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## TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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**Office Hours:**

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## 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 & Friday .....9:30am - 12pm  
Wednesday ..... 10am - 12pm & 3pm - 6pm  
Thursday .....3pm - 6pm  
Saturday.....9am - 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 - 10:30 am

## Selectmen

Selectmen's Notes: The Fourth of July and summer months are here. Enjoy celebrating our nation's birth, but please be safe doing it.

The road commissioner has patched the tar roads throughout the West Village. We thank him for that. Soon another grading will take place. Rocks will be placed in the ditches on the beginning of the New Portland Hill Road. Please if you see the road crew slow down and give them room.

Before summer ends you will see the dirt roads all get speed limit signs. Most will be posted at 30 miles per hour, so slow down. Lowering speed will help in keeping roads holding their shape longer. In the long run this will lower cost.

The Transfer Station Board met on June 26, last month, after this article goes to print. At that meeting we will be deciding when the demo container opens again and with what cost. We will also be deciding when the new sticker program goes into effect. You will need a sticker soon to enter and use the transfer station. Kingfield and New Portland board members are working well together to solve the issues at the transfer station. When we know the final decisions, we will post them to Facebook and on the website. The burn pile will not be back soon. We are waiting on another inspection from D.E.P., and we do not have a date for that at time of printing this article. Thank you for your patience through this rough time.

At the second Selectman's meeting in July, we will continue forming the committee to help with comprehension plan and possibility of our own public works department. If interested in helping please, attend. July 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Enjoy your summer months they will fly by. Enjoy the Wire Bridge and the new book walk located there.

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

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen - Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Town Manager - Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Brian Rundlett, David and Lynn Cary, James Reinhard, Sue Luce, Clare Hubbard, Julia Bouwsma

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. Department Heads: a.) Brian spoke to the Board regarding an ongoing issue on George E Cole Road and tractor trailers getting stuck trying to take a right hand turn off of Long Falls Dam Road onto George E Cole Road. Janet said she would touch base with Pat Mitchell and see about contacting DOT and see about some additional signage.
4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants. b.) The Board reviewed and signed Treasurer's Report for April.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) Janet updated results of the KNTS May 15 meeting. There is another transfer station meeting scheduled for June 26, and the transfer station board hopes to finalize all of the new KNTS rules, with those rules to start July 1. The Board discussed issuance of stickers, and the demolition canister and when the new rules start that all the board members will take turns being present to make sure those who use the transfer station have a valid sticker. b.) Clare Hubbard presented a proposal for Freewill Baptist Church to have permit allowing event to last past 10:00 pm on June 21. After a discussion on how her event has gone in the past and what upgrades have been done through her fundraising, David motioned to allow a permit extending the time to midnight for June 21 only. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. The Board members asked Stacie to reach out to the Lion's Club and send them a copy of the current noise ordinance. c.) Raymond discussed with the other Board members that a resident asked to have a no trespass order lifted so that he can go to the Wire Bridge area. After a brief discussion on the matter noting that this person has changed a lot since the order was put in place, the Board members were in agreement to find out about having the order lifted. Stacie would update everyone once she knew more.
6. Items by the Public: a.) David Cary updated the Board members on the picnic tables. Once they are dry, he will put them out at the Wire Bridge and playground areas. All showed their appreciation to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the June 3 meeting. Smr*

### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2025**

Roster Selectmen - Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Town Manager - Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Kip Poulin, David and Lynn Cary, Brian Rundlett

