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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 January 25 by 4:00 pm.

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

**Dallas Landry • PO Box 34, North New Portland, ME 04961**  
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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

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Selectmen present: Andrea Reichert, Wayne Rundlett, Doug Archer; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Brian Rundlett, Bob Dunphy, Dr. Perlingieri

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm.

Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting. Wayne made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written; Andrea seconded and all were in favor.

The selectmen were asked to schedule a date and time with the assessors agents due to land and tax info issues that the assessors' agents have discovered. A meeting has been set for Saturday, December 3, at 8:30 am.

Andrea read off the resignation letter from Eugene Hutchins. He has chosen to resign from the school board due to personal issues, effective November 30. The selectmen will appoint someone until the next election. There was a discussion to put something in the *New Portlander* for those who may be interested, and they can submit a letter prior to the next selectmen's meeting which is December 6 so the selectmen can appoint someone.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed. The status of pending foreclosures was reviewed. There will be one more letter sent out regarding the foreclosures to give people a chance to respond by the mid month selectmen's meeting on December 19.

Stacie asked the selectmen if the town office would be closed the day after Christmas which is a Monday. The selectmen all agreed 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.

The selectmen decided to hold off on the moratorium regarding the wind tower ordinance. There was a brief discussion on this.

The New Portland community dinner is being held on Sunday, December 4. The dinner is at 5:00 pm after the Yuletide ride and help is needed for serving the meal.

Andrea said Gary spoke to her about Dirigo Engineering. Gary said he had spoken to Dirigo Engineering about the Hancock Pond Road, and they estimated a quote of \$4,000 for the section of road 1300 feet in length towards town. Gary said although Dirigo Engineering estimated the \$4000, if there were any issues such as land dispute, it would not go over \$8,000 which is the cost that the threshold is for putting it out to bid. There was a brief discussion on this. The selectmen decided to wait until the next selectmen's meeting to finalize a decision on the Dirigo Engineering survey.

Stacie said she had spoken with Rosella Pinkham and her inquiry about possibly having a street light at the end of the George E. Cole Road on the sharp corner. Rosella said in the summer time it isn't too bad due to the garage light at Morton's, but the Mortons go away in the winter; it is very dark and dangerous on that corner in the winter time. There was a brief discussion about this.

Dr. Perlingieri spoke with the selectmen about her concern with CMP Smart Meters coming into town. She stated some information and

provided research regarding the issue. There was a discussion about the information and concerns. Doug asked Dr. Perlingieri if she had considered putting together a meeting such as the concerned citizens group had done in the past. Dr. Perlingieri stated no, due to her limited connections in the area, but she is willing to do it. The selectmen agreed to have something put in the *New Portlander* stating that there will be more information about the Smart Meters at the next selectmen's meeting on December 6, and to possibly have a representative from CMP if CMP was available to come and explain and give more information on the Smart Meters.

Andrea made a motion for executive session at 7:46 pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel matters.

Andrea motioned out of executive session at 7:55 pm.

Andrea motioned to adjourn, and all were in favor at 7:56 pm.

*These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the December 6 Selectmen's meeting as written. ADW*

#### **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 2011.**

Selectmen present: Doug Archer, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert; Present: Stacie Rundlett, Alicia Wills, Kip Poulin, Becky Taylor, Duane Ricker, Ed Boyer, Marilyn Gorman, Jim and Jane Heichel, Al and Mary Bolduc, Frank Merrill, Elfriede Wulf, Dr. Perlingieri

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Doug motioned to accept the minutes from November 21 as written, Wayne seconded and all were in favor.

Becky said that they have made big progress with the CVR system.

Kip stated that he submitted payroll. He said once they get the remaining balance amount he would like to have repairs made on the trucks. There was a brief discussion about the incident reports submitted.

Stacie said that Gary called as he was unable to make the meeting. He asked Stacie to pass the word along to the selectmen that if they had any questions for him to please give him a call. Andrea said she read the copy of the Dirigo Engineering paperwork. The selectmen wanted a firmer quote instead of the estimate of between \$4,000 and \$8,000. Doug asked about setting up a public hearing on the matter and have something published in the *New Portlander*. The selectmen decided to schedule a public hearing sometime in February and would set the actual date and time in January.

A/P and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed. A work session was scheduled for December 29, 2011, at 3:30 pm. Stacie said Polly MacMichael will be coming to the December 19 selectmen's meeting to do a web review on the town's new website with the selectmen and all appropriate department heads.

Al had suggested that the selectmen raise their voices when speaking so that everyone can hear during a meeting. He also said he did not receive his *New Portlander* until Monday, December 5, and he had missed the community dinner on Sunday because he was unaware of the date and time. There was a brief discussion about the delivery of the *New Portlander* from the post office and possibly inquiring about changing the submission date for the *New Portlander*.

