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## TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

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### Town Office Contact Information and Hours of Operation:

#### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday..... 10am - 5pm  
Thursday..... 12pm - 6pm

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

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#### Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin

#### Animal Control Officer: Stacie Rundlett - 491-8007

## 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 .....9:00am - 12pm  
Wednesday ..... 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

## Town Manager

The town office will be closed on December 31 to close our books for the year. We will also be closed on January 1, New Year's Day. We will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be a budget committee meeting on Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 am in the community room. January is the last month to license your dog without a late fee, as the 2025 licenses will have expired on December 31, 2025.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the annual Giving Tree. It was another successful year assisting families here in New Portland.

Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager

# Selectmen

*Selectmen's Notes:* A new year already! We wish you all a bright, healthy and happy New Year.

The select board is busy with up coming budget talks and other items for our annual town meeting on March 7, 2026. If you have anything that you would like to be heard at the meeting, bring it to us soon. No later than the end of January.

We would like to thank Mark Smith for the great smoked pork we served at our community supper that was held in December. Thank you to all who attended; it was great fun.

Remember only two five gallon pails of sand per storm from the small salt and sand shed. Be careful of hidden ice this winter at your homes and in public. It's amazing how hard we can hit the ground.

You may have read Janet put her name in for the open Somerset County Commissioner spot. The results of the District 2 caucus elected Don Skillings from Madison. Don is well-qualified and already doing a fine job.

December 19, Janet went to the Somerset County Commissioners and presented our request for a matching grant of \$15,000 dollars. This will help offset taxes when we build a new addition to the town office this year. Glad to announce we did win the grant.

It is Janet's seat on the select board that is termed out. Janet would like to announce she has taken papers out for another term. Please take care of yourselves. Check on neighbors if needed. Again, we wish you all the best in the New Year.

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

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, David Cary, Pat Mitchell, Paul and Betty Frederic

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: Pat Mitchell, road commissioner, updated the board regarding quotes for engineers for rebuilding Old Kingfield Road. He has SW Cole coming at some point to drill bores in the road to determine what is under the current pavement. This will give engineers a better

idea of what needs to be done. He also spoke to the board about grading and brush cutting that has been completed. He stated that most of the summer roads work has been done. He is currently working on rebuilding the rock rake. The board briefed him on trees that were on lines and they've all been taken care of.

4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: The board reviewed the abatement requests. 1.) Janet motioned to grant an abatement to Lori Alyea & Herbert Macleod for the amount of \$27.27. David seconded and all were in favor. 2.) Janet motioned to grant an abatement to Castanza Roberts for the amount of \$28.20. Raymond seconded and all were in favor. b. Janet motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) personnel matters, at 7:05 pm. At 7:31 pm the board entered back into the public meeting. No decisions were made.
6. Items by the Public: Paul Frederic, from Starks, spoke to the board about his decision to throw his name in for the vacant seat on the Somerset County Commissioner's Board. He and Janet White are two of the four candidates now showing interest in this seat.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the board at the December 2 meeting. smr*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Lori Alyea, Peter Ford, Pat Mitchell, Nancy Mahlmann, Don Skillings

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. Pat Mitchell, road commissioner, updated the board on two quotes he has obtained for engineering of the Old Kingfield Road. The board discussed their concerns. The board authorized Pat to have the boring test done and then he can go from there. When the testing is being done, the Old Kingfield Road will

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Any articles, submissions, information for publication should be received by:

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If there are any questions or needs regarding the receiving of the *New Portlander*, those inquiries should be directed to the Town Manager.

only be open to local traffic.

4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The Board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming community dinner.
6. Items by the Public: Don Skillings, new Somerset County Commissioner for District Two, introduced himself and spoke to the board regarding his passion and commitment to his communities as County Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

## Kingfield Seniors Group

Happy New Year! 2025 went by so quickly. We at the Kingfield Seniors Group are excited about the new year. Our next scheduled meetings are January 5, February 2, and March 2. Just a reminder that you do NOT have to be a Kingfield resident! We have people who come from Strong, New Sharon, Farmington, New Portland, Wilton and Salem (just to name a few). We meet at the Western Mountains Baptist Church at noon. The church is located on Rte 27N just outside of Kingfield.

