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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

Town Manager/CEO: Stacie Rundlett

Email newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com

Deputy Town Manager: Lori Alyea

Email townofnewportland@gmail.com

Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

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

Email newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com

Office hours: Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm

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
- **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

Town Clerk

Absentee Ballots are now available for pickup at the town office during business hours. Voting will take place on November 7 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at the Community Room, 911 River Road, New Portland.

Dear Dog Owner: It's that time again! Dog licenses started being issued on October 15, 2024. Please come to the Town Clerk's Office to license your dog(s) at your earliest convenience. Be sure to come in before January 31, 2024 to avoid paying the late fee of \$25.00 per dog. Any dog that remains unregistered will be summonsed to court by the Animal Control Officer. So please, do not delay! These fines and deadlines are required by state law and cannot be waived. Remember if your dog(s) is here for more than seven (7) days, then you need to license your dog(s). If your dog(s) is six (6) months or more in age, then your dog(s) need to be licensed. In addition, if you no longer have your dog, please call me at 628-4441 as soon as possible so that we may update our information. To relicense your dog, you can come to the New Portland Town Office. Our regular office hours are Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Thursday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm. You may also relicense your dog through the mail. Please send a copy of the dog(s) Maine rabies certificate and a check payable to the "Town of New Portland" for the appropriate fee, and I will process the license and return the paperwork and the new dog tag(s) to you. Please use the form provided at the bottom of this notice if you are mailing your information in. Thank you for your attention to this important notice. Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination, which protects the health of your pet and your family. Remember, all dogs in the State of Maine are required to be licensed. The licensing fee is \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$11.00 for male or female dogs if licensed BEFORE January 31, 2024. The fees will be \$31.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$36.00 for unaltered dogs if licensed after January 31, 2024. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your copy of the Maine rabies certificate and payment to: Town of New Portland 901 River Road New Portland, ME 04961

Please clip this section and return with your check made payable to the Town of New Portland

Name of Dog Owner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Dog(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Submitted: Jacob Pinkham, Town Clerk

Town Manager

The Town Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22 and Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Selectmen's Meeting on November 7 will be at the Town Office as voting will be taking place in the Community Room.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Meeting Minutes for September 05, 2023

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin, Janet White, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Garrett Oswald, James Reinhard, Lori Alyea, Kip Poulin, Sue Luce, Jane Shattuck

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Janet motioned to accept them as written, Tina seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: There was a brief discussion regarding the old landfill inspection. The Board members did not make any decisions. There was a brief discussion regarding the Gilman Pond Road inquiry to maintain a part of the road that has not been town maintained for approximately 25 years. Stacie stated that she still hadn't received an email from the town's attorney regarding the matter.
4. Items by the Public: a.) Sue Luce discussed with the Board her concerns that the ACO didn't have enough equipment to do his job properly. The Board supported giving the ACO authorization to purchase more equipment. There was also a discussion regarding the ACO making return phone calls. The Board would discuss this more with the ACO. b.) James Reinhard discussed with Board his concerns about the road conditions and how they would be addressed before the colder, snowy weather arrives.
5. Department Heads: Kip updated the Board on the status of the compressor, the tower.
6. Items by the Town Manager: The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: 1.) The Board reviewed the abatement requests. a.) Raymond motioned to approve an abatement for Stephen and Debra McDavitt for \$470.58. Janet seconded and all were in favor. b.) Raymond motioned to approve an abatement for Gabe Clark for \$908.04. Tina seconded and all were in favor. c.) Raymond motioned to approve an abatement for Dean and Kenneth Atwood for \$92.46. Janet seconded and all were in favor. d.) Raymond motioned to approve an abatement for Norman Goff for \$538.20. Tina seconded and all were in favor. e.) Raymond motioned to approve an abatement for Orin Goff for \$260.82.

Janet seconded and all were in favor. 2.) Janet discussed with the other Board members her concerns on the current road conditions and asked them to consider having a special town meeting soon to take money from Surplus to cover costs to properly maintain the roads before the weather gets too cold. The other Board members would consider it and discuss it more at a later date. 3.) Tina discussed with the other members her concern about the ACO not returning phone calls and all the Board members wanted to try and have Dillon attend an upcoming meeting. 4.) Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matters at 7:11 pm, it was seconded and all were in favor. Raymond called the public meeting back into session at 7:23 pm. No decisions were made.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

These minutes were accepted as written by the Board at the September 18 meeting. smr

Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2023

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Tina Poulin (absent), Janet White, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, James Reinhard, Ron Nunes

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Janet motioned to accept the minutes as written, Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: The Board discussed the landfill inspection, ACO complaints, summer roads complaints, and the Junkyard Ordinance Violations. The Board decided to allow Ron Nunes, Road Commissioner, to do as much work as he can do without going over \$40,000. The Board asked Stacie, CEO, to issue junkyard violation notices and have the date to comply by October's second meeting.
4. Items by the Public: None
5. Department Heads: None

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is November 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.