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. Department Heads: Kip updated the Board that all has been well the past couple of weeks. Janet inquired if anyone else had put in a bid to paint the Fire Station bays. Stacie stated they had only received one bid from Handy Andy. Raymond motioned to accept the bid from Handy Andy in the amount of \$7,500.00, David seconded and all were in favor. Janet updated all that the hole in the wall in the community room closet had been fixed by Peter Ford, and now there needed to be boards put up along the wall where the chairs are stacked so it doesn't happen again. David stated that he would pick up the wood, and then it would just need to be hung.
4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants. b.) The Board was pleased with Stacie's nomination of Marilyn Gorman to be the New Portland 2025 Spirit of America recipient.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) The Board reviewed the appointment papers for Planning Board members. Raymond motioned for Harold Gayne to be a Planning Board member, David seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned for Gabe Clark to be a Planning Board member, David seconded and all were in favor. Janet motioned for Kyle Handrahan to be a Planning Board member, Raymond seconded and all were in favor. Raymond motioned for Brian Rundlett to be a Planning Board member, Janet seconded and all were in favor. b.) There was a discussion regarding the 2025-2026 winter sand ad. The Board made an unanimous decision on 3,500 yards of winter sand to put up. Stacie would get the new ad out to the normal sites where the Town has placed ads before, and to accept the bids until July 21. The Board asked Stacie to send copies of this ad to Jordan Excavation, Vinings, Nunes and Cousineau's. c.) There was a brief discussion regarding the New Portlander and to possibly increase printing amount due to a shortage. The Board members agreed to find out about increasing the amount of copies to 525.
6. Items by the Public: David Cary inquired if the town wanted to put in for a grant to enhance the Wire Bridge area with at least parking and maybe a porta potty. He stated he would be willing to assist with finding a grant to do these types of things. The Board stated it would be okay to find out and go from there.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the June 16th meeting. smr*

**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](mailto: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.

## Town Manager

There will be only one Selectmen's meeting in July due to Independence Day. This meeting is Monday, July 21 at 6:30 pm. Have a safe and festive July Fourth.

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Superintendent of Schools

June 18, 2025

Dear Residents of New Portland:

Our annual district budget meeting was held on May 21, 2025. We had roughly 40 residents attending the meeting. The vote that evening sent the budget that was approved by the Board of Directors in April for a referendum approval on June 10. As expected voter turnout was low with the yes votes exceeding the no votes by roughly 60 votes. On behalf of the Board and the students we serve, thank you for your continued support of the educational programs in RSU 74.

Besides our regular monthly meeting on June 4, the Board convened a special meeting on June 11. The purpose of this meeting has become two-fold. First, we took a few minutes to recognize staff in our district who consistently go above and beyond for the students in our district. As well, the Board recognized a community member who has gone above and beyond. The staff recipients for 2024-2025 include Laurie Nile, Special Education Technician at Carrabec High School; Jasmyn Wagg, Third Grade Teacher at Garrett Schenck School; Chris Roux, Director of Operations; and Ann Holzworth, Administrative Assistant at Carrabec High School. The Board recognized as their community member a group of community members who make up the Anson Academy Association for their continued generous financial contributions. The second agenda item was a vote to accept the vote of the people on the referendum vote; the final step to enable us to send invoices to the respective towns and begin our 2026 fiscal year with the approved funds.

The Board does not meet in July unless a special meeting is called to appoint staff. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 6 at the Carrabec Community School.

Respectfully ...

*Submitted: Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools*

## School Board

The June board meeting was held at CCS. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two adjustments were made to the agenda. One was an additional appointment. The other adjustment removed an item from the agenda.

Minutes: The board approved the minutes of the regular May board meeting, the May 14 emergency board meeting, and the May 21 special board meeting.

Presentation: Jean Butler presented to the board about the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) grant application. This federal grant funds remedial instruction in reading and math (Title One), summer school, support for homeless students, and pays for one regular classroom teacher to help reduce class sizes.

Superintendent Report: The superintendent added a few items in addition to his written report. He shared letters that fourth grade students had written. The students are raising money hoping to upgrade their playground area. The financial report is promising enough that with funds leftover at the end of the budget year, it should be possible to purchase a fuel tank, pellet hopper, and new copiers. Security upgrades can also be paid for. The RSU 74 website will include a page so that the community can review behavior protocols, steps taken to address behaviors, etc. Mr. Campbell invited board members to volunteer to cook or serve at the June 17 staff barbecue.