Last month we had the pleasure of having the Merry Plinksters perform for us. We had a wonderful turnout and food in our potluck was in abundance. Such a wonderful group of people!

We also have a group of people who come regularly on Monday and Thursday mornings to our bone strengthening class for light exercise. This is also a program that is geared towards seniors. We start at 9:00 am at the Western Mountains Baptist Church and wrap it up at 9:45 am. This program is also FREE! We are truly grateful that Western Mountains Baptist Church allows us to use the church for free. It is truly a blessing.

Winter came in rather quickly and definitely strong. Don't be a shut in! Come join us for fun, food, games and fellowship! As always, should you need more information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Nanci Lehto Mahlmann 207 628 4461

Stay warm, stay safe and be blessed!!

*Submitted: Nanci Lehto Mahlmann*

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the December 15 meeting. smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2025

Roster/ Selectmen: Raymond Poulin, Janet White, David Veilleux, Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, David and Lynne Cary, James Reinhard, Peter Ford

1. Janet called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm due to power flickering.
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-None
4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants. b.) There was a brief discussion regarding the town line signs. The board wanted a darker green background. Stacie would email the company. c.) Stacie was approached by the treasurer of the New Portland Church about a heating fund. The church wanted to make a donation. After a brief discussion the board told Stacie to suggest to the church to reach out to the local heating companies to see if they have a program for donations.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) Raymond motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) personnel matters at 6:58 pm. The Board entered back into the public meeting at 7:15pm. There were no decisions made. b.) There was a brief discussion on employee reviews that the board wanted to have completed for the next meeting.
6. Items by the Public: There was a brief discussion regarding KNTS. No decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

*These minutes were approved by the board at the November 17 meeting. Smr*

*Submitted: Stacie Rundlett, Town Manager*

## Superintendent RSU 74

December 12, 2025

Dear Residents of New Portland:

As 2025 nears to a close, it is natural to stop and reflect. Your board has accomplished a number of tasks to ensure our buses and buildings remain safe for the students and staff. Our buses are safer than ever before due to a preventive maintenance schedule the board insisted on. Our State safety inspection

rate this past summer was significantly higher than previous years. The two outer school buildings had rugs that were old, worn thin, and stretched to the point the rugs became a source for trips and falls. Other than the library at Anson, rugs were removed and vinyl planking was installed. In the library at Garret Schenck, we installed rug mats. The board approved a new camera/security system for all schools. First, the coverage by the cameras is greater due to the increase in the number of cameras, but more importantly, the cameras produce higher quality video. As well, the board repurposed funds in salary lines to fund a Dean of Student position to support in Garret Schenck and Solon Elementary ensuring staff in those buildings had an adult available to assist with student behaviors.

Other tasks completed by the Board during this calendar year includes finalizing the review of all board policies required by State Law. This process begins with the policy committee doing the actual review and edits if necessary. Most of the changes that occur are done to keep policies in sync with State Statute changes. Once accepted by the committee all revised policies are sent to the full board for the required two vote process that occurs over two consecutive meetings. The academic committee reviewed the math curriculum documented by grade level/subject specific teachers K-12.

The negotiation committee brokered a new three-year agreement with the support staff. The agreement was reached after numerous meetings. Legislation in 2024 out of Augusta dictated minimum salaries for all staff who work in the school system requiring schools to pay at least 125% of minimum wage to educational technicians and 115% of minimum wage for all other support staff positions.

Looking to next calendar year, the board will be negotiating with the Carrabec Education Association on a new agreement for classroom teachers. As well, the board will have to make some decisions on the district's needs as the 2026-2027 budget gets built. I will use this forum to keep you informed on this process over the next few months.

