trails on June 12-13.

Executive Session: The board held an executive session. When they returned, there was no comment about what was discussed, and no action was taken.

Summer Hiring: The board authorized the superintendent to hire teachers in June, July and August.

Special Board Meeting Schedule Change: The meeting scheduled for June 14 was changed to June 15. The CCS 8th grade promotion ceremony is the June 14.

Adjournment: I neglected to write down the time when the meeting ended, but it did end.

There will be no July board meeting. The August board meeting will be held August 9 at CCS.

June 15 special board meeting was held at CCS.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ESEA Presentation: Jean Butler discussed the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Grant which she is writing. RSU 74 anticipates receiving roughly \$533,000 in 2023-24. A large portion of the money is used for Title One staff (nine title one ed techs) and materials. One classroom teaching position is paid with this money.

Appointments: Tabatha Burke: title one ed tech 3, Solon; Paul Vicneire: boys' soccer, CHS; Kelsey Creamer: girls' soccer, CHS; Stacey Robinson: chief teacher mentor, CHS.

Resignations: Sheryl Tennent: special ed/ed tech one, GS; Brenda Mullin: K-5 special ed ed tech three, GS; Lacey Frost: social worker; Penny Rogers: title one ed tech 3, Solon.

Nominations: Andrea Ferrari: literacy coach; Nikki Knowlton: social worker, GS and Solon; Bruce Dostie: dean of students CCS/CHS; John Tierney: 6-12 alternative ed teacher.

The Budget Vote: The board approved the budget computations and declaration. The budget passed by a vote of 173-64. Board members then signed town assessments.

Interim Superintendent: The board voted to appoint Jean Butler as interim superintendent as of July 1.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association

Announcement

Did you know that there is a "Senior Group" that meets monthly in New Portland. Do not let our name mislead you. We are a group of seniors who come from all over: New Portland, Salem, and Farmington.

We traditionally meet on the first Monday of the month, exceptions being when there is a holiday involved. Our July get together/meeting will be held on July 10 at noon. We meet at the Western Mountains Baptist Church on Rte 27 just south of Kingfield. This is NOT a church sponsored event.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Bessey-Holmes at 207 265 2785 or 207 779 7200

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann

Lexington and Highland Historical Society

The public is invited to join us at our History House Complex and Museum, open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The museum is a depiction of the early years of rural Maine farm homes and the equipment used. The History House complex and museum is located at the south junction of Long Falls Dam Road and the Back Road in Lexington Township (3 Back Road), about four miles north of the North New Portland village. If you would like to become a member of the Lexington Highland Historical Society (LHHS) you may pick-up a membership form at the museum at the time of your visit. If you have questions or wish to donate to the LHHS please call Jim Taylor at 628-2762.

Submitted: Jim Taylor

New Portland Churches

Well, this spring has been off to a very wet start! Thankfully, things here at WMBC are proceeding as usual. After all, a little rain never hurt anybody, lol!

The youth group is still continuing to meet on Sunday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm (grades 8-12). You can go to our website (www.westernmountainchurch.org) or call Pastor Tom (207 265 2557) for more information. There is an adult bible study that is held at 9:00 am prior to our church services, which start at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

We have also added a room where parents can sit and watch the services with their children should they feel uncomfortable bringing them into the main sanctuary. This is optional of course.

Our Sunday services can also be viewed on YouTube. The stream usually starts at 10:20 am. You can also view previous sermons as well.

God is truly calling people, and we hope that you will be able to join us physically or spiritually. (Hopefully both!)

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann





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