6. Items by the Town Manager: The Board reviewed and signed payroll and A/P warrants.
7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) There was a discussion regarding a resident who was asking to participate on the Planning Board. Raymond motioned to appoint Kristen Wallaker to the Planning Board, Janet seconded and all were in favor. Stacie would have the Town Clerk draw up the paperwork. b.) There was a brief discussion regarding abatement requests. Raymond motioned to grant an abatement to Marc Doyon in the amount of \$324.30, Janet seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned to grant an abatement to Dale Earle in the amount of \$1,203.36, Janet seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned to grant an abatement to Chris Burbank in the amount of \$1,335.84, Janet seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned to grant an abatement to Lori Alyea in the amount of \$179.40, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

These minutes were accepted as written by the Board at the October 3rd meeting. smr

Meeting Minutes for October 03, 2023

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin (absent), Tina Poulin, Janet White, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Kristin Wallaker, Ron Nunes, James Reinhard, Jane Shattuck, Dan Hajjar

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
 2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, Tina motioned to accept the minutes as written, Janet seconded and all were in favor.
 3. Old Business: Landfill inspection - There was a brief discussion regarding finding someone to give a quote on cleaning up the overgrowth at the old landfill on Middle Road. No decisions were made.
 4. Items by the Public- None
 5. Department Heads: Ron Nunes discussed with the Board the progress which he has made on the summer roads, and what he plans to be doing before the weather changes. He briefed the Board on how his meetings with FEMA have gone.
 6. Items by the Town Manager: The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
 7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) The Board signed the appointment paper for Kristen Wallaker to Planning Board which had been decided at the last meeting. b.) The Board discussed with Stacie that a date of October 31 should be the new date to have violators in compliance with the Junkyard Ordinance. Stacie would have those letters out within the week.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

These minutes were accepted as written by the Board at the October 16 meeting. smr

Planning Board PUBLIC NOTICE

The New Portland Planning Board will be holding a public hearing for a Commercial

Development Review Application submitted by Vining Mining, LLC. The application is for an approximately 29-acre medium borrow pit to be located off the New Portland Hill Road in New Portland, Maine 04961. The pit would be located on Tax Map 20, Lot 3 in New Portland, Maine, and to the northeast of New Portland Hill Road and southwest of the Carrabassett River. The gravel pit would be accessed through an existing woods road located off the New Portland Hill Road.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland, Maine 04961.

Hard copies of the application are available at the New Portland Town Office.

Submitted: Josie Ray, Project Manager

RSU 74 / School Board

The October 4 school board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Three nominations were added to the agenda.

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

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent Report: 1.) Mr. Campbell added to the written report which he had previously submitted. In his report, he had complimented the GS staff for the work they were doing. He clarified the wording in the written report, stating that he was aware not all students in the autism program were behavior students. 2.) The MSMA conference is coming up, and Mr. Campbell asked board members to contact Linda if they were interested in attending. 3.) He shared the 23-24 district goals with the board, and he shared with them the results of 2022-23. 4.) There will be a meeting sometime soon to discuss stipends.

Appointments: Joe Hayden: Football Assistant, CHS/ Madison; Jenah Leeman: CCS After School Program; Jenney Rollins: GS After School Program; Desireah Ladd: GS After School Program; Courtney Rollins: GS After School Program; Melody Rich: Solon After School Program; Mary

Keenan: Solon After School Program; Taylor Fournier: CCS After School Program; Aimee Pomerleau: Solon After School Program; Kathryn Shea-Stocking: CCS After School Program; Mike Stone: CCS Math Team Advisor.

