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Announcement

Gilman Stream Dam - Request for Help - I will be undergoing open heart surgery soon. I will not be able to operate the dam during this time and will not be able to operate the dam for several weeks after surgery. Anyone who is available or willing to help as the spring freshets are upon us, please reach out. Waterwheels@netzero.net

Submitted: John Bertl

Town Manager

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2025 in observance of Patriots Day.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

Selectmen

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Stacie Rundlett / Town Manager, Lori Alyea, Kip Poulin, Brian Rundlett, Garrett Oswald, Kristin Wallaker, Kevin Roberts, Bruce Short, Leisa and Richard Burns, other members of the ATV organizations.

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept them as written, David seconded and all were in favor.
3. Items by the Public: None
4. Department Heads: Kip Poulin updated the Board about the in-house training and budget increases.
5. Items by the Town Manager: a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/C warrants. b. The Board went over some of the budget lines and their recommendations.
6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a. There was some discussions regarding the increase in the KNTS proposed 25-26 budget. b. There were some

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 month6:30pm
- **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 & Friday9:30am - 12pm
Wednesday 10am - 12pm & 3pm - 6pm
Thursday3pm - 6pm
Saturday.....9am - 12pm
- **Kingfield-New Portland Transfer Station**
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday..... 7:30am - 4:30pm
- **New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours**
Monday - Friday7am - 9am & 2pm - 4pm
Saturday.....7am - 10:30 am

discussions regarding arriving early to town meeting to be signed in and for this information to be posted on FB, and the town sign to let the general public know about the changes for voting at the town meeting using a colored card for registered voters. c. There were some discussions regarding the three ordinances - two to be amended and the third being a new food sovereignty ordinance. d. There were discussions regarding the ATV club and the list of roads suggested to be used. These details would be discussed further at the upcoming public hearing. e. The Board would have an emergency workshop to complete budget line suggestions prior to January 18 and opted to cancel the meeting scheduled for January 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Stacie Rundlett/Town Manager, Garrett Oswald, Kip Poulin, Kyle Handrahan, Brian Rundlett, Valencia Schubert, Wenda Spooner, Leisa Burns, David Cary, Peter Ford, Chris Griffith, James Reinhard

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Items by the Public: Library members approached the Board to see if they could put out some picnic tables. The Board was in favor of that. They also discussed their plans for the memorial bench with the Board and inquired if they could use town grounds for a craft fair in June and have vendors outside under canopies. All the Board members were in favor of this as well.
4. Department Heads: Kip reviewed an invoice with the Board members for extended time on a tractor trailer roll over call. Kip will revise the invoice based on his discussion with the Board, and Stacie will mail it. Kip also shared with the Board that attendance was up for training and fire department meetings.
5. Items by the Town Manager: a. The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/C warrants. b. The Board reviewed and signed the annual town

meeting warrant. c. The Board reviewed and signed December 2024 Treasurer's Report.

6. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a. Chris Griffith, who live on Middle Road shared his feelings with the Board on allowing ATVs to ride on town roads. b. Janet then shared with the public that all those attending the annual town meeting should arrive early to confirm that they are a registered voter in New Portland, and voters would be issued a colored card stock to use when voting, just a hand gesture would not work. c. Raymond shared his knowledge of meetings being held in Embden on their school district concerns. d. Raymond asked Stacie to reach out to Brent Davenport, the winter plow contractor, to confirm exactly where there were plugged culverts on the State roads which the town maintains during the winter, so that the town can contact DOT and try to get some assistance. Janet asked for Stacie to reach out to Ron Nunes and get more details on the summer roads projects that FEMA/MEMA funds have been earmarked for.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the March 4 meeting. smr

Selectmen's Meeting minutes for March 4, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Stacie Rundlett - Town Manager, Lori Alyea, Brian Rundlett, Kip Poulin, David and Lynn Cary, James Reinhard, Garrett Oswald, Ron Nunes, Ernie Hilton

