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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

Selectmen

Selectmen's Notes: We did not hold our first of the month meeting in July due to the holiday and planned vacations. Because of this, we have not much town news to report.

You may have noticed that grading, graveling, ditching and brush cutting has been done around town. Please when you see a road crew, give them space to work and slow down.

We are happy to announce that the demo container which is now called the bulk waste container is open. Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the new fees for all bulk waste. The transfer station is closed on Fridays. This will help cut back on personnel costs. The bush burn pile opens soon. The burn pile will accept yard waste, brush and leaves only, nothing bigger than four (4) inches in diameter. The new sticker program will start soon. Stickers will be in from the printers by the end of the month of July. You can obtain a sticker at the town office in August. Everyone will need a sticker on their vehicle or be able to show a sticker by December 31 of this year, or you will not be able to use the transfer station.

August is already here. Enjoy these last summer days. Have fun, but be safe.

To the person who is squealing tires around town: we are all watching. If you know who this is please give us the name or vehicle plate number. Call the town office with this information. This is dangerous, not funny. Tarring is very expensive.

Submitted: Janet White, Ray Poulin, Dave Veilleux

Superintendent of Schools

July 18, 2025

Dear Resident of New Portland,

July tends to be a rather slow activity month for the Board as we do not hold sub-committee meetings and do not always have meetings for the full Board. We did have a meeting this past week as interviews have

been conducted to identify qualified candidates to fill administrative positions, a classroom teacher, and an educational technician.

The Director of the Special Education selection committee's nominee was Tammy Wyman. Tammy comes to RSU 74 with five years experience as a Special Education Director in the nearby charter school system operating out of Skowhegan. Prior to those five years, Mrs. Wyman was a special education teacher in the Bangor Schools for 30 school years. Tammy's experiences provides her with a wealth of knowledge on how to support both teachers and the students receiving services.

The interview committee charged with finding the replacement for Bruce Dostie, who was selected to be the next high school principal selected Rachel Merrill to fill the position. Ms. Merrill, a Carrabec alumni, brings classroom experiences and five years of experience as a principal to the job. Rachel was a multi-sport player in high school and understands the importance of the athletic programs with the academic success of student athletes.

A committee of staff at Carrabec Community School interviewed candidates to fill the vacant sixth grade position at CCS. Sarah Dutch was their nominee. Sarah has experience in middle school both in Maine in the midwest. Returning to Maine, Sarah is excited for the school year to begin so she can build relationships with her students to assist with engaging them in the science activities she has designed.

Our next regular Board meeting will be August 6 at Carrabec Community School. The administrative team will be presenting safety protocols for staff and students. Some of the discussion will be on Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines, a document used to assess the credibility of a threat when there is a threat present or the vocalization of a threat in a school has been made. As well, overview of the changes made to the Emergency Management Plan to support the philosophy of ALICE.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. My email is mcampbell@carrabec.org or by call the office at 635-2727. Respectfully ...

Submitted: Mark L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

School Board

The July special board meeting was held at CCS. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Two new members, Michelle Abbott of New Portland and Nicole Richardson of Anson, joined the school board.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Two appointments and one nomination were added to the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 4 regular board meeting and the June 11 special board meeting were approved.

Presentation: There was no presentation.

Appointments: Marc Collard - CHS Math Coach, Angela Dunton - Solon STEAM Lead Teacher, David Pepin - CHS boys' basketball coach, Jamie Partridge - Behavior Coach.

Resignations: Julie Clark - 4th Grade Teacher, GS; Jean Butler - Principal, GS/Solon. Mr. Campbell said that Ms. Butler has contributed a great deal to RSU 74. He added that she has taken on so many responsibilities over the years that he and the admin team will have much work to do.

Nominations: Angela Dunton - Special Ed Teacher, Solon; Sarah Dutch - 6th Grade Teacher, CCS; Julie Clark - Title One Ed Tech 3, GS; Lesa Weggler - Special Ed Ed Tech 3, CCS.

Superintendent Report: 1.) Work has been done behind the CCS gym to install a new fuel tank. New tables have been installed in the Solon gym/cafeteria area. Carpets on the second floor of Solon have been replaced by tile. Asbestos tiles have been removed from GS. The Department of Environmental Protection made an unannounced visit to CHS to inspect the oil tank. \$10,500 later, what needs to be removed has been removed, and what needs to be added has been added. 2.) The following vacancies remain: GS/Solon Principal, GS Fourth Grade, CHS Special Ed Teacher, and Ed Techs. 3.) Mr. Campbell expects that sometime in September there will be clarity regarding whether or not RSU 74 will continue to receive Title One funding.

Public Participation: A citizen asked a question about two items later on in the agenda.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will sign the

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is August 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.

