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Remember. . .

- **Selectman's Meeting**
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
1st Thursday of each Month 6:00 pm
- **Planning Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Water District Meeting**
2nd Wednesday of each Month 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Community Library Hours:**
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- **Kingfield - New Portland Transfer Station**
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
- **New Portland Post Office Customer Service Hours**
Monday - Friday 7 am - 9 am & 2 pm - 4 pm
Saturday 7: 00 am - 10:30 am

The New Portland Community Church

BBQ & Picnic

The New Portland Community Church is hosting a free barbecue featuring burgers, hot dogs, beverages and home made salads.

Sunday, July 12th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

North New Portland Church lawn.

Bring your family and bring your chairs. Please come and enjoy some great food with us and pray for sunny weather!
See you there.

Submitted: George Arab



Selectmen

Minutes for Selectman's Meeting May 19, 2026

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

1. David called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was done.
2. The board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Raymond motioned to accept the minutes as written, Janet seconded and all were in favor.
3. Department Heads: The board discussed the roadwork needed on Bennett Hill Road.
4. Items by the Town Manager: The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants.
5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: a.) There were no bids to open and review for the town office addition project. No decisions were made. b.) Motion on appointment papers for the following: 1.) Janet motioned to appoint Kip Poulin for a one year term as fire chief, Raymond seconded and all were in favor. 2.) Raymond motioned to appoint Stacie Rundlett for a one year term as Animal Control Officer, Janet seconded and all were in favor. 3.) David motioned to appoint Raymond Poulin for a one year term as road commissioner, Janet seconded and all were in favor. 4.) Raymond motioned to appoint Dan Gilbert for a one year term as local plumbing inspector, David seconded and all were in favor. 5.) Janet motioned to appoint Harry Stout for a one year term as school board member, David seconded and all were in favor. 6.) Janet motioned to appoint Kristin Wallaker for a one year term as planning board member, Raymond seconded and all were in favor. 7.) Raymond motioned to appoint Brian Rundlett for a one year term as a planning board member, David seconded and all were in favor.

6. Items by the Public: James proposed to the board to possibly have a donation fund to help pay for some benches and lighting down at the Wire Bridge because more people are utilizing the Storybook Walk at the Somerset Woods property on Wire Bridge Road. No decisions were made. There was a discussion regarding the addition and applying for an energy grant to help cover lighting and possible heat source. There was a discussion regarding a proposal to purchase a local garage that would be compatible for a public works garage. It was suggested to post future discussions on the matter in the New Portlander so the public would be aware and could attend if they wanted to ask questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the June 2 meeting.

Submitted: Smr

Minutes for Selectman's Meeting June 2, 2026

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

1. David called the meeting to order at 6:28 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: 1.) Raymond updated the work that has been done on the summer roads. There was a discussion regarding the rocks on Bennett Hill Road. He briefed everyone on the noise that the truck was making. He said it went away, but if the noise comes back, he will make arrangements to have the dealership look at it as it is all still under warranty. 2.) Kip updated everyone on the engine, and we are still waiting on parts to come in from the manufacturer. There was a discussion on the painting of the fire station, and it still is not quite completed. Kip and the board discussed having a letter issued to vendors letting them know they have 90 days to submit an invoice to the town, so we don't have any more issues with invoices being issued to us two plus years after a vendor provides a service to us. Once this letter is drafted Kip and the board will approve it to be used in the future.
4. Items by the Town Manager: a.) The board reviewed and signed the payroll and A/P warrants. b.) There were some discussions on winter sand bidding for 2026-2027 season. Stacie will draft an ad and get that out. c.) The board reviewed the MMA proposed slate for 2027 MMA vice president and executive committee members. They asked Stacie to submit their choices for them. d.) There was a discussion regarding the Radar Speed Trailer Loan Program that the State of Maine offers to municipalities. The board opted not to participate this year.

5. Items by the Board of Selectmen: None

6. Items by the Public: 1.) There was a discussion regarding the blank back of the new town signs and what could be put on them. No decisions were made at this time. 2.) There were discussions on the proposed addition and the proposed purchase of a local garage to be used as a public works garage. No decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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

Submitted: Smr

NEW PORTLANDER article submission deadline is JULY 20th by 4:00 pm.

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

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School Board

The June 3 school board meeting was held at Carrabec Community School. The meeting opened with the Pledge.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Many summer school appointments were added to the agenda. A resignation was added. One agenda item was removed, and one was added.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 6 board meeting and the May 20 special board meeting were approved.

Presentation: Jean Butler spoke about the ESEA grant. The grant application must be submitted by July 1. The initial projection shows RSU 74 getting less in federal money in 26-27. However, the final number has often been higher than the first projection. ESEA money has helped fund Title One staff, summer school, one classroom teaching position, and support for homeless students. Jean asked the board if they had any questions, and they did not. The grant information will be placed on the district website, and public feedback will be requested prior to submitting the grant application.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Campbell added a bit to the written report he submitted to the board.