Resignations: Kayli Flint: Special Ed Tech 3, CCS, Abbie Barker: Pre-K Ed Tech, GSd

Nominations: Tabatha Burke: Pre-K Teacher, Solon; Angela Dunton: Special Ed Teacher, Solon; Yvette Landry: Special Ed Tech One, GS; Skye Kendrick: Special Ed Tech One, CCS

Admin Reports: 1.) Tara Morin was asked about grade 6-8 recess at CCS. She said she has been taking students in grades 7-8 outside after lunch. She reports student focus in the classroom has been better. She will be talking with sixth grade teachers about finding opportunities to take their students outside. 2.) Peter Campbell commended the CCS math team for finishing second in a math meet earlier in the day. Kobi Jennings was the overall high scorer. 3.) Student board rep Kayli Folco gave updates about what is happening at CHS. Molly Hay is the student of the month. The Trunk or Trot race will be held on Oct 29. Spirit Week/ Homecoming will be held the week of October 10. The boys' soccer team remains undefeated. The senior class helped park cars at the New Portland Fair. *Just Another High School Musical* will be performed by CHS students. CHS and Madison JMG students hiked Mosquito Mountain on October 5 in honor of CHS graduate Andrew Hutchins.

Committees: Both the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Policy Committee met on September 20.

Public Participation: No one spoke.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the Madison Health Center as the School Physician

The board approved.

Youth & Government in Maine: The board approved the November 10-11 trip.

Basketball Trip: The board approved the December 1-2 Aroostook County trip for CHS girls' and boys' basketball teams.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association

New Portland Community Library

Hello. First and foremost, thank you everyone who supported our book and bake sale in October either by donating food or cash. For us, the very best part was taking a step back and appreciating the *fun* had by everyone in attendance. It was so great to see people chatting, laughing, and catching up. A great reminder that we are here as an essential part of our community inviting you to engage with your neighbors, old and new. We have had new volunteers join us, and we are now open every Saturday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm along with Wednesday and Thursday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Our Budget Booster Raffle is now underway with four great prizes. Tickets will be available at the library from board members and volunteers. Look for a copy of the ticket on our Facebook page. Tickets will also be available at the following fundraising event: Top prizes: Yeti Travel Cooler with Life is for Relaxing Package, value \$400.00 plus; Go-Sun Solar Cooler, value \$800.00; third prize is a \$100.00 Gift Card from Hammond Lumber Company; and fourth prize is a \$50.00 Gift Card from Mainely Provisions. Saturday, December 2: Our Annual Holiday

Craft Fair 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: The raffle will be drawn during this event. We will be offering crafters and hot food in the town building community room as well as crafters, baked goods, DVD's, and books within the library. Check out both locations of the fair, you don't want to miss a thing! One or more of our volunteers will be offering free gift wrapping services at this event. NOTE: Tables are available for your enterprise, please contact the library or a board member to reserve your space.

We are excited to announce, New Portland's own author, Courtney Morton will be at the library the morning of the craft fair to sell and autograph her new book, *Coffee At Midnight*. A great gift opportunity and a chance for future "I met her when..." conversation starters as she becomes famous worldwide!

During November and December, we will be working on the 2024 fiscal budget. We welcome your interest and enthusiasm in shaping the library for a new year.

With the beginning of the holiday season, we wish you the happiest of times with family and friends both old and new. Thank you. Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary becky.redlevske@gmail.com Wenda Spooner, President winkysmc@msn.com Valencia Schubert, Treasurer dvschubert412@gmail.com Sheila Atwood, Library Director newportlandcl@gmail.com Beth Perera, Volunteer perera@gmail.com

Submitted: Becky Redlevske

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The first meeting for the 2023-24 season was held with 12 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

The trailmaster reported: Two bridges that had moved with the flooding this summer will need to be reset. Field stakes are ready to be put up. Bridge mats need to be placed on a section of the Chick Road Trail. The state approved giving the club money for damage to trails caused by flooding this summer. As soon as work is done and photos are sent in, we will get reimbursed.

The club took in over \$1000 from the club raffle at the fair this year. A huge thank you to all who donated an item towards the raffle and to everyone that supported the club by buying tickets.

Club Memberships Are Now Due

It is now time to join the Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers snowmobile club for the 2023- 2024 season. (October 1 to September 30)

Family Membership: \$25 (cash or check) **Business Membership:** \$40

Please fill in the information below and mail to: **Joyce Knowles; 161 Middle Road; New Portland, ME 04961**

Please make checks payable to: **Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers**

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Mailing Address:

City/town: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail:

Total # of People in your Household- _____ # of Sleds Registered Last Year- _____

How would you like to receive your Maine Snowmobiler Newspaper? Please check 1 of the choices below.