On behalf of the RSU 74 Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support for our schools and programs. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for January 7, 2026. Merry Christmas and warm wishes for a Happy Healthy New Year!

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

*Schools*

## **School Board**

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The December board meeting was held at Garret Schenck. The food options were tremendous. (I didn't

think to take a picture this time.) Chex mix, crackers with cheese and pepperoni, and brownies were the highlights. After boycotting the food at the November board meeting, it is possible I ate a bit more than my share.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjustments to the agenda: There was one item added to the agenda, an action item regarding the usage of CCS as an emergency shelter.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Data Presentation: Miss Butler and Mr. Case did a data presentation for the board. In general, it appears that NWEA scores are going in a good direction. More students are meeting growth goals, and more students are achieving at grade level. The strategies that have been put in place to raise the bar have had a positive impact, and we are making progress. Mr. Campbell agreed, saying we are slowly but surely moving up. CCS remains on the Tier Three list. Attendance is the only issue now, while in the past math and reading were also a problem.

While things seem to be going in a positive direction, not all of the data was tremendous. This led to many questions/comments from board members. Erik Ewing asked Mr. Case if CCS homerooms were based on ability, and Mr. Case said that the goal with homerooms was to create a balance. Judi Dunphy asked if there is some sort of disconnect between math scores at CCS and CHS. Mr. Campbell replied he believes the improvements made in the lower grades will trickle up to CHS. He also said it can sometimes be a challenge to motivate students to truly value the NWEA test.

Mr. Case explained the difference between a chronically absent student and a truant student. A chronically absent student has missed 10% of school days. The absences can be either excused or unexcused. A student can be classified as truant if they are in k-6 and have missed five consecutive school days (with all absences unexcused), in 7-12 and have missed seven consecutive days (all unexcused), or have a total of ten (or more) unexcused absences. Troy Dunphy asked a question about how the daily attendance rate is calculated.

A question was asked about what leads to a school being designated as Tier 3. Math, reading, and attendance are the factors in k-8. In 9-12, graduation rate and dropout rate are added in as well. Erik Ewing questioned if students are being challenged enough if they can miss vast amounts of school days but still pass classes. Bob Lightbody said it was time to "right the ship", "correct the course", and have "hard conversations". He said perhaps it is time to look at

contracts in order to get us on a solid foundation. Troy Dunphy said that he heard board member concerns, and he will look for the correct forum to discuss these concerns further in the near future. He added he does not want to blame anyone. The problems are not the fault of teachers or admin.

Judi Dunphy wondered aloud about what impact the board's behavior has on education. She also posed a question wondering if there is a link between high staff absenteeism and student absenteeism. Nicki Richardson said she feels the general attitude about attendance for adults and students has changed since COVID times. During COVID the message was people needed to stay home if they didn't feel great, and maybe it has been hard to get back to the mindset of going to school when feeling less than 100%.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell did not add to his report. He asked if board members had any questions. Bob Lightbody said he would like to get information in the future that explains why home-schoolers do not want to be learning in-person.

Appointments: Kim Swihart - CCS STEAM Lead Teacher; Seth Price - JV basketball coach, CHS; Christopher Barnes - volunteer boys' basketball coach, CCS

Resignations: Jenney Rollins - Ed Tech One, GS; Jessi Hall - Guidance Secretary/Registrar, CHS

Mr. Campbell said both would be greatly missed. He said Jenney had done a great job with students, and Jessi juggled many things and did a fantastic job.

Admin Reports: Jean Butler said Mrs. Pinkham's pre-K students created the hats with candy at the board table. Geoff Case did not add to his report. Board member Georgie Manzer said the CCS PTO gave supplies to families in need. After reading the admin team's written reports, Bob Lightbody questioned when it was okay to use student names and when it was not. Some admin share student names in their reports, while others are reluctant to do so due to FERPA. The superintendent will consult with Drummond Woodsum.

Student Rep: Henry Lindeman said winter sports are underway at CHS. JMG raised \$2500 for a local family.