Appointments: Candy Lebeau - sub calls and transportation stipends, Jenah Leeman - CCS Yearbook, Patti Theberge - CCS New Teacher Mentor, Mike Stone - CCS Math Coach, Bonnie White - GS sub calls, Tanya McFadyen - Solon sub calls, Ann Holzworth - CHS sub calls, Melody Rich and Jen LaChance - Solon New Teacher Mentors (shared position), Melody Rich - Solon Lead Teacher, Mary Keenan - Ed Tech Certification Chair, Stacey Robinson - CHS New Teacher Mentor and Chief New Teacher Mentor, Jennifer Hebert - GS New Teacher Mentor, Jasmyn Wagg - GS Lead Teacher and GS STEAM Lead Teacher, Stacey Brown - Summer Cook Manager, Nikki Shamaly - Transportation, Kelsey Creamer - CHS girls' soccer, Hunter Durland - CHS boys' soccer, Maurice Langlois and Stacey Robinson - NHS advisors, Katie Hall - Freshman Class Dean, Marc Collard - Sophomore Class Dean, Stacey Robinson - Junior Class Dean, John Berube - Senior Class Dean, Geoff Case - 504 Coordinator, Debra Aitken and Kylee Dixon - CHS Cross Country

Resignations: Angela Hawkins - Title One Ed Tech 3 GS, Felicia Schobel - Special Ed, Ed Tech One CCS, Yvette Landry - Special Ed, Ed Tech One GS

Nominations: Karl Price - CHS custodian, Lyndsey

Prignano - Special Ed, Ed Tech 1, CCS

Admin Reports: Most of the administrators present chose not to add to their written reports. Mr. Case updated the board on the recent CCS K-5 Math Morning. He said it was a success. Nearly fifty parents attended, and the feedback was positive. He specifically thanked Alethea Schanz, Kim Swihart, and Darcie Nichols for their help. Board member Eric Ewing asked a question about the Data Review meetings that are held at CCS. Mr. Dostie was not present, but board member Tori MacDonald commented on his written report and added some info. The CCS track team had a successful season. The track team had great kids. They worked hard, and several school records were broken. Student board rep Dayna Labonte thanked the board, and she said she learned a lot this year. Board Chair Troy Dunphy gave a sports update, saying that both the CHS baseball and softball teams had qualified for postseason play. Board member Grace Carreiro expressed the viewpoint that there are many great volunteers. She felt as if it might be good to have coaching positions be strictly volunteer positions. She stated that we pay roughly \$39,000 in coaching stipends, and having volunteer coaches would be a cost-saving move, but also get more people from the community involved.

Committees: The Academic and Policy Committees met on May 14.

Public: Charles Day spoke about what he perceived to be inconsistencies in the area of board members/ volunteers. A board member can volunteer to sub, but a

board member cannot volunteer to be the head coach of a sports team.

Madison Health Center: The board voted to approve Madison Health Center as the school physician for the 25-26 school year.

Hiring of Teachers in June, July and August: In the past, the superintendent has hired teachers during the summer months and notified the board of this. This agenda item was going to once again give the superintendent the authorization to do this. Based on legal advice, this item was removed from the agenda. If there need to be special board meetings to hire teachers in the summer, those meetings will occur.

Drug/Alcohol Testing of Van Drivers: The board approved a procedure related to drug and alcohol testing of van drivers.

Student Activities (Co-Curricular): The board approved the first reading of a policy.

Dean of Students/Athletic Director: With Mr. Dostie moving into the CHS principal position, there will be a vacancy in the Dean of Students/ AD position. The board gave Mr. Campbell the blessing to do what he thinks is best with these positions. If there is a candidate who would be suitable to fill both roles, the roles will be combined. If it makes more sense to keep the Dean of Students and AD roles separate, that will be done.

Executive Session/Legal Matter: No discussion or action was expected at the conclusion of the executive session. Adjournment was the only remaining item.

The special board meeting was held at CHS.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of Awards: The board chair and vice-chair presented end of year recognition awards. Support Staff - Laurie Nile, Teacher - Jasmyn Wagg, Admin - Chris Roux, Community - Anson Academy Association, Special Recognition Award - Ann Holzworth.

2025-2026 Budget: The budget passed by a vote of 238-181. The board approved the computation and declaration of votes.

Appointments: Marc Collard - seven class stipend, Jack Kaplan - fall, winter, spring Will Power, Jack Kaplan - fall, winter, spring Cobra Power.

