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TOWN OFFICE HOURS PHONE: 628-4441

The Town Office hours are as follows:

Town Manager: Stacie Rundlett, Ext. 1

Deputy Town Manager: Alicia Wills, Ext. 0

Tax collecting, registrations, hunting & fishing licenses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

First Saturday of each month 8:00 am - noon
(except Holiday weekends)

Town Clerk: Becky Taylor, Ext. 3

Vital statistics & dog licensing

Monday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Deputy Town Clerk: Marilyn Gorman, Ext. 3

Monday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

CEO: Robert Dunphy, Ext. 5

First and third Tuesday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Assessor's Agent: Terri Lamontagne, Ext. 2

Every other Monday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
or call to schedule a meeting

Fire Department: Chief Kip Poulin, Ext. 5

Remember...

- **Selectmen's Meeting**
1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Fire Department Meeting**
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **NP Community Library Hours:**
Mon, Wed, Thurs 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - noon
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
- **Planning Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- **New Portland Water District**
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm
- **School Board Meeting**
1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm
- **Wire Bridge Thrift Shop** open every Saturday
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers (NPCL)**
2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am
- **Writer's Group (NPCL)**
4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm

New Portlander deadline is December 26 by 4:00 pm.

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.

Selectmen

On the **December 6** selectmen's meeting there will be more information provided regarding the risks of SmartMeters for those who may be interested.

If anyone is interested in Eugene Hutchins' position on the school board, please submit a letter of on interest to the selectmen prior to the **December 6** selectmen's meeting.

The Selectmen approved to have the town office **closed on Monday, December 26** in observance of Christmas and on **Monday, January 2** in observance of New Years Day.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 17

Selectmen present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Doug Archer (not present); Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Becky Taylor, Brian Rundlett, Laura and Howard Dunham

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Duane asked the board if a board member will be paid full time if the boardmember does not show up for selectmen's meetings, or if they are late. Andrea stated that they all get paid the same.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 4 selectmen's meeting with the exception that we correct the spelling on Mike Malesky's last name. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Stacie brought a thank you card that was given to the town from the Kingfield Water District. It stated that the Kingfield Water District was very grateful and appreciates us selling them the generator. They said it is set up and running great.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

Stacie also reported that she had received a call last week from Larry Post, who is the County Administrator, and he told her that he wanted to let her know that the County Commissioners have written a letter to Mr. Pinkham, and it stated that they had no authority to make a decision regarding the Mr. Pinkham abatement and that they are rescinding their decision. The town will be getting a copy of the letter.

Andrea stated that she had offered to help Doug with the researching for the town clerk position and how the selectmen could gain some administrative control over that position. Ed asked how much work needed to be done in the town clerk's office. Becky stated that there is a lot of sorting and organizing that needs to be done and finding out what the town clerk's office needs to keep for papers and what can be shredded. Ed had asked Becky why we couldn't have someone come in to help her file and shred papers. Becky stated there are some papers that are not public knowledge, and they are confidential and that it is too unorganized right now to bring someone in. Andrea asked Becky if once things are a bit more organized, if someone then could come in and help out. Becky had stated yes, once it is more organized then someone could come in and help as long as it is only public records that would be handled. There was

a brief discussion on what arrangements could be made for someone to come into the town clerk's office to help out.

Ed brought before the board some questions about zoning. He gave a brief statement about this and how he felt it would benefit the town in the future. Ed asked if the selectmen could approve zoning and Andrea stated that it was all something to think about but would require a town meeting vote.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn, and Wayne had seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the November 1 Selectmen's Meeting as written. ADW

Submitted: Stacey Rundlett

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Selectmen present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Doug Archer
Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Gary Agren, Peter Virgin, Gilbert and Becky Taylor, Brian Rundlett, Ed Boyer, Duane Ricker, Laura and Howard Dunham

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Andrea made a motion to accept the minutes as written with just a couple of changes on the wording. Doug seconded and all were in favor.

Gary stated he was doing some work on upper end of the Middle Road and Hancock Pond Road, and he had blown a tire on the grader. Gary said he is waiting for the tire to be fixed and with weather permitting, if they can get a tire on before the roads freeze up he would like to do more smoothing and repairs up on some of the roads. Gary said he spoke with Frank Manzer regarding the Hancock Pond Road. He said Frank Manzer had suggested that instead of putting 18 inches of gravel on the road that they should put 12 inches and fabric underneath it. Gary said that he had talked to Mike Malesky about doing the survey and putting a centerline on the Hancock Pond Road. Gary said Mike was going to get back to him on whether or not he wanted to take on the job. Gary said the only other place he could think of to do the job was Dirigo Engineering, but he would prefer that Mike Malesky do the job. There was a brief discussion about Gary's budget which has a balance of \$10,346. Gary stated he needed to still pay for the grader tire, and he would like to cut a few trees depending if he had the time or not. If he did not have the time, Gary stated he would like to order culverts for the Hancock Pond Road. Gary had provided a quote of \$4888.84 to purchase the culverts for the Hancock Pond Road.