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Raymond motioned to nominate David for chairman; there was some discussion. David motioned to nominate Janet for chairman. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
3. The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept them as written, David seconded and all were in favor.
4. Items by the Public: a. Garrett Oswald spoke to the board regarding the issues that were taking place at the Kingfield/New Portland transfer station. He didn't approve of how the New Portland board members and the Kingfield board members were handling the situation. The board tried answering his questions about the transfer station issues, and Garrett was not happy as to how things were being handled. Garrett also shared with

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the board his feelings on how the board was not doing annual work reviews for employees. Some of them hadn't been done in a couple of years. He insisted that raises of any kind were not called for without them and said that the Town Manager was the one approving all raises for staff, even herself. The board assured him they would definitely look over the protocol for the work reviews and in the future conduct them towards the end of the budget year so that for the future budget meetings these reviews would come into consideration. They also reiterated to him that the selectmen along with the budget are the ones who issue the recommendations for any increase in the annual budget, and this includes any raise for an employee. Some of the discussion got hostile, and Janet had to insist on the discussion to end.

b. Ernie Hilton of the Somerset Woods Trustees spoke with the board about another parcel of land, the Parsons' family property, that the Somerset Woods Trustees are in the process of purchasing. He asked the board just provide a letter supporting this purchase. He shared that the property would remain in Tree Growth and taxes would be paid on this parcel, and it would still be open to the public for the snowmobile trail which runs on some of this parcel. The board was in favor of issuing this letter supporting the sale and reviewed and signed the letter. Ernie also spoke with the board regarding how Starks operates their summer roads and offered for any of the board members to go and check how things are run over there anytime. The board members were receptive to doing so and would make arrangements with Ernie once the weather was better.

5. Department Heads: a. Kip updated the board on the invoice that was sent out to the trucking company for traffic control for many hours. The invoice has been paid and the board approved some of those funds to go towards the firefighters pay for the time spent on scene. b. Ron Nunes updated the board with the on-going FEMA issues, and we are still waiting on funds. Ron offered to the board that he would continue working on all the FEMA issues until it was completed, and if the board hired a new road commissioner, he would work with that person as well on the projects and the funds from FEMA that are allocated for these specific projects. Ron provided the board with a three-ring binder containing all of the documentation he supplied to FEMA and their correspondence. The board members will take some time to look over these documents and return the binder to the office.

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. Janet spoke about how the community room and fire station bays needed to be painted either completely in fire bays and maybe just touch up work in the community room area. All were in favor to possibly put this project out to bid soon. b. Janet also discussed with the board how she would like to purchase necessary supplies for the community room, dish clothes, pot holders, swifter sweeper, etc. A few years back the board had approved up to \$1,000.00 to do so and for it to come out of the T.I.F. She also discussed with the other members that she was going to volunteer her time to do a much needed "spring cleaning" in the community room and work with Peter Ford to patch some damaged walls in the closet area. All members were in favor of her doing these things.

Meeting adjourned 7:21pm.

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

Selectmen's Notes: On March first we had our annual town meeting. Thank you to the citizens who attended. Please try to attend next year's meeting. All budgetary articles were approved. The recall ordinance was amended. The Municipal Advisory Committee

Kingfield Seniors Group

Welcome Spring!!! We are excited to announce our guest speaker this month is none other than the owner of Annie's Market! Tracey Bessey will be taking us down memory lane on the history of Annie's Market in Kingfield. This should be an interesting and fun event. As always, we will be meeting on Monday, April 7 at noon at WMBC. The church is located on Rte 27 right before entering Kingfield. We start with our potluck lunch, then our meeting and then our guest speaker!

Also, save the date.... Dale Gilmore will be presenting for us in our May meeting (May 5 with a Cinco de Mayo theme). And on June 8 our guest speaker will be Mindy Newman from the New Portland Community Library. A lot of good things are happening there. Come, meet new friends, renew old friendships and DEFINITELY BRING A FRIEND!! Remember, you/they do not have to be a Kingfield or New Portland resident. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me: Nanci 207 628 4461.

Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann

(MAC) was amended. The new Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance of 2025 was passed. The ATV question to allow ATVs on town roads was defeated. So remember “no” ATVs on town roads.

Now, the selectmen get busy again readying our selves for next year’s meeting. The fun never stops.

Please give us a couple selectmen meetings to plan which committees we want to form first. The committees that we are considering are school cost, transfer station cost, roads (Do we go with our own public works?) and an addition to the town office 8 foot x10 foot space for storage for example. We will let you know when we are ready to have meetings. Please think of the items, do you have knowledge on all or any of them? We hope you will step forward and volunteer for one or more of the committees when we ask for assistance.

As stated in the minutes, the community room kitchen and bathroom have been “spring cleaned”. We welcome town citizens to use the facility, check in with the town office staff for availability. If you do use the area it is “bring in, take out”. Do not leave anything behind. Do not take anything that is not yours. We have covers for pots but the pots are missing. All kitchens towel are missing. Please show respect to the town and leave it cleaned. If the rules are not followed, we may not be able to keep allowing public use.

Spring is here. We all know that brings mud season. Please report roads issue to the town office staff or call a selectmen. We are in the process of hiring a new road commissioner. For the time being, we, the selectmen, will act as road commissioner. As soon as the frost is out of ground and roads we will be graded. As always have patience, the mud has to dry up some before we can do much road work.

Please check on your neighbors; we are a small town, let’s all be nice to each other. Thank you for reading our article.

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

Superintendent of Schools

March 18, 2025

Dear New Portland Residents,

It is officially mud season! Oh...maybe I am supposed to say “Happy Spring!” Please excuse the fluctuations in bus pick up and drop off times as the drivers adjust to road conditions.

The Policy Committee reviewed five policies this month and will be sending two of these policies for full Board review after minor changes. Policy IKE - Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students, the committee agreed that the wording associated with students in high school prior to 2014-2015 needed to be removed as it was no longer pertinent.

The committee also struck wording associated with proficiency based diplomas as that legislation was repealed. Policy ILA Student Assessment also had minor wordsmithing done to indicate the desire for local and State assessments be used to measure a student’s level of understanding and ability to apply standards as outlined in each content area of the Maine Learning Results. As well, this committee is sending forth a recommendation to eliminate a form which they felt was outdated and unnecessary as Policy IKE Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students outlines the steps. Policies IJNB Student Computer and Internet Use and Internet Safety, Policy ILD Student Submission to Survey, Analyses or Evaluation, and Policy IMBB Exemption from Required Instruction were reviewed and remain unchanged.

The Finance Committee reviewed the preliminary budget requests. After discussing factors such as cash flow and State Statute requiring districts to keep cash flow numbers to 5% of the total budget, the committee felt it was important to seek legal advice on how to most effectively reduce the current cash flow while minimizing the impact of the district ability to have funds forward to reduce budget increase. A major factor impacting this budget is the increase in the out-of-district tuition line within Special Education. Out-of-district placements are identified by a student’s Individual Education Plan’s team as the best means to address the needs of the student’s education. Annual costs can range from \$60,000 to \$100,000 per student based on the breadth of needs. Health insurance is another significant factor on our budget. We have a 10% increase in our lines as we did last year but had to adjust it when we received notice in April our actual increase was 11.2%. The Finance Committee also supported school improvement projects to address carpets in two buildings that present health and safety concerns.

The Board held their first budget workshop on Wednesday, March 19. It was the full Board’s first look at the preliminary budget. Based on discussions with the Finance Committee, changes were made to the budget proposal. Similar information about significant impact areas to the budget was reviewed. Questions were raised and for the most part easily answered. Areas still in question, negotiations with support staff and health insurance costs, leaves the district in limbo for a final budget line. The Board did ask administration to explore putting heating oil, diesel, gasoline, and propane out to bid in the future after having data shared on the cost savings incurred by placing a tank for diesel fuel at the high school versus drawing from the same tank the fuel came from to run oil furnaces in that complex. In a separate discussion the Board did ask administrators to go back and add funds to enhance security at each of the schools after

quotes came in which were significantly lower than earlier estimates for an updated system. This would include enhancements to the camera systems for each school as well as swipe entry systems and to eliminate key entry through exterior doors. Unfortunately, over time as with most school systems, members of the public who use the school for a personal event as well as former coaches, there is no way we can be sure that keys were actually recollected. This would help eliminate unknown users having access to our schools.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

Submitted: Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

School Board

The March 5 board meeting was held at the Embden Community Center. The meeting began at 5:30 pm. Food options included cookies and fruit. The cookies were good. I did not sample the fruit.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the agenda: One appointment and one resignation were added to the agenda.