Committees: The Superintendent Evaluation Committee met on November 5. The Restructure and Policy Cmtes met on November 12.

Public: No one spoke.

Policies: The second readings of policies dealing with Reintegration of Juveniles from Correctional Facilities, Temperature Standards for Schools, and Notification of Rights Under FERPA were approved.

More Policies: The board voted to remove the following policies - Resolution of Discrimination, Complaints, Board Member Resignation, Board

Member Removal from Office.

Several More Policies: The board approved the first reading of the following policies - Student Discipline, Title One / Parent Involvement, Code of Conduct, Service Animals in Schools, Accountability / Reporting to the Public, Evaluation of Professional Staff, Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies, Board Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism.

Emergency Shelter: The board authorized Mr. Campbell to sign an agreement with Anson to allow the use of CCS as an emergency shelter.

Executive Sessions: There were two executive sessions. The first was to discuss a legal matter. (I believe, I have previously written that the song "A Legal Matter" by The Who with Pete Townshend on vocals is great.) The second executive session was to discuss negotiations. (The only song I can quickly come up with that has "negotiations" in the lyrics is "You Never Give Me Your Money" from the Beatles' Abbey Road album.)

Following the Executive Session: The board voted to offer Mr. Campbell a one-year contract (for 2026-27) with a 1.5% increase in salary and benefits.

Adjournment: The board meeting ended at 8:33 pm.

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

## **New Portland Community Library**

Hello, New Portland! I hope your New Year is going well and your house is warm and full of good books! Please remember the NPCL is a warm and welcoming place with cozy seating, hot cocoa/coffee/tea, and is filled with many new books from which to choose.

√ Library hours are changing. We are removing the 10:00 am – noon Wednesday shift. The library will open at 9:00 am Tuesdays and Fridays. Check the cover of the New Portlander for all available hours.

Winter has been fairly quiet at the library. We added several new kids' books at the end of the year when we wrapped up the spending of the Dorothy Louise Kyler Grant Fund. We have many great additions, including several publications by Maine authors and illustrators.

The give-and-take food cupboards are stocked! Items that can freeze and burst are inside, next to the vestibule, and are only available during library hours. Please don't let that stop you from coming by. No judgment, just food!

Speaking of food, the book club will meet January 19 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. January's book is Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home by Stephen Starring Grant. Copies are available at the library! Feel free to bring an item to contribute to the potluck or just bring yourself! Didn't read the book? Come anyway! It's a great time to

fellowship and meet new people.

Don't forget, if you snowshoe to get out and about and visit the StoryWalk in the Whitten Woods by the Wire Bridge. We will be adding a new story at the end of this month.

We're currently raffling a "Day for Two" at Cobb's Pierce Pond Camps! This prize is available anytime from May through September. You can swim, fish, hike, or simply relax! The winner gets a choice of a boat/motor or canoe, along with lunch provided by the phenomenal kitchen crew! Thank you, Andy, for donating such a great prize! Tickets are \$3 each, 4 for \$10, or 25 for \$50! The raffle will go from December - February; so don't miss out!

During January, we will have tiny canvas, art easels, and paint available for anyone to pick up. We hope that you will bring them back to the library by February 7 so we can display and sell them in a tiny art show at our bake sale (date TBD). It's a great way to help the library raise money as well as break up the cabin fever winter often brings. Supplies are limited, so join in the fun and get one while you can!

A reminder, my family is expecting a baby boy in February, which will require me to take a leave from the library. If you are interested in volunteering at the circulation desk between February and May, please stop in and speak with me on Wednesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. Computer knowledge would be helpful.

Upcoming Events: Tech Help is available with Scarlett by appointment. Lego Club - Saturday, January 3, 10:00 -11:00 am and Wednesday January 21, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Every Friday 10:00 - 11:00 am Homeschool Hangout. Read to Finn on Friday, January 9, 11:00 am - noon. Reiki with Michelle on Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 -11:30 am. February Bake Sale: Date TBD 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Happy New Year!