One item on the agenda concerned staff usage of cell phones. The policy language is being revised. It will be discussed at the June 11 special board meeting. Mr. Campbell showed the board a list of potential elective courses being offered at CHS. Dallas Landry said he would be interested in sitting in one of the classes, a film class. He said it sounded outstanding. The board's academic committee has had discussions about personal finance, and whether the course belongs as a social studies course or a math course. Board member Bob Lightbody expressed the view that most teenagers today are financially illiterate. At a previous board meeting there was talk of buying a van. Due to safety regulations it may be more practical to instead buy a school activity bus.

Appointments: There are a lot of them here. I hope I copied them all....

Geoffrey Case - IEP Coordinator; Alicia Bedard - McKenney-Vento Liaison; Lacey Frost - McKenney-Vento Liaison, Patti Theberge - New Teacher Mentor; Kim Swihart - STEAM Lead Teacher, CCS; Kim Swihart - Teacher Certification Chair; Mary Keenan - Ed Tech Certification Chair; Jasmyn Wagg - STEAM Lead Teacher, GS; Angela Dunton - STEAM Lead Teacher, Solon; Candy Lebeau - sub calls, CCS; Candy Lebeau - Transportation Coordinator; Bonnie White - sub calls, GS; Tanya McFadyen - sub calls, Solon; Ann Holzworth - sub calls, CHS; Stacey Brown - summer cook manager; Seth Price - boys soccer coach, CHS; Kelsey Creamer - girls soccer coach, CHS; Amy Price - girls soccer assistant coach, CHS; Deb Aitken - cross country coach, CHS; Matt Scheve

- girls soccer coach, CCS; Kylee Dixon - cross country coach, CCS; Rick Levis - golf coach, CCS and CHS; Maurice Langlois - NHS advisor, CHS; Stacey Robinson - NHS Advisor, CHS; Stacey Robinson - Chief & New Teacher Mentor, CHS; Stacey Robinson - Senior Class Dean, CHS; Katie Hall - Sophomore Class Dean, CHS; Marc Collard - Math Coach, CHS; John Berube - Freshmen Class Dean, CHS; Keane Carlin - summer school; Haley Davis - summer school; Shyanne Durand - summer school; Tiffany French - summer school; Jennifer Hebert - summer school; Chandra Holt - summer school; Kaiya Jefferies - summer school; Desireah Ladd - summer school; Yvette Landry - summer school; Jamie Partridge - summer school; Jennifer Prickett - summer school; Melody Rich - summer school; Kelsie Walter - summer school; Brooke Welch - summer school

Resignations: Brenda Mullin: Tier One Ed Tech 3, GS; Tammy Long - English Teacher, CHS; Courtney Rollins - Ed Tech One, Solon

Mr. Campbell noted the long service of Brenda and Tammy, and said Courtney is entering the medical field.

Nomination: Melody Rich - PreK-5 PE/Health, Solon-GS and PreK-5 SEL, District

Admin Reports: The administrators had little to add to their written reports.

Student Report: The student board rep, Henry Lindeman, did not give a report. He did say that he will be back as the student rep next year.

Committees: The Policy Committee met on May 13, and the Academic Committee met on May 13.

Public Participation: Tim White addressed the board about a request for information. He wished to be provided with all email correspondence between Dr. Regina Campbell and him, his wife, and sons during the time frame of 2000-2010.

Employee Use of Cell Phones - Policy GBCC: This item was tabled. It will be revisited at next week's special board meeting.

Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices in Schools - Policy JICJ: The board approved the first reading of this policy.

To see if the RSU #74 Board of Directors will authorize the superintendent to enter into an agreement related to student discipline with a student's family: The board voted to give the authorization.

Athletic Emergency Action Plan: The board voted to approve the plan.

Certification Handbook: Board members made some edits, and then they approved.

School Board *continued*

Madison Health Center: The board gave approval to make Madison Health Center "the school physician for the 2026-2027 school year."

Principal, Solon/GSS: The board voted to hire Nathaniel White as principal, starting on July 1.

Executive Session, Legal Matter: No action or discussion was expected when the board returned from executive session. As this was the last agenda item, I did not stay to watch the Adjournment.

Reminder: There is a special board meeting on Thursday, June 11, at CHS. There is a reception at 5:30 to honor community members and staff. The meeting itself will begin at 6:00 pm.

The June 11 special board meeting was held at Carrabec High School. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, the board gave out two end of the year awards.

The board's staff member award was given to Lesa Weggler. The board's community member award was given to Georgie Manzer.

Budget: The board approved the computations and declaration of votes for the 2026-27 budget.

Cell Phones: The board approved the first reading of policy GBCC - Employee Use of Cell Phones.

More Cell Phones: The board approved the second reading of policy JICJ - Cell Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices in Schools.

Even More Cell Phones: The board removed policy JFCK - Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices.

Appointments: Sarah Dutch - CCS Yearbook Advisor, Samantha Taylor - Summer School Instructor, Kelsey Creamer - Summer School Instructor, Jasmyn Wagg - Summer School Instructor

Flagstaff Lake: The board approved an eighth grade overnight trip to Flagstaff Lake on September 18 - 19.

Probationary Year One to Probationary Year Two: The board voted to move Julie Clark from a first-year probationary contract to a second-year probationary contract.

Student Activity Bus: The board voted to purchase a student activity bus.

Executive Session: The board entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No action or discussion was anticipated following the executive session.

Submitted:
Dave Ela, President of Carrabec Teachers Association

Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent RSU 74

June 17, 2026

Dear Residents of New Portland,

This will be a brief news report this month. It was great to see the communities turn out for student programs. Attendance was great at all 3 K-5 STEAM nights. Student work in the area of science was showcased as well as many of the art projects completed over the school year. As usual, the district music program was a huge success. Lastly, both the high school graduation and the 8th grade promotion programs went very well.

The board has met twice this month. At our monthly meeting on June 3, the board discussed a new cellular device policy that was written to keep schools in compliance with the new legislation. Students will not be allowed to have personal devices that possess cellular connectivity on their person during school hours other than school issued devices. The State provided funding to purchase lock boxes for students to store their devices in during the school day. It will be important for us to communicate home prior to the new school year how parents will be able to contact their students during school hours.

At the second meeting, the board accepted the vote tabulations for the district referendum on the budget adopted by residents at the District Budget Meeting. All four towns supported the 2026-2027 budget. As well, the board took time to recognize four individuals for their work that demonstrated their commitment to the students, staff, and the school community as a whole. Those individuals recognized included Lesa Weggler, support staff; Jack Kaplan, teacher; Jean Butler, administrator; and Georgie Manzer, community member.

I wish to thank the residents of New Portland for their support of our schools as shown by attendance at events as well as your vote of support for the 2026-2027 budget. No scheduled meeting for the RSU 74 Board of Directors for July. We will have a special meeting once I have a slate of candidates to fill vacant positions. Sincerely...

Submitted: Mark. L. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

New Portland Community Library

Thank you to everyone who participated as vendors or shopped at our June 13 vendor event, bake/book/and plant sale!

A special thanks to Atwood's Greenhouse for donating SO MANY beautiful plants that helped us raise around \$2000!!

Adult Summer Reading Challenge now through August!

Read books from these categories and join fellow readers for a celebration at the library in September. Reading logs available at the circulation desk or email us for one.

- 1.) Maine author
- 2.) biography/memoir
- 3.) book written after 2024.
- 4.) book from the lowest shelf anywhere in your library
- 5.) book with a number in the title
- 6.) bonus - any book you choose!

Home School Hangout is on hiatus until September 4th.

Kids' Summer Reading Program

June 19 - July 31 on Fridays, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. *No program on July 3.*

July 31 10:00 am - 12 noon. The Whitten Woods Storywalk Trail by the Wire Bridge for a special summer wrap-up. We will walk the trail and enjoy the story "How to Say Hello to a Worm."

Feel free to BYO lunch and enjoy the river afterward!

Book Club

Just one book for the summer, Fairy Tale by Stephen King. We'll resume monthly gatherings in September to discuss this book and plan our list of fall/winter books.

Books by Donation

Fill a bag for \$5! Come in and grab several to read during long summer days, at camp, at the lake, by the river, or while traveling... it's always a great time to read!

Save these dates:

August 22, UBM (United Bikers of Maine) event at the New Portland fairgrounds. The library will have a table outside the entrance gate with baked goods and home-canned goods; help us feed the bikers whocome from near and far to ride through our beautiful area.

September 12, New Portland Fair and we'll have our "toll booth" along School Street, and our library booth inside the fair Sunday, September 13.

HUGE Thanks to Becky Redlevske for her years of service as our library's board secretary, generously stepping into the position when we sorely needed her. Leisa Emery-Burns is our new secretary; Oceanna Miller is our new vice president, joining our existing president, Wenda Spooner and treasurer, Valencia Schubert. Becky remains on the board as a Member-At-Large. Mindy Newman is our library director for whom we are so grateful.

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Submitted: Beth Perera, Volunteer



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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		INDEPENDENCE DAY	1 NPCL OPEN 3:00-6:00pm PLANNING BOARD 6:30 PM	2 NPCL OPEN 3:00-6:00pm NPCL TRUSTEES MEETING 6:00 PM	3 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00pm	4
5 WMBC SERVICE 10am NPCC SERVICE 10:30am	6	7 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00 SELECTMAN'S MEETING 6:30pm	8 NPCL OPEN 3:00-6:00pm NEW PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT 6:30 PM	9 NPCL OPEN 3:00-6:00pm	10 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00	11 NPCL OPEN 9:00-12:00
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