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Selectmen

Relief is on the way for all the dirt roads in town.

In May you will see road maintenance on all roads. We will be laying gravel and grading. Please give the road crews the room they need. Slow down on the roads, and those roads will hold up after repair.

We are all looking forward to summer, warm days.

This is a small town let's be nice to each other, wave and smile. Check on your neighbor.

Submitted: Janet White, Ray Poulin, Dave Veilleux - Selectmen

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month6:30pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month6:30pm
- **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
Wednesday and Thursday3pm - 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

RSU 74 / School Board

The April Board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell had previously submitted a written report to the board, but he added a few more informational items. 1.) Mike Golden has resigned from his CCS fifth grade teaching job. 2.) Scott Hall will be sending out nomination information for the selection of the 2023-24 school board awards: teacher, support staff,

admin, community member, etc. 3.) The Solon Rec Department has approached RSU 74 about naming the Solon Elementary School baseball field in honor of a longtime coach. Mr. Campbell would like a board committee to create a policy to establish criteria for naming fields, gyms, etc. 4.)The district's Workman's Comp Rate is higher than the state average. Therefore, employees will be undergoing some training. 5.) Mr. Campbell hopes to interview for the CCS principal position next week. He will be reaching out to board members to see if any would like to be part of the interview committee. 6.) The district will be posting job vacancies for 24-25 soon. Positions that were added in the proposed budget will be posted as Anticipated Vacancies.

Allison Marcoux has offered to host a Zumba class at CHS. RSU 74 employees will receive a discounted rate, and it will be free for students. The board agreed to waive the building usage fee.

Appointments: Debra Aitken: CHS track, Kylee Dixon: CCS track, Eric Baker: CHS softball volunteer

Resignation: Paul Kaplan: PE/Health

Committees: Both the Finance and Policy Committees met on March 13. The Library / Technology Committee met on March 20.

Public Participation: Jessica Sales encouraged the board to reconsider its decision to eliminate the CCS 6-8 Interventionist teaching position. She expressed concern there were many students whose needs would not be met without the position.

Policies: The board approved the second reading of policies BBA (School Board Powers and Responsibilities), DJH (Purchasing and Contracting: Procurement/Staff Code of Conduct), and DN (School Properties Disposition).

Another Policy: The board approved the first reading of policy JFABD (Admission of Homeless Students).

The Budget: There were some slight adjustments made following the March 20 budget meeting. The purchase of high school math textbooks was stopped, for a net savings. One employee notified the superintendent of a change from BA to MA

status in 24-25, which will represent an increase. The insurance increase came in higher than anticipated. Additional carryover money from the 23-24 budget (I believe the figure was \$100,000) will be applied to the 24-25 budget. All board members in attendance voted to approve the proposed budget.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 6:26 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association



Kingfield Seniors Group

Spring is finally here! We are getting ready for our monthly meeting / potluck

luncheon. Our theme this month is CINCO DE MAYO!! There will be entertainment as well as good eats and of course fellowship and games! We meet at the Western Mountains Baptist Church which is located on Rte 27 right before you enter Kingfield. All are invited, you need not be a member of the church. Won't you join us on May 6 at noon? And if you like, bring a friend If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Jo Bessie-Holmes at 207 779 7200.

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann

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.

New Portland Community Library

We have been busy at the library and have a bunch of upcoming events. Thanks to all the patrons who have brought in stuff to include in our silent auction, donated books, general patronage and those who just stopped to say "Hi".

The open house was well attended! Hopefully, you had a chance to drop in, grab some munchies and meet the library directors. Our monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the library; all are welcome! Come see what we have planned and maybe, just maybe, where we could use some help. (No obligation for attendance though!)

Upcoming events: Reiki 15 minute mini sessions will be held May 10 and May 18 by Michelle Abbott at the library 9:00 – 11:30 am. Let's help a New Portland resident start a new business venture. These 15 minute sessions are free!

Auction items are still being taken for our silent auction held May 25 at the Happy Horseshoe Campground in Lexington. Drop off items at the library. And don't forget our penny jar at the library circulation desk for your loose change (We use this money to buy Maine books.) and/or our account at the redemption center in Kingfield. Yes, we are after your small change as well as the larger stuff! You would be surprised how these small accounts add up!

I am still looking for an inexpensive book shelf, three shelves to put behind the circulation desk. Pressboard is fine, as long as it will hold books.

Armchair Meditation classes will be held at the library 4:00 - 5:30 pm the second and fourth Wednesdays (April 10 and April 24.)

And the month's computer class is run with a qualified technician present. The computer class is on May 15 at 4:00 pm. This class "Safely Creating Online Documents" walks us through the process of creating an online account. Also discussed is how to recover a password should you forget it, what the potential issues are for privacy and safety, and how to best navigate those issues. Sign up at the library, call 628-6561 or on line at <https://digitalequitycenter>.

The latest bit of news we have is that we are selling engraved paving stones and benches to

enhance the outside walkway. We will put the stones along the walkways and the benches in the porch area. Prices and details are at the library.

Don't forget we have two spaces to rent out (no cost) for use as a private classroom space, work space complete with fast internet, comfortable chairs and plenty of counter/desk space. Stop in to check out the spaces and make a reservation.

Submitted: Shelia Atwood



New Portland Churches

The ladies had a wonderful time of fellowship on April 13. Jean Sawtell discussed "Can you trust God?" Truly a wonderful time!

We are in the process of collecting applications for our annual WMBC Community Scholarship Award from high school students who reside in the towns served by either RSU 74 (Carrabec) or MSAD 58 (Mt. Abram). The award is \$1000 and is paid before the first semester. The deadline is May 15. Please submit an application via our website: www.westernmountainchurch.org or mail the form to: WMBC Scholarship, PO Box 264, Kingfield, Me 04947.

**Save The Date; Vacation Bible School
June 24-28 • 9a-12p • Pre-K Thru 5th Grade
(more info to follow)**

Also, please check our website for any and all upcoming events! It's going to be a wonderful spring!

Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann