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

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Resignations: Peter Campbell, CHS Principal - effective June 30; Julia Carr, CCS special ed/ed tech 3

Appointments: Erik Carey - Baseball Coach - CHS, Bailey Dunphy - Softball Coach CHS, Debra Aitken - Track Coach - CHS, Kylee Dixon - Track Coach - CHS, Amy Price - Girls Tennis Coach - CHS, Jim Davis - Boys Tennis Coach - CHS, Matt Scheve - Softball Coach - CCS, Troy Dunphy - Volunteer Softball Coach - CHS, Judi Dunphy - Volunteer Softball Coach - CHS, Jim Davis - Volunteer Baseball Coach - CHS, Luke Carey - Volunteer Baseball Coach - CHS

Nominations: Tiffany French - Bus Driver and Special Ed/Ed Tech 3 - CCS

Superintendent's Report: The superintendent had little to add to his written report. He thanked Peter Campbell for stepping in as the CHS principal in August of 2022. He said Peter has made CHS a more positive place to learn and engage in extracurricular activities. Board member Eric Ewing noted that at the February meeting, the CHS principal had alluded to there being different teaching styles and expectations about homework amongst the staff. Mr. Ewing suggested looking at student test data to investigate whether or not homework is beneficial or not. Board member Robert Lightbody stated that since practice leads to improvements, he believed homework is beneficial to students.

Admin Reports: Few of the administrators added

to their written reports. Jean Butler commented that there was a large crowd at Monday's grade 4-8 band/chorus performance. The students did a great job, and there was much positive feedback about students and the program. The superintendent thanked Chris Roux and his staff for their efforts in setting up the gym, as the performance was scheduled, and then rescheduled several times due to weather. He also thanked Heidi Day for being flexible during the days her classroom space was unavailable.

Student Board Rep: The student board rep, Dayna LaBonte, said February was a busy month. She volunteered at an elementary school dance in Solon. There was a Valentine's dance at CHS which was a success. The CHS boys and girls basketball teams played at the Augusta Civic Center. The performing arts students are preparing for the One Act Play Competition this weekend at Skowhegan High School. NHS students volunteered and helped with the Special Olympics.

Committees: Building & Grounds met on February 5. The Negotiations Committee met on Feb 11. Both the Policy and Finance Committees met on February 12.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will vote not to take part in the After School Nutrition Program (CACFP). The board opted out, as has been the practice for as long as I have attended meetings where this item was on the agenda.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the second readings of policy IHBAC - Child Find, policy IHBA - Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), policy IGA - Curriculum Development and Adoption, and policy CBI - Supervision and Evaluation of the Superintendent and DJ-R - Federal Procurement Manual. approved

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the first reading of policy IHBGA - Homeschooling Participation in School Programs. approved

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the first reading of policy IHCD - Post-Secondary Enrollment Option. approved

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the first reading of policy IJJ - Instructional and Library-Media Materials Selection. approved

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the first reading of policy IJJ-E - Challenge of Instructional Materials Form. approved

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will support a 5-year lease agreement with Kyocera. approved

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will approve the 2025-26 School Calendar. approved

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 5:54pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Teachers Association

New Portland Community Library

Happy Spring, New Portland. We had a wonderful winter at the library, but we are glad to see winter behind us. Here's to hoping April will be kind to us!

Thank you, New Portland for your support at the annual town meeting. A simple "thank you" doesn't describe our appreciation to each of you who voted in favor of the library. If you have any questions regarding how your tax dollars will be used at the library drop in any time, and I will share a detailed account.

