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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](mailto:newportlandtownmanager@gmail.com)

#### Deputy Town Manager: Lori Alyea

Email..... [townofnewportland@gmail.com](mailto:townofnewportland@gmail.com)

Office hours: Same as the Town office hours

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

Email..... [newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandtownclerk@gmail.com)

Office hours: By appointment

#### LPI: Dan Gilbert - 207-938-3866

#### Assessor's Agent: Audra Swanson

Wednesday..... 10am - 2pm

Email..... [newportlandassessor@gmail.com](mailto:newportlandassessor@gmail.com)

#### Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

#### Interim Animal Control Officer: Ryan Mulherin - 340-8137

## VOTE

State Primary/Referendum Vote 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at  
Community Meeting Room, Fire Station, River Road, New  
Portland. Mark you calendar and remember to vote ✓.

## Town Manager

### The town office will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

The town office would like to let the taxpayers know that over the next few weeks you may see the town's assessor, Audra Swanson, at your property for a site visit. This is a routine visit. She will be in a tan GMC Sierra AT4 truck with the license plate Honey 1. She leaves a card at the locations she does visit just to communicate with the public she was at their property. If you wish to schedule a specific time for her to come to your property, please contact the office at 207-628-4441, and we will set a time for you. If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out to us at the office; we will do our best to answer them for you.

### Town of New Portland Legal Invitation to Bid Snow Removal

Notice to Bidders: The Town of New Portland is accepting bids from contractors to remove snow and ice from approximately 40.9 miles of state and town roads for the period of October 15, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

The contract will also include snow removal and sand/salt spreading of the driveways at the Town Office, Fire station and storage building. The Town will provide all sand and salt, as well as sand and salt storage. The Contractor will supply all other equipment necessary. At the time of contract signing, the contractor will furnish the Town proof of liability and workers compensation insurance. Within 30 days of the signing, no later than October 15 the contractor will provide a performance bond in the amount of 75% of the yearly contract amount. A completed bid form, fully completed experience statement, three business references, and bid security in the amount of 5% of the total annual bid amount must be submitted with the bid. The bid security shall be a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Maine. The bid security shall be made payable to the Town of New Portland.

## 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  
Wednesday and 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

Inspection of town roads prior to bidding is recommended. Bidding documents and a copy of the standard Town contract may be obtained from the Town Office, Mon-Wed from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

No bidder may alter any parts of his bid for 60 days after the actual date of the bid opening, including price.

Sealed bids marked "Town of New Portland Snow Removal" must be received by Monday, July 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and waive any formality which it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

For more information please call Stacie Rundlett at 628-4441.

Mail or deliver bids to Town of New Portland, 901 River Road, New Portland, ME 04961

## **Town of New Portland 2024-2025 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 "2024-2025 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, June 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. 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, June 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm 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 2,300 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.
- 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.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## **Selectmen**

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### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2024**

Roster/Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Brian Rundlett, Ron Nunes, James Reinhard

1. Raymond called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. Raymond motioned to nominate Janet White as chairperson. David seconded and all were in favor.
3. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, David seconded and all were in favor.
4. Old Business: There was a brief discussion regarding the closing of Tannery Bridge. David will do some research and the board will discuss things in more detail at a later date.
5. Items by the Public: None
6. Department Heads: Ron Nunes discussed with the Board the issues of disposal of trees and tree debris and the need for an approved dump site. He briefed the Board on his plan to line up contractors to deal with the mud, grading, culverts, ditching, and potholes and have all the contractors doing the work within the same week. There was a discussion regarding the May day storm, and that we should be getting a letter of commitment soon and then roughly 30 days later the town should receive the funds.

**NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is June 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.

7. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/C warrants. b.) Stacie discussed with the Board that there were approximately 181 Lien notices from 2023 going out in the next few days. c.) Stacie discussed with the Board that they had already authorized funds to be spent on upgrading to TRIO WEB, and she asked they allow funds from ARPA money to be spent on having TRIO host our program so we can have the option to work from home if there are ever any circumstances like there was when COVID 19 hit. After discussing the matter Janet motioned to allow funds to be expended from ARPA funds for TRIO to be our host. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. d.) There was a discussion regarding the digital sign, and after reviewing all of the documents, all Board members were in agreement to go ahead with the project using ARPA funds for communication purposes.

8. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) There was a discussion regarding LD 2003. After the board members were finished voicing their concerns, Stacie shared that because we do not want to change what property owners can and can't do on their own property and because we follow the Maine Building Codes due to our size of a community, we do not need to act on LD2003. Stacie contacted KVCOG and the town's attorney, and they both agreed the town does not have any current ordinances which would restrict building requirements other than shoreland zoning, and it is not necessary for us to act on LD2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the April 2 meeting. Smr*

### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2024**

Roster / Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Stacie Rundlett – Town Manager, Lori Alyea, Brian Rundlett, Brent Davenport, Tim Diehl, Leisa and Richard Burns, Mary and Philip Robinson, Michelle Abbott, Paul Hilenski and guest.

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, David seconded and all were in favor.
3. Old Business: Tannery Bridge, David is still waiting for an email response. David researched the pertaining to drinking well water and growing your own food after Garrett Oswald voiced his concerns about this at a previous meeting. The findings of his research prove we are protected by the constitution. Laws on drinking well water and growing your own food.
4. Items by the Public: There was a discussion on the number of rats in the west village and inquiries made as to how we can address this issue. There was some discussion on why there might be a bigger population than in past years. No decisions were made. Stacie would look into options on how the town can try to remedy this matter.

5. Department Heads: None

6. Items by the Town Manager: The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/C warrants.

7. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) The board Reviewed the previous Snow Plow Contract and Winter Sand ad. There was a discussion regarding the snow plow turn arounds and the need for some signs and gravel at the different locations. The Board was satisfied with the contract to be for a 3 year with a 2-year option the same as the 2019 contract. The Board gave Stacie the amount of sand needed to be in the ad for the request for Winter Sand. These will be put on the website, in the *New Portlander* and on the *Daily Bulldog*. b.) The Board reviewed and signed the quit claim deed for full payment of taxes on tax acquired properties c.) The Board discussed with the public the proposed plans for summer roads. They answered questions regarding when things were going to start and asked the public to be patient with the crews out on the roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen at the May 7 meeting. smr*

**Selectmen's Notes:** Here comes summer, enjoy this beautiful state.

Soon you will see a new Town Office sign. The new sign was purchased through a

Federal Government fund called ARPA (American Rescue Plan).

The guidelines give funding for communication needs of a town in case of an

emergency. This fund we used for the new fire department communication antenna. We could also use the funds for a sign to communicate better with our citizens, and that is what we have

done. The new sign will allow for meetings, voting dates and other needed information to be posted quickly. Informing you, the citizens, with the latest information. No town money was used in this purchase.

Be safe, have fun these warm months. As always be kind and check on your neighbors.

Your Selectmen,

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

## **Announcement**

The New Portland Lions will be holding a yard sale at the New Portland Fairgrounds on June 8, 2024 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Sellers and participants may rent a space for \$10.00 and a \$1.00 per table. For more information call 628-3160. This is a RAIN or SHINE event. All are invited to browse and shop. Who knows what treasure(s) you might find.

*Submitted: Robert Mitchell*

**May 20, 2024**

Dear Residents of New Portland,

With the 2024-2025 budget Board approved sitting and waiting for voter approval, a lot of the work for the Board is complete for the current school year. On behalf of the Board, I will thank you in advance for your support of the 2024-2025 school budget. The District meeting is this Wednesday, May 22 at 6 pm at the high school. The referendum vote will be June 11 at your local election's location during the State Primary Voting Day.

Two of the sub-committees for the Board met last Wednesday. The first of the two committees was the Academic Committee. Their meeting began with two presentations. The first presentation was from two of the middle school teachers who spoke on the new mathematics series and science series to be adopted for the 2024-2025 school year. The science series will be an exploratory approach to learning the Next Generation Science Standards. The math series will be a more traditional math program preparing students for their high school math courses. The second presentation was high school science students and their teacher presenting a more hands-on approach to physical science for freshmen. Both presentations were well received by the committee as being long-overdue. Last topic for their evening was the curriculum work nearing completion for Pre-K to 12 English language arts.