Brian stated that the dumpster had come in for the fire department and that the firefighters did a great job throwing things out and cleaning the station. Brian said that the department had put 15 firefighters through the EVOC training held at Poland Springs. There was a brief discussion on trainings and state requirements. Brian stated that he, Kip and Wayne would have to discuss who would be able to drive and operate the trucks and that it has to be documented for the State of Maine. Brian said that the State of Maine wants to see on paper that everyone on the department has ten hours of training in each vehicle. Brian had said that due to the fuel they would not be able to have everyone do the ten hours, so that is why they will go through the list to determine who can drive and operate the trucks.

Becky had asked if her booths could be set up for voting. Becky said she is still sorting and going through papers in her office. Becky asked the selectmen to consider more time in her office during voting due to all of the computer and paperwork that needs to be done during that time.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed. Stacie gave the selectmen a list on the status of pending foreclosures. There was a brief discussion about the list. Marilyn had given Stacie a beautiful photograph of a coastal painting that she felt would make a nice picture on the front of the town report. Selectmen agreed that it was a nice picture, and it was okay to put on the town report. This picture is the New Portland town curtain that is housed at Chase Hall.

Doug stated he feels that the town clerk position should be an appointed position, but he also felt that it should be done at a time when they would have the largest amount of people here to vote on it. Doug said he feels it should be something that is voted on at the annual town meeting and not a special town meeting. Doug said that the selectmen need to have a good job description in place before they can gain any control of that position. Andrea said that she agrees with Doug that it should be voted on at the annual town meeting and that a good job description needs to be in place. There was further discussion on this.

Peter Virgin brought up the wind tower ordinance and gave a discussion on this. Doug suggested that the wind tower ordinance should be discussed at the annual town meeting instead of having a special town meeting. Andrea asked Stacie about getting information about a moratorium. Stacie asked that the selectmen keep Nora West notified about any meetings and changes about the wind tower ordinance whereas she has done a great deal of work and research on this.

Andrea made a motion for executive session at 7:42 pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel matters. Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea motioned out of executive session at 8:08 pm.

Andrea motioned to adjourn, and all were in favor at 8:09 pm.

These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the November 21 Selectmen's Meeting as written. ADW

Submitted: Stacey Rundlett

Town Clerk

Nomination papers are ready as of December 8, 2011 for the following positions. These papers are due back in my office by January 17, 2012.

Open positions are:

Town Clerk 3 year term	Municipal Advisory Committee: 5 elected and 2 appointed
Selectman 3 year term	3 years staggered 1- 1 year term position
School Board: 1- 3 year term 1- 2 year term	2- 2 year term position 2- 3 year term position

The selectmen will appoint a person to finish Gene Hutchins term as school board member until The Annual March Town Meeting of 2012.

taking out appointment papers for the two year term will fulfill the last two years of this position.

Appeals Board:

A 1- 3 year term and 2 alternates are needed.

Submitted: Becky Taylor, Town Clerk

New Portland Community Library

Some residents from Edgewood Manor in Farmington recently came to see our latest art show in the library "FLIGHT" with several local home schoolers there to greet them. After a pleasant visit with tea and cookies, our guests, led by Dotti Carter, each chose an adjective, and then drew a bird from the collection using the adjective as their muse. It was a lovely afternoon. Everyone was encouraged to take out a free library card, and many did using those cards to check out lots of books and movies.

Friends of the Library - Activity Night November 16 was a big success. We had fly tying workshop and holiday arrangements available for our patrons. Over 30 children, ladies, and gents came to learn how to tie a fly or create a holiday arrangement. Refreshments and conversations were enjoyed by all. Thank you to Tom Gagnon, Brad Smith and Tom Wilkey for sharing your fly tying techniques and Shelby and Arlene for your arrangement advice. You all made the evening fun. Arlene Newell won the flies which were previously donated by Tom, Brad, and Greg Drummond. We will not be holding a December Activity Night. The next one will be January 18. Scrapbooking with Shelby. She will be teaching creative ways to use your photos.

Knitwits - Our Knitwit and Happy Hooker groups will not be meeting in December either. We will start new projects in the new year. Those dates are January 12 and January 26, 10:00 am - noon at the library. If the weather is bad, we will not be meeting.

100 Club Winners for October: Laura Dunham, Jennifer Moes, Nora West, Trantens, Dallas Landry, Donna Pride, John Bryant, Ella Clague, Deb Clague, Joan Moes, Joye Earl, Rev. James Taylor, and Stacie Rundlett. Congratulations.