Town Assessment for the 2025-2026 budget. The board voted to sign.

Dean of Students/Athletic Director, CHS/CCS: The board voted to hire Rachel Merrill, a former Carrabec student. Ms. Merrill most recently worked as the principal of the Maine Arts Academy.

Special Ed Director: The board voted to hire Tammy Wyman. Ms. Wyman was the special ed director at the Skowhegan charter school and also a former student of Carrabec.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will transfer \$150,000 from Regular Education to Facilities and Maintenance. The board voted to authorize the transfer.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will transfer \$10,000 from Regular Education to School Administration. The board voted to authorize the transfer.

Executive Session: Legal Matter

At 6:32 pm the board voted to enter executive session. No discussion or action was expected when the executive session concluded. The only other agenda item was

Adjournment: 7:00 pm.

Submitted: Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Teachers Association

Kingfield Seniors Group

Summer sure is zipping by. We had a wonderful time with the Merry Plinksters for our July meeting. They were absolutely wonderful! They played a number of tunes featuring their guitars, ukuleles and dancing!! We always appreciate the talent that is right in our own backyard!

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 4 at noon. Dot Lambert will be entertaining us with sing-a-long and guessing games. We meet at the Western Mountains Baptist Church which is located on Rte 27N right before entering into Kingfield. As always, we start with a potluck and look forward to meeting new people. Hope to see you then!!!

Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann

New Portland Community Library

Hello New Portland! The Library has had such a busy summer so far; it is hard to know where to start! Actually, it is quite easy...THANK YOU to all of the wonderful people who have volunteered to cook, move books, set up and tear down events, donated items, cleaned, volunteered at the desk, made the Story Walk dream come true, worked to make our summer reading program fun, and our supporters! You are the heart of this library and we appreciate you!!

Our Maine Adventure Summer Reading program is off to a great start. Continuing throughout August we have weekly story times and crafts for younger children on Thursdays from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and older children on Fridays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, except on August 1 when Finn the service dog will be at the library! He loves to be read to! In addition to the weekly children's story/craft times there will also be events that all are invited. Including: August 2 10:00 am -11:00 am Family Forage Walk at the library, August 5 10:00 am – 11:30 am Visit Runamuck Acres Conservation Farm, August 10 10:00 am – 11:00 am Meet a Trapper at the library, August 19 10:00 am – 11:30 am Walk in the Woods with a forester - last house on Gilman Pond Road. We will wrap up on August 23 from 12:00 pm – 2:00pm with a s'mores cookout at the library!

There are also summer reading lists for all ages; with great prizes for those who complete reading challenges.

Please remember to take an opportunity to check out New Portland's first StoryWalk®. The trail is located across from the old ballfield at the Wire Bridge. It spans .4 miles in and .4 miles out. It is a relatively easy hike. Read this wonderful story while you enjoy a walk through the woods along the Carrabasset River. Thank you to Somerset Woods Trustees who have collaborated with the New Portland Community Library to make this StoryWalk® possible.

Last year, the library held its first Calendar Raffle. It was such a success, we are doing it again this November. We are collecting items to fill each day with great prizes. If you have products, gift certificates or cash you would like to donate, please contact the library at 207-628-6561. Tickets will be going on sale in September.

The New Portland Community Give and Take Food Cupboard is full. It is located outside the library and is available to ANYONE! Please take what you need, as you need it. Add to the cupboard, as you can. There is plenty of food for those in our community who have a need! No judgement, just food!

Every Wednesday 10:00 am – 1:00 am & 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Block Party Club. The first Sunday of each month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Needle & Hook Fiber Arts. All ages & experience levels are welcome. Book Club will be starting at the end of August. Call the library for the start up date.

Upcoming Events: August 14 6:00 pm NPCL monthly board meeting. Feel free to join us, August 16 11:00 am – 3:00pm Bake Sale located at the entrance to the Fair Grounds, September 13 & 14 Booth at New Portland Fair, October 11 Book and Bake Sale at the Library, November 1 through 30 Daily Calendar Raffle Drawing, November 8 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Craft Fair, Book & Bake Sale November 23 Make, Take & Bake an Apple Pie. Please call the library at 207-628-6561, if you have any questions about weekly, monthly or upcoming events. We hope to see you soon!

Submitted: Valencia Schubert, Library Trustee

New Portland Churches

New Portland Church News: July saw the Flemington Presbyterian Church MATE housing ministry group camping around the church and working in our community. I hope, you had a chance to visit with some of the nearly 40 New Jersey residents parked on the church lawns! We are grateful for the time they take to work in our neighborhoods. We hope they had a good week.