- ☐ By Mail
☐ Digitally
☐ Not at all

Club meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month, October through May, beginning at 6:30 pm at the firehouse meeting room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Thank you for joining our club!

The club now has a new website where club news and events, trail conditions, and other items will be posted. It is also where you can go to join the club. Visit- www.wirebridgesnotravelers.com to check it out.

A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to return the Clover electronic card reader which is no longer going to be used. The New Vineyard club approached our club about the possibility of us grooming a section of their trail from New Portland Hill toward Rte 234. They would pay us for doing this three or four times a year. It was decided that before we made a decision that this trail would need to be inspected to see if trail and bridges are wide enough for the groomer.

Dana Bowman, a board member for High Peaks Alliance, spoke to the club about making a regional map. He wanted to know if our club was interested in being a part of this, and the club said yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting is November 11 at the fire station meeting room, beginning at 6:30 pm.

For those of you who are interested in joining our club, I have attached 2 forms that you can use to do so. Thank you for your support to our club.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Churches

New Portland Church News: The chill is definitely in the air now, and in the sanctuary of the big New Portland church! Services have been moved to the Joyce Pease Meeting Hall adjoining the church. It's a warm and cozy space and all set up for services. Sometimes the services happen in a more formal 'church' way in the space, and other times the congregation gathers in a more intimate grouping over coffee and baked treats to hear the message from the minister.

A good crowd of people went to Pierce Pond for the day on September 21. This is always a wonderful outing, and this year was no exception. A huge "Thank You" to the Cobb family for hosting this outing annually for so many years.

Another annual social in the life of the church is a potluck outing to a Gilman Pond camp. The day started a bit damp but by the afternoon turned sunny and breezy, a perfectly beautiful fall day on the pond.

Our October Harvest Supper didn't actually happen in October, as was written in last month's *New Portlander*, but has been scheduled for November 2 at 5:00 pm. For those of you who are not familiar with the church and would like to come to the community supper, the church is located on Hancock Pond Road in North New Portland. Turn off Route 16 onto Long Falls Dam Road and make an immediate right turn. The church is the third building on the left, and kind of hard to miss at that point. Roast Pork is on the menu, with apple sauce, glazed carrots, mash potatoes and gravy, finished off with pumpkin pie.

If you are joining us for worship our ministers for the month of November are November 5 - Stan Wheeler, Communion Sunday; November 12 - Susan Taylor [FMH chaplain]; November 19 - MaryEllen Royce; November 26 - Susan Taylor [FMH chaplain]; December 3 - Stan Wheeler, Communion Sunday. Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 11:00 am. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Western Mountains Baptist Church: The church is buzzing with activity. As always we are very busy here at WMBC. Our "family drive-in movie night" was a success. Many came out to watch the movie *Flywheel* and enjoy fellowship as well as popcorn.

Youth Group continues to meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (grades 8-12), always lots of fun.

Bridging the Gap is busy preparing the menu for the upcoming holidays. If you know of anyone elderly who could use a hot homemade meal delivered to their door once a month, please contact Pastor Tom at 207 265 2557.

We are also having a Thanksgiving potluck after church services on Sunday November 12, and all are welcome.

As the weather gets more frigid and it becomes more difficult to get to church, you can watch our services on Facebook or our website www.westernmountainschurch.org. We also have a CD ministry. You can have a CD mailed (or you can pick one up) from any of our services. This is "free"! Maybe, you know someone with whom you would like share a message.

If you don't have a church home, we would love to see you at one of our Sunday services at 10:00 am.

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann

Kingfield Seniors Group

Kingfield Seniors had a wonderful turnout for the October meeting. Even though it was short notice, several seniors came out to learn more about phone and email scams. Sheriff Scott Nichols was gracious enough to take time out of his busy schedule to join us and discuss what is now going on in our society. A big THANK YOU!

Our next few meetings will be November 6 and December 4. Won't you please join us for potluck and fellowship? We meet at the Western Mountains Baptist Church on Route 27, New Portland (right before entering into Kingfield).

You do not have to be a Kingfield senior to attend. Also, this is not a church sponsored group. Please contact Jo Bessey-Holmes @ 207 779 7200 for more information.

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann



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Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm NPCL 8:00 am - noon						
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