Book Club - We will resume discussions on January 12 at 6:30 pm. If you need a copy of *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer, please call Kay Michka at 628-2014.

From Shelby, the librarian - Did you know that Donn Fendler and Lynne Plourde teamed up with illustrator Ben Bishop to create a graphic novel based on Fendler's popular book *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*? Come into the library and check out *Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness*. Also available are the first four graphic novels in Jeff Smith's *Bone* series.

The library is still looking for donations for our Children's Book Fund. We would love it if anyone is looking at making a tax deductible donation to the library for books. The holidays are quickly approaching and we know that finances are tight, but a book for the library is a gift that the whole community can enjoy. Donations can be made to the New Portland Community Library at 899 River Road. Please include a note that states "Children's Book Fund". Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Children and parents can join Shelby on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 to 11:00 am to make ornaments and decorations to help decorate the library tree and also some for home. We'll have hot cocoa

and cookies and lots of supplies for bunches of fun!

The library will be closed on Saturday, December 24. Have a safe, joyful holiday season!

Submitted: Kay Michka

Recreation Committee

RECREATION MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2011

Members present: Cindy Atwood, Colby Atwood, Jessie Campbell, Stacie Rundlett and Judi Wills.

An agenda was set.

Playground - Discussion was held regarding any problems areas that needed to be finished. The basketball backboards and hoops were put up. The nets will be put up next spring. The area is usable now. There has been increased activity on the playground, and we have had positive comments about the area. We have received the signs for the area and will be put up soon. Discussion was held about the plaques with the names of people who gave contributions to support the playground. This will be done and put on the area next spring.

Sleigh Ride - Jessi discussed that Kenneth Atwood would pull the trailer for the people to ride on December 4. The trailer will have hay upon it. The ride will start from the Community Building parking lot at 4:00 pm. The direction of the ride will be decided at that time. Cindy Atwood will bring songbooks to share with people. The ride will return to the community parking lot around 5:00 pm in time for citizens to enjoy the community dinner.

Community Dinner - This will be held the same day, December 4, 2011. The dinner will start at 5:00 pm. The committee organized all the tasks and people were assigned to what they would be doing. The menu was reviewed and dessert was decided upon. Discussion about bringing food to people who had no transportation or were homebound. Members will ask in the community and try to get names, so people can be called and asked if they would like to have a dinner delivered.

Ideas were talked about for future events for the winter. Next meeting will be January 18, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully: Judi Wills

Announcement

Holiday Craft Sale will be held Saturday December 3, 2011 at the New Portland Fire Station, 911 River Road, New Portland. Santa arrives at 10:00 am. Lunch will be available. This is made available by the New Portland Historical Society.

Submitted: Marilyn Gorman

Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

Just a reminder, membership dues are due, if you haven't already paid them.

Happy holidays to all.

The November meeting was called to order with twelve members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

TRAIL MASTER'S REPORT: Kendall reported that the municipal grant had been approved. He also has ordered the bridge planking, and it should be delivered soon. Lewis reported that the bridge on the Wire Bridge trail had survived the hurricane waters. Kendall and Lewis will check on the signs that we already have and will then send in an order to get what we need to get us through the season. Kevin had checked into the possibility of receiving grant money to help fix bridges. Kendall reported that one grant was a community development grant to help bring in more businesses or to improve business climate in a municipality, and the other grant was through FEMA to fix something damaged in a storm or hurricane. Chuck reported that the insurance had been paid for the groomer for the season.

NEW BUSINESS: Janine White has volunteered to be social director. The club has started an adopt a trail program. At the meeting, members signed up to maintain a certain section of our snowmobile trails. Kendall reminded people to keep track of their time spent working on the trails and to give him the dates and number of hours worked. If you are interested in adopting a section of trail, contact Kendall.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Our next meeting, December 17, will be the annual Christmas party. Each member brings in a gift to be swapped. The party will start after the business meeting. Also, each member is asked to bring in refreshments to be shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting December 17, at the fire station meeting room, starting at 6:30 pm with Christmas party afterwards.

Submitted: Joyce Knowles, Secretary

Citizen's Corner

Karolinska Institutet
Department of Neuroscience
Experimental Dermatology Unit

Stockholm, November 21, 2011

To: The Selectmen, Town of New Portland, Maine

I understand that the Town of New Portland will have installed about 1,000 new "Smart Meters" on homes by your utility company [CMP] sometime in January 2012. This is being done without adequate sharing of information with the public.

I work as an Associate Professor at the Karolinska Institute. We are world-famous for our Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, which we have awarded many times to your fellow countrymen and women. I also hold a Professorship at the Royal Institute of Technology that is closely tied to the Nobel Prizes in Physics and Chemistry. I have been studying the health effects of wireless technology, such as "Smart Meters" and cell phones, for many years; and I have also published numerous scholarly articles.