Support Staff Contract: The board voted to approve the Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-2028.

Executive Session, Legal Matter: The board entered executive session to discuss a legal matter. No discussion or action was expected at the conclusion of the executive session.

Adjournment

*Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Teachers Association*

## Kingfield Seniors Group

*They're coming. They're coming. And we are sooo excited!* I am speaking about the **Merry Plinksters!!** We are having our monthly meeting at noon on July 7 at the Western Mountains Baptist Church. We are privileged to have the Merry Plinksters entertaining us. Last month Mindy from the New Portland Community Library gave her presentation on all the happenings that were going on in the Library as well as the available services/programs. She is a very busy woman and truly doing a phenomenal job!

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Nanci Lehto Mahlmann 207 628 4461. Hope to see you there and *DO BRING A FRIEND!*

*Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann*

## Highlanders Snowmobile Club

The Lexington Highlanders Snowmobile Club will be having a Fourth of July "gathering" at 4:00 pm at the club house on Friday. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to share, hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled chicken will be provided. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please bring your own drinks and chairs. Looking forward to seeing you.

*Submitted: Cathy Horne, Secretary*

## New Portland Churches

New Portland Church News: Summer is just flying by! We had a really nice, well-attended yard sale in May, a special service and a memorial reception in June, and now, we are starting in on July!

It was lovely to move into the old church for our services starting in June. There was a chilly Sunday or two but just being there for worship is like coming home. It's a beautiful space, it's got a traditional feel to it, it has unbelievable acoustics... When a few people sing in that church it sounds like the place is filled with voices.

The third week of July sees our friends from Flemington Presbyterian Church in New Jersey make their annual visit up to New Portland. They will again be camping on the grounds and staying in the church and schoolhouse as they work with the MATE housing ministry on much needed repairs to local homes. Stop by between July 19 and 26 to welcome them to the neighborhood. They'll be happy to talk with you about their mission here.

The list of ministers for the month of July: July 6 - Rev. Stan Wheeler (Communion Sunday), July 13 - Pastor Louise McCleery, July 20 - Pastor Debby Bliss Bujnocki (BBQ with Flemington group following the service), July 27 - Rev. John Gensel, August 3 - Rev. John Gensel.

Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 11:00 am. Respectfully ...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

WMBC news: Summer is here and definitely appreciated! It was a long and wet winter/spring. As always, we at Western Mountains Baptist Church are very busy. Won't you take advantage of the programs we offer? There is Bible study several times during the week as well as Women's Fellowship twice a month, men's breakfasts, Serving our Seniors, ladies sewing class as well as youth group and Bridging the Gap (which provides free lunch for our seniors). You can call the church at 207 265 2557 or go

on our website WMBC maine.org to get more information as well as our calendar.

Also, please remember you don't have to be a resident of New Portland or a "church" person. All are invited!!! We are located at 928 Carrabassett Road, New Portland, Maine (Rte 27N border of New Portland and Kingfield).

*Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann*

## From the Editor

In reading this edition of the *New Portlander*, you may note the volume number. Yup, that's a 32, and this marks the thirty-second year the newsletter has been in your mailboxes. Not many towns in the great State of Maine can say that an informational newsletter has existed that long without an interruption. Many thanks to you the citizens of New Portland for recognizing the importance of this monthly publication. Sincerely...

*Dallas Landry, Editor*

## Lexington-Highland Historical Society



### DEDICATION and PIG ROAST

**Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 11:00 am**

The Lexington Highland Historical Society (LHHS) invites you to a dedication honoring the wonderful society members who established our society, partake in a pig roast with all the fixings and enjoy the company of friends.

The event will be held Saturday, July 19, 2025 at our Historical Museum located at 3 Back Road, Lexington Twp., Maine. We will start at 11:00 am with the meal served at noon followed by the dedication ceremony.

Please RSVP to Jim Taylor 207 628 2762 or [jimsbees1944@gmail.com](mailto:jimsbees1944@gmail.com)

Jim Taylor, LHHS President

*Submitted: Jim Taylor*



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20 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm	21 Selectmen's Meeting - 6:30 pm	22 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 9:30 am - noon
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