The second committee meeting was the Policy Committee. That evening, the committee reviewed the revised Wellness Policy proposed by the District Wellness Committee. The policy is being sent forward for full Board review in June with minor changes made to the document proposed by the RSU 74 Wellness Committee. The second policy was the Cell Phone Policy. This was left as written but with strong suggested guidance for use during school hours to be addressed in student handbooks. Another policy reviewed and is new to RSU 74 deals with dedications and naming of buildings, locations in buildings and grounds of deserving members of the RSU 74 communities. The last policy was adjustments to the Use of Facilities by Community members and groups. Here the focus was on costs of using the facilities.

At our second Board meeting in June (June 12, 2024), the RSU 74 Board will take their next steps in the Budget approval process, and we will take time to recognize individuals who have done above and beyond during the current school year. That meeting will take place at the high school with a reception to take place at 5:30 pm.

A number of positive things are happening in your schools. The community support is greatly appreciated. The most recent was a literacy evening at CCS a couple weeks ago. Turnout was significant. Thank you for that support. In a couple weeks, the District Spring Band and Chorus will be doing a performance at CCS. This is May 30 at 6:30 pm.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about what is happening in your schools. Sincerely,

*Submitted: Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent*

The May school board meeting was held at CCS. The food option was fruit. I abstained.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Two resignations were added to the agenda. A name was added to the list of teachers moving from probationary to continuing contract status.

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

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Campbell did not add a great deal to his written report, but he did mention that Michelle Stevens is resigning her teaching position at the end of 2023-24.

Appointments: Matt Scheve - CCS softball coach, Jim Davis - CHS boys' tennis,

Resignations: Mike Golden - CCS 5th grade, Joey Knox - Maintenance, Erik Carey - Athletic Director, Chelsea Cunningham - CHS Math, Rebecca Taylor - Ed Tech Two CHS

Admin Reports: Most of the admin team members chose not to add to their written report. Jean thanked Erik Ewing and the Anson Academy Association for helping to fund the recent Literacy Night. 211 people attended the event. Jean also thanked Chris Roux, Mark Campbell and all of the people who helped make the evening a success. A board member questioned Chris Roux about why the baseball scoreboard was not working. He said a new battery would be installed on Thursday.

Committees: The Wellness Committee met during April. Kristie Leblanc of Somerset Public Health attended. She suggested making some changes to the Wellness Policy. Those suggestions will go before the Policy Committee.

Public: No one spoke.

Softball: Troy Dunphy read a letter from his daughter Bailey, the CHS softball coach. Earlier this spring the softball team travelled to Massachusetts. They visited Gordon College. CHS graduate Sarah Larlee works there, and she spoke with the team. She showed them many historical artifacts. The students then visited Salem. At the hotel, they watched college basketball, swam in the pool, and held a team meeting. The next day they scrimmaged a Massachusetts high school team. They led 10-1 when the game was called due to bad weather. Bailey Dunphy thanked Jean, the Anson Academy Association, the board, and parents for helping make the trip a success.

Policy JFABD - Admission to Homeless Students: The board approved the second reading of this policy.

Board Meeting Schedule: The board approved a meeting schedule for 2024-25.

Teachers moving from probationary to continuing contract status in 24-25: Kelsey Creamer,

Melissa Miller, Karen Pease, Maria Reynolds, Samantha Taylor, Kalgari Reed, Christina Taylor,

Probationary Teachers moving from year one to year two: Craig Campbell, Angela Dunton, Nikki Knowlton, Jamie Partridge, Randall Rothert, Kimberly Swihart,

Overnight Trip: The board approved a three-day paddle trip for the CHS Outing Club to Flagstaff Lake the week of June 10.

Carabec Community School Principal: The board voted to hire Geoffrey Case as CCS Principal for 2024-25. One board member voted against the candidate.

Warrants: The board voted to sign the 2024-25 budget warrants.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 6:26 pm.