*Submitted: Mindy Newman, Library Director*

## **New Portland Churches**

New Portland Church News: December was, as usual, a rollercoaster of weather. Snow, rain, too warm, too cold, overcast, sunny. The cozy church meeting house was decorated festively for the season. The window lights are especially comforting in the darkness of the winter evenings.

January is a quiet, hibernating kind of month. This month will rekindle our Warming Wednesday tradition and open the church on the first Wednesday of the month from January to April. Join us in the meeting house from 1:00 am to 1:00 pm for a light lunch and lively conversation. There are games to play and puzzles to work on, or just a chat to be had with your neighbors. January 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm will be the first Warming Wednesday of the year. We will be

having a soup-tasting with a variety of soup options to try and a friendly competition. Vote for your favorite soup! Bring yourself, bring a friend. We are looking forward to seeing you!

In the month of December we moved the melodeum from storage in the West to the meeting house of the church. It is a beautiful instrument in remarkably good shape for its age, and for probably never having been cleaned or serviced. It is a reed instrument similar to a traditional pump organ. It looks quite like an upright piano but sounds like an organ. We will use it in some of our worship services where the reed organ sound is most appropriate to the hymn. Thank you, Justin Jordan and crew for keeping it safe for so many years!

We would love to see you at coffee hour at 10:30 am with worship following at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted in the schedule. The list of ministers for the month of December: January 4 - Pastor MaryEllen Royce, January 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Don't forget Warming Wednesday! January 11 - Drew Goodrich, January 18 - Debby Bliss Bujnocki, January 25 - Rev. Stan Wheeler, Communion. Respectfully...

*Submitted: Nan Berry*

Happy New Year from Western Mountains Baptist Church! 2025 was yet another amazing and exciting year, which included multiple baptisms and new memberships! Glory to God!

As we start a new year, WMBC would like to remind readers of some of our recurring programs/services that are offered. For more information regarding these programs/services please contact WMBC directly at 207-265-2557 or email us at [admin@wmbcmaine.org](mailto:admin@wmbcmaine.org).

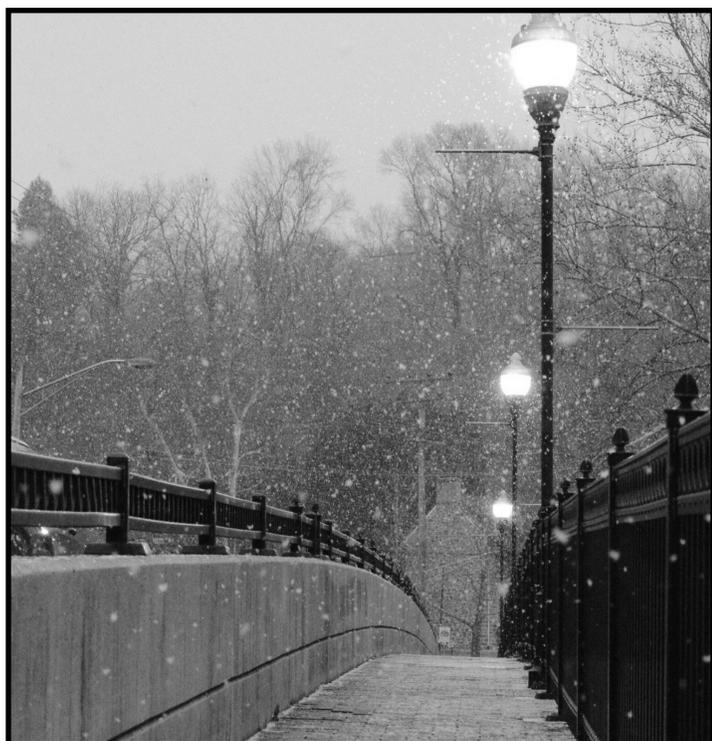
During the week: Men's Bible study meets Mondays at 6:30 pm. Gather for fellowship and dive into God's word. All men welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend. Ladies sewing class meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Bring your sewing machine and a sewing project. Regardless if you are a beginner or have been sewing for a while, please join us, learn from each other and enjoy fellowship time. Ladies Bible study meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Hope you can join us. All women are invited. Al Anon continues to meet at WMBC every Friday from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. As a reminder, Al Anon is a "worldwide fellowship that offers a program of recovery for the families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic recognizes the existence of an alcohol related problem or seeks help." This group is not sponsored by the church and operates as a strictly confidential program. Anyone with a family member, spouse, or friend affected by alcoholism is welcome to attend and learn supportive ways to cope with these challenges. For more information, please contact Pat at 207-265-