Wireless communications is now being implemented quite rapidly in our daily lives. At the same time, it is becoming more and more obvious that exposure to the electromagnetic fields [EMFs] result in highly unwanted health effects. This has been demonstrated in a very large number of studies that include: cellular DNA-damage (which may lead to an initiation of cancer as well as mutations that carry down the generations); disruptions and alterations of cellular functions (like increases in intracellular pathways and calcium han-

dling; disruption of tissue structures – such as the blood-brain barrier which may allow toxins to enter the brain); impact on vessel and immune function; and loss of fertility. It should also be noted that we are not the only species at jeopardy – practically all animals and plants may also be at risk.

Since these effects are reproducibly observed and links to pathology cannot be excluded, the importance of the Precautionary Principle must be in force in the implementation of these new technologies within society. Therefore, policy makers and community-elected leaders should strictly control or ban exposure by defining biologically-based maximal exposure guidelines. This must be done using independent research and take into account long-term, non-thermal effects and should include especially vulnerable groups such as: pregnant women, the elderly, the ill, children and fetuses, the genetically and/or immunologically challenged, and persons with the functional impairment electrohypersensitivity (which in Sweden is a fully recognized functional impairment, and therefore receives an annual governmental disability subsidy).

Prompted by all these serious concerns, a group of international experts recently published a very important paper, "The Seletun Scientific Statement" (2010). Among its points are:

1. Low-intensity (non-thermal) bio-effects and adverse health effects are demonstrated at levels significantly below existing and outdated exposure levels.
2. ICNIRP/WHO and IEEE/FCC public safety limits are inadequate and obsolete with respect to prolonged, low-intensity exposure.
3. New, biologically-based public exposure standards are urgently needed to protect public health worldwide.
4. EMR exposure should be reduced now rather than waiting for proof of harm before acting.
5. There is a need for mandatory pre-market assessment of emissions before deployment of new wireless technologies. There should be convincing evidence that products do not cause health harm before marketing.
6. The use of telephone lines (land-lines) or fiber-optic cables for SmartGrid type energy conservation infrastructure is recommended. Utilities should choose options that do not create new, community-wide exposures from wireless components of SmartGrid-type projects. Further health risks from prolonged or repetitive wireless exposure of SmartGrid-type systems may be avoided by using fiber-optic cables. Energy conservation is endorsed, but not at the risk of exposing millions of families in their homes to a new and involuntary source of wireless frequency radiation, the effect of which, long-term, on their health is not yet known.

Many "Smart Meters" are located close to beds, kitchens, playrooms, and other similar places. These wireless systems are never off; and the exposure is not voluntary. These so-called "Smart Meters" are being forced on citizens everywhere. Based on this, the inauguration of these meters with involuntary exposure of millions to billions of human beings to pulsed microwave radiation should immediately be prohibited until the "Red Flag" can be hauled down once and for all.

The recent determination of the World Health Organization [WHO] to include radiofrequency radiation on the 2B list of carcinogens also

applies to devices such as "Smart Meters". On September 4, 2008, the European Parliament voted 522 to 16 to recommend tighter safety standards for cell phones. In light of the growing body of scientific evidence implicating cell phone use with brain tumors, the Parliament said: "The limits on exposure to electromagnetic fields which have been set for the general public are obsolete." The European Parliament "was greatly concerned at the Bioinitiative International Report concerning EMFs, which summarize over 1,500 studies on that topic which points in its conclusion to the health risks posed by emissions from mobile-telephone devices such as mobile telephones, Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, and Bluetooth, and also DECT landline telephones". And now again, and more firmly and seriously repeated, in the form of WHO's recent cancer classification.

I would urge your community to protect your citizens by using the Precautionary Principle.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Yours sincerely,

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NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR
DECEMBER 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Cajun Christmas Children's Story hour 10am NPCL	2	3 Town Office Open 8 am - noon 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Sale, Santa at 10am Fire Station
4 North Village Church 11:00 am Sleigh Ride 4 pm Community Dinner 5 pm Community Room	5	6 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	7 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Planning Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	8 Knitwits & Happy Hookers 10:00 am NPCL NPCL Book Club 6:30 pm	9	10 Library Childen's Hour: Making Holiday Ornaments & Decorations 10-11 am NPCL
11 North Village Church 11:00 am	12	13 Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm Library Board of Trustees NPCL 6:00 pm	14 Water District Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Sno-Travelors Meeting & Christmas Party 6:30 pm Community Room
18 North Village Church 11:00 am	19 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Library Closed
25 <i>Sherry Christmas</i>	26	27 Fire Dept. Meeting 6:30 pm	28	29	30	31