*Submitted: Dave Ela, Carrabec Teachers Association*

## New Portland Community Library

Greetings, We have thank you and acknowledgement items this month. Most importantly, you may have heard Sheila has decided to retire from the library. We express our sincere thanks for the years of dedication to provide excellent resources to our patrons. We wish Sheila the happiest of days and the best of health in her retirement.

Sheila, the staff, and the board would like to send out a special thank you to a true library supporter and longtime friend. Nancy Goddard, who adopted the NPCL, recently passed away. Each month Nancy sent a box of books and movies, most often from our wish list, or a monetary donation. She hit every yard sale and sent us some amazing finds. Nancy believed in libraries and learning as she was the Director of the Child Protective Services here in Maine for many years. We wish Nancy peaceful dreams and send gratitude.

We thank all who donated items and came to play with us at our silent auction fundraiser at the end of May. A huge thank you goes to the Pinkham family and the staff of the Happy Horseshoe Campground. We are honored with your continued support with the use of the building and promoting our cause.

On June 8, we will be hosting our annual plant, bake, and book sale at the library starting at 9:00 am. We always have lots of great treats from our bakers. We have cleaned our bookshelves and have a great selection to choose from. Atwood's Greenhouse will be providing their end of year selection to us. Again, a huge thank you for this family's support and generosity. We generally have a nice selection of plants provided to us by several towns' people, which in the past have included herbs and perennials. We hope the whole family will come to the event. Weather permitting we hope to have corn-hole, other games, and events for some early summer fun.

On Thursday, June 20, please join us for a FREE class concerning "Identifying Frauds & Scams"; the class will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Learn about the different types of internet fraud and scams, the do's and don'ts of protecting yourself online, and what to do if you have experienced online fraud or abuse. All are welcome, no devices are required for this class, just bring yourself.

Check the library door for dates and times for meditation and reiki. Michelle has provided over 40 reiki sessions here at the library with all donations benefiting the library. While her

summer schedule may not be as regular, please check it out as a treat for yourself, she is amazing!

We hope to see you soon! Thank you. Becky Knowles-Redlevske, Secretary [becky.redlevske@gmail.com](mailto:becky.redlevske@gmail.com) Wenda Spooner, President [winkyusmc@msn.com](mailto:winkyusmc@msn.com) Valencia Schubert, Treasurer [dvschubert412@gmail.com](mailto:dvschubert412@gmail.com) Beth Perera, Volunteer [beth.perera@gmail.com](mailto:beth.perera@gmail.com)

## Kingfield Seniors Group

Outstanding! Absolutely describes our May Senior Meeting/potluck. The theme was Cinco de Mayo (even though it took place on the 6th of May, lol.) We had lots of good food, chicken and rice/tamales/ Mexican taco salad/ flan and so much more! We then had live music, courtesy of Lois and Gary Hall. A good time was had by all! Our next meeting/potluck will be at noon on Monday, June 3, at the Western Mountains Baptist Church located right outside Kingfield.

The theme is going to be *All American Picnic*. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own lunches and entertainment will be provided by Charlie Bruce! He is a wonderful musician, and I am sure all will enjoy his music.

Remember this is a FREE event and all are welcome to attend. This is NOT a church event. So please come and bring a friend! If you would like more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Nanci Mahlmann at 207 628 4461

*Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann*

## New Portland Churches

June is finally here, and we are gearing up for a very busy summer. Vacation Bible school is starting on June 24 and will continue to June 28. Grade Pre-K through grade five are invited to attend, The program will run from 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

Our theme is SCUBA. Diving into a relationship with God. You can either register in person on the first day or VBS or check our website to register online. This is a FREE event, and we look forward to meeting everyone!

Please check out our website! Especially our calendar of events! We have a lot going on and would love for you to join us! We are located on Rte 27N right outside of Kingfield. Our church services start at 10:00 am on Sundays, and we are on Facebook as well as Youtube for your reviewing convenience. Should you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 207 265 2557 or [www.westernmountainschurch.org](http://www.westernmountainschurch.org)

*Submitted: Nanci Mahlmann*