Spring plans to be an exciting time at the NPCL. We hope to bring together the New Portland Community one event/program at a time. Are you interested in projects like crochet, knitting, plastic canvas, embroidery, macrame, weaving, felting, and/or knotting? Join us on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Leisa Emery-Burns is hosting a monthly informal Needle & Hook Fiber Arts Program. All ages and experience levels are welcome to join! This is a time to gather and socialize. Please bring your current work in progress and/or supplies to start a new project. Let's make this a fun class! Do you want to learn something new? Do you have a craft/talent to share? Do you enjoy helping others? Maybe you're on the fence but still want to connect with others. Well, this is the class for you!

April 26 from 10:00 am – 12:00pm, we are asking all library supporters to come and join us for an appreciation day with light refreshments. If you support the library in any way, please stop by and let us show you our appreciation.

Want to hear something exciting? The NPCL is partnering with the Somerset Woods Trustees to host a Story Walk Project in our community. The StoryWalk will be along the soon-to-open trail in the Whitten Woods beside our beautiful Wire Bridge! Our mission is to foster a love of reading in young children while getting them outside with friends and family. Somerset Woods Trustees's mission is "To protect and conserve lands in Somerset County, Maine with significant ecological and/or cultural resources, and manage them in a sustainable way for public benefit. The opening date for the StoryWalk is Saturday, June 7 which happens to be National Trails Day. Please reach out if you wish to help in any way.

June 14 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, we are combining two great events: our annual plant sale and a craft fair! It doesn't get much better than that! Thanks to Atwood's Greenhouse and library supporters, perennials, annuals, and vegetables are available. The Craft Fair will be held in the New Portland Community Room, outside on the library grounds, and the basketball court. Swing inside the library for food, snacks, and books! As always, plants, baked goods, cold lunches, and books are for sale by donation. All

proceeds from the plant sale and vendor fees will benefit the New Portland Community Library. Don't wait. Reserve a spot today! We ask for a \$20 vendor fee. Sign up at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/new-portland-community-library-plant-and-craft-fair--2025?> or scan the QR code at the bottom.

Upcoming events: Every Friday from 10:00 am – 11:00 am we have craft hour for kids of all ages. Friday, April 4 and 11 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm FREE COMPUTER CLASSES. Join us for this two-part Introduction to Google Sheets. Google Sheets is Google's free alternative to MS Excel. In this class, we will look at everything from formatting your spreadsheets to data entry, cell formatting, and the basics of formulas. *Requirements for this class:* A Google account and a personal device. Saturday, April 5, Block Party Club 10:00 – 11:00 am and Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00 am and 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm join Leisa Emery-Burn for Needle & Hook Fiber Arts. All ages and experience levels are welcome to join. Tuesday, April 8, from 9:30 - 11:30 am Scarlett DeShong, Somerset County's Digital Navigator, will join us to provide one-on-one tech support. Feel free to bring your device, whether Apple, Android, laptop, or tablet. She will be happy to help you out. Thursday, April 10, Book Club 6:15 – 7:30 pm. Participants will discuss the monthly reading, "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kiersten Miller. There is no need to purchase books if you do not wish. Books are available at the NPCL thanks to Interlibrary Lending. Feel free to bring a light refreshment to share. Saturday, April 12 and 26, from 9:00 - 11:30 am, Michelle is offering 15-minute Reiki sessions. Michelle generously gives any donations to the library. Saturday, April 19 is our monthly board meeting. Feel free to join us at 9:00 am. Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am – 12:00pm Appreciation lunch for all library supporters. Saturday, June 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am- National Trails Day and Story Walk at the Whitten Woods. Saturday, June 14, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm - Plant and Craft Fair, Wednesday, July 2, 4:30 - 5:30 pm Chewonki Traveling National History Tide Pools Program. Stay posted as we plan to add more programs and events!



Submitted: Mindy Newman, Library Director

New Portland Sno-Travelers

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers' March meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with 18 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

Trail Master Report: The trail master reported grooming has stopped for the season. He wanted to thank everyone who volunteered their time, in any way,

to help maintain our trails. A special thanks was made to Zack Cary who volunteered numerous hours to fix many broken parts on the groomers. It was brought up that two trails will need to be relocated before next season. The bombardier groomer will need to be taken to a local business to have a pressure test done, while there is still snow. A painting party for both groomers is in the planning for this summer.