At the beginning of August our second work group arrives from Boston. Grace Church has been coming to our little corner of Maine for years. We have seen their kids grow up before our eyes. It's great to see them every summer. We are also pleased to have Rev. Abby Henrich in the pulpit that weekend. She is energetic and engaging and always has a message worth listening to.

On August 24 there will be no church service in New Portland. We will be traveling as a congregation to Oquossic to visit the Historic Log Church. The service starts at 9:00 am which means we will gather at 7:15 am to car pool from the church parking lot.

We have done this every year for many years. We are always happy to see old friends in the North and visit for a few minutes with Tony McNaughton who was one of our regular pulpit supply ministers years ago.

Lastly, August 31 is a fifth Sunday; this means it's SUPER. SuperSundays happen when there is a fifth Sunday in month. We pull out the stops with a joint service with lots of music, scriptures, stories, poems and even jokes! It's a fun service that we share with Fairbanks Union Church of Farmington. We'd love to share it with you, too. Please joins us, and please note that this service begins at 10:00 am and coffee hour will follow the service.

The list of ministers for the month of August: August 3 – Rev. John Gensel, August 10 – Rev. Abby Henrich, August 17 – Debby Bliss Bujnocki, August 24 – No Church in New Portland. Oquossic Log Church visit. Car pool leaves New Portland Church at 7:15 am and returns following brunch in Rangeley. August 31 at 10:00 am – joint service at North New Portland.

Please join us for coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted in the schedule. Respectfully...

Submitted: Nan Berry

Western Mountains Baptist Church: August is now here! Went by really fast, lol. Vacation Bible School was crazy! So many kids running around and having fun as well as learning about the goodness of God. Over 40 children attended our program and truly a fun time was had by all!

For Kingfield Festival Days we had a bounce house, popcorn stand, icies for the kiddos and a prayer tent. We always remember that God is in charge of everything in our lives!

Bridging the Gap also had their annual barbecue/potluck on July 26. This is always a wonderful time for all to enjoy food and friends.

We look forward to sharing the gospel as well as meeting new people! Sunday services start at 10:00 am with children's junior church. We are located at 928 Carrabassett Road (Rte 27N) in New Portland. You can also check our website: WMBCmaine.org for more information or just call us at 207 2652557. Remember, the door is always open and you are invited!!

Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann

Transfer Station Bulky Waste Price Chart

Boxsprings, couches, mattresses, large wooden furniture, and stuffed furniture Price: **\$20.00 each**

Truck/Trailer pricing excludes boxsprings, couches, mattresses, large wooden furniture, and stuffed furniture.

TRUCK PRICES

Truck Bed Size of 5'5"	Price: \$25.00
Truck Bed size of 5'8"	Price: \$35.00
Truck Bed size of 6'5"	Price \$45.00
Truck Bed size of 8'	Price \$50.00
One-ton	Price: \$75.00

5-gallon bucket : Price: \$5.00 30 to 33-gallon barrel: Price: \$10.00

If the load is the size of the body as referenced it will be charged accordingly. If the vehicle is heaped up above the factory sides, it will be charged to the next size bigger. If the load is half the height of the factory sides it will be charged for the next size smaller.

The attendant will determine the size and fee of odd loads.

TRAILER PRICES

Small: 5'x8' or 6'x10' Price: \$35.00

Common for landscaping equipment, small tools, or basic loads.

Mid-size: 6'x12', 7'x14', or 7'x16' Price: \$50.00

Suitable for larger items like lawnmowers, appliances, or even some ATVs.

Larger: 7'x18' or 7'x20' Price: \$75.00

Common for heavier loads or multiple pieces of machinery.

Dump Trailer: 8' Price: \$100.00 Dump Trailer: 16' Price: \$200.00

Shingles and Sheetrock in medium sized truck bed \$150.00

Medium size Trailer (up to 10 ft) \$175.00



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR						
AUGUST 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	4 Kingfield Seniors Group WMBC noon	5 NPCL 9:30 am - noon Selectmen's Meeting - 6:30 pm	6 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm School Board 6:00 pm Planning Board 6:30 pm	7 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	8 NPCL 9:00 am - noon NPCL Trustees Meeting 9:00 am	9 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
10 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	11 NPCL 9:30 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	12 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm New Portland Water District 6:30 pm	13 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm	14 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	15 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	16 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
17 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	18 Selectmen's Meeting - 6:30 pm NPCL 9:30 am - noon	20 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm Deadline for New Portlander 4:00 pm	21 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	22 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	23 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	24 NPCC Car Pool / Quosic 7:15 am WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am
25 NPCL 9:30 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	26 NPCL 10:00 am - noon & 3:00 - 6:00 pm	27 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	28 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	29 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	30 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	31 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am

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