6061. Prayer meeting meets on Saturdays at 6:00 pm where a small group gather to pray for our pastor, leadership of WMBC, leadership of our state/country and individual needs.

During the month: Serving our Seniors meets the third Thursday at 10:00 am. During the meeting we review new requests, follow up on past requests, discuss identified needs and plan for future activities for WMBC seniors. Special events are held every other month and are free and open to everyone. Men's breakfast meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 am. Bring a Bible, a buddy and some bacon and join us for breakfast and a devotional. Bridging the Gap occurs the last Saturday of each month. Hot, homemade meals are delivered to the elderly in New Portland, Kingfield, Salem Township and Freeman Township. For more information on receiving a monthly meal please contact WMBC.

As we continue to grow together in faith and fellowship, we invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 am at Western Mountains Baptist Church, 928 Carrabassett Road, New Portland. All are welcome. For more information regarding our church and opportunities to serve God, please visit our website: <http://wmbcmaine.org> or you may call the church directly at 207-265-2557. To stay connected, please follow us on Instagram: @westernmountainsbaptistchurch and Facebook: @westernmountainschurch

*Submitted: Laurie Quinn*



## Wire Bridge Sno-Travelers

The meeting was called to order with ten members present.

Trail Master's Report: The trail master reported the rest of the stakes and signs had been put up on the Gilman Pond Trail. He also stated bridge repairs, brushing, and trail work had been completed until more snow arrives. Work continues on the new drag to get it ready to use with the new groomer. A huge thank you goes out to all who have helped with getting our equipment and trails ready for the season.

Old Business: Several conversations have been held with Trailintel trying to get the app so it is more user friendly to people trying to join the club. A discussion was held about whether the club wanted to pay \$50 per month to have Trailintel advertise the club. It was decided, at this point, not to pay for advertising.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to donate a \$200 gift card toward holiday food baskets for local residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm with the annual Christmas party afterwards. The main question of the party was "Who has the hair tonic?" The food was delicious, as usual.

Our January meeting will be Saturday the tenth, at the Fire Station Meeting room, starting at 6:30 pm. Happy holidays to everyone!

*Submitted: Joyce Knowles*



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR						
JANUARY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	5 Kingfield Seniors Group WMBC noon	6 NPCL 9:00 am - noon Selectmen's Meeting Town Office 6:30 pm	7 Warning Wednesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm CCS School Board 6:00 pm CCS Planning Board 6:30 pm	8 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	9 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	10 NPCL Trustees Meeting 9:00 am NPCL 9:00 am - noon Wire Bridge Snow-Travelers 6:30 pm Meeting Room
11 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	12 NPCL 9:00 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	13 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	14 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm New Portland Water District 6:30 pm	15 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	16 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	17 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
18 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	19 Martin Luther King Day Town Office Closed Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	20 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	21 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	22 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	23 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	24 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
25 WMBC Service 10:00 am NPCC Service 10:30 am	26	27 NPCL 9:00 am - noon Fire Department Meeting 6:30 pm	28 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	29 NPCL 3:00 - 6:00 pm	30 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	31 NPCL 9:00 am - noon
			31 Town Office Closed (Closing the Books)	1 New Year's Day Town Office Closed NPCL Closed	2 NPCL 9:00 am - noon	3

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