Old Business: The company from whom we were going to purchase the 2009 groomer has generously decided to donate the machine to the club. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to purchase a special meal for the company members to thank them for their generosity. The new sweatshirts are finished and will be on sale for \$40. Several were purchased at the meeting. The club will sell them at the New Portland Fair. A price for printing decals will be brought to the next club meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to give half of our profits from the sweatshirt sales to the New Portland Community Library.

New Business: A representative from the Somerset Woods Land Trust was present to talk to the club about their upcoming purchase of land where two of our trails are located. She stated that the Trust would still allow the club to use the land. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to donate \$500 to the Somerset Woods Land Trust. A member has volunteered to talk to landowners around Hancock Pond to see if they would allow a trail to go across their property to permit access to the pond. A discussion was held about the club's affiliation with Cafe'rellis. While Cafe'rellis is a tremendous support to the club and is greatly appreciated, it was agreed the club has no role in the operations of Cafe'rellis. A formal public statement will be discussed at the first meeting in the fall. Several ideas for fundraisers for us and other organizations were mentioned and will be brought back to the club for further discussion. Also mentioned was a kiosk being put up with advertisement posters, information about trails, and QR code for memberships. The landowner will need to be contacted to see if this is possible. A landowner will be contacted to see if a picnic table could be put on a scenic overlook on Welcome Hill. If interested in helping with the kiosk and picnic table projects contact Dave Cary. It was decided the March meeting will be the last meeting of the season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Our next meeting will be in October. The club would like to thank everyone, who joined this season, for your support. You are all an important part of our club being able to operate and provide the best possible trails. Enjoy your spring and summer.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles

New Portland Churches

WMBC A lot is going on at the Western Mountains Baptist Church in the New Portland/Kingfield area. We are currently working on our *Cabin Fever Reliever* program for the kiddos, as well as getting ready for our concert on April 25 featuring the ALABAMA SINGING MEN! This is a fun family event which is tentatively scheduled for 6:30 pm. Please check our website for more information: WMBCMAINE.ORG or you can call 207 265 2557.

Our Easter Sunrise Service is on April 20 at 5:45 am with a free breakfast for all, and church service following. HE IS RISEN! Come and celebrate with us! We are located at 928 Carrabassett Rd (RTE 27N) New Portland. Also, May 1 is our National Day of Prayer. The theme is *Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled!* Our nation needs prayer!!!! The church will be open on May 1 from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Please check our website for any and all updates.

Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann

NPCC New Portland Church Spring is definitely well on its way.

New Portland Community Church has a few outreach projects in the works using the grant money provided by the Presbyterian Church of Northern New England. Last year we partnered with Carrabec High School to provide needed items for local animal shelters. This year we have a couple of different projects that are in the works with different schools, and we will update as those projects come to fruition.

Please join us for a joint service at Fairbanks Union Church in Farmington for Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm on April 17.

Easter is always a joyous service. We will decorate the church to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. There is always a wonderful coffee hour to add to the festivities. We would love to see you there.

A list of ministers for the month of April: April 6, Communion with Rev. Stan Wheeler; April 13, Palm Sunday with Louise McCleery; April 20, Easter with Debby Bliss Bujnocki; April 27, TBA. Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted. Enjoy the spring weather! Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry



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APRIL 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am Kingfield Seniors Group WMBC noon	7 NPCL 9:30 am - noon	8 NPCL 9:30 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	9 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm New Portland Water District 6:30 pm	10 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	11 NPCL 9:30 am - noon	12 Passover NPCL Trustees Meeting 9:00 am NPCL 9:00 am - noon
13 Palm Sunday WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	14 NPCL 9:30 am - noon	15 Tax Day NPCL 9:30 am - noon	16 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm	17 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	18 Good Friday NPCL 9:30 am - noon	19 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
20 Easter WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am Deadline for <i>New Portlander</i> 4:00 pm	21 Patriots Day Town Office Closed Selectmen's Meeting - 6:30 pm	22 Earth Day NPCL 9:30 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	23 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm	24 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	25 NPCL 9:30 am - noon	26 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
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