Andrea asked the citizens that were present at the meeting if they were all here for the discussion on CMP Smart Meters. The citizens said they wanted to know more about the Smart Meters. Duane said his son has a smart meter in North Anson and that CMP was sending out a driver to read the meter as they are not working properly. Alicia said CMP has also been sending drivers to read her meter because it is not working properly, and CMP said they could not reach a signal on New Portland Hill Road right now for the Smart Meters. Dr. Perlingieri presented her research and information to the selectmen and the citizens regarding the

smart meters. Andrea told Dr. Perlingieri that a representative from CMP was unable to attend the meeting to speak on CMP's behalf. There was a lengthy discussion about the Smart Meters and the concerns on having them installed. There was discussion about having a moratorium. Stacie explained what needed to be done to have a moratorium, which includes a draft ordinance being written up and the wording would have to be proper and exact and that the town would have to invest to have an attorney to draw up the paperwork. Then there would have to be a public meeting and a special town meeting and the moratorium is 180 days and can be extended for another 180 days. Stacie said CMP came to a selectmen's meeting four to five months ago to explain about the smart meters and that they had planned on having them installed in town by January 2012. She explained that the town would not be able to meet the deadline of the moratorium before they are to be installed. There was more discussion on the citizens simply choosing to opt out on having a smart meter installed. Dr. Perlingieri stated she will still try and get more information on the risks, more scientific knowledge and also try to ban the Smart Meters from coming into town. Al asked that the selectmen take note about how many citizens showed up at the selectmen's meeting regarding this issue.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:47 pm; Wayne seconded, all were in favor.

*These minutes are just a draft summary from the meeting and were approved at the December 19 Selectmen's Meeting as written. ADW*

*Submitted: Stacey Rundlett*

## **New Portland Community Library**

**Library Activities:** Friends of the Library will be holding an Activity Night on January 18, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy "Scrapbooking with Shelby." Learn creative ways to use your photos. Refreshments, extra photos, and supplies will be available. Enjoy a fun filled evening with your neighbors.

Knitwits will be meeting at the library on January 12 and again on January 26 from 10:00 am - 12 noon. Join us for a relaxing, fun morning. Refreshments will be available, too.

**100 Club Winners for November:** John Bryant, Robert Whitten, Donna Pride, Tranten's, Jim and Jane Heichel, Irene Berry, Tom Kannally, Camden National Bank, Ed and Bonnie Jesteadt, Ezra Pease, and Barbara Bruno.

Taking down the art shows that have been studied, enjoyed, photographed, discussed, and appreciated for three months is always a nostalgic time. And there is something so compelling about seeing Hugh Verrier's winged creatures flying across our walls, surrounded with stunning photos of our local natural beauty that makes it all the more so. The new art show in mid-January will feature the magical paintings of Julieanne Reed, which feels like a smooth transition. Please come by and enjoy! Artist reception, when you can meet Julieanne and ask questions galore, to be announced.

**Librarian's News:** Did you know that the library has free access to a website called Ancestry.com? If you've been looking for information about your family history, this is a tremendous site that you will want to check out.

Use of the library can save you a bundle. If you were to check out two hardcover books, a paperback, a couple of children's books, a magazine, and three movies, you'd be saving about \$85.00 a month. The cost of going out and purchasing those items, a little at a time, over the course of a month, can sneak right up on you. Come in and see what we have to offer.

The library has been decorated for the holiday season. Thanks to Bern and Arlene Newell for donating the two wreaths that are hanging outside the library and thanks to the children who helped make ornaments for the tree.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the library, stop by or give Shelby a call at 628-6561. I am looking for people to help at the desk, shelve books, help with a story hour, and a whole lot more. I am always looking for suggestions and ideas to help the library grow!

Our hours are 4:00 – 6:00 pm, M-W-Th and 10 am - noon on Saturday. We are located across from the Town Office at 899 River Road.

Patron of the Month for November was Jamie Martel. Congratulations!

Book Club Reminder: January 12 marks the first 2012 discussion for the NPCL Book Club at 6:30 pm. We will meet to discuss *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer. Contact Kay Michka at 628-2014 if you need help finding a copy.

*Submitted by Pete Bearor, Lolly Phoenix, Shelby Newell, & Kay Michka*

## Wire Bridge Sno-Travelors

December Meeting - Members present: Dave (president), Lewis (vice president), Judi (Treasurer), Ken, Janine White. Kendall & Joyce were unable to attend. Agenda for the meeting was set.

1. Discussion on trail work: Lewis stated the bridge planks were delivered.
2. Trail work was done to reroute the trail behind the old elementary school to the Airport Road. Due to a beaver dam having flooded the trail to Gilman Pond, a new trail needed to be blazed. Landowner permission was obtained. Bushing has been started, more needs to be done. The trail to Gilman Pond will take off from that trail further along. It will change direction to the airfield, work of bushing and signing needs to be done. Lewis has put up all the stakes marking the trail across the airfield.
3. Trail work was done to replace the bridge on the trail in East New Portland that goes to New Portland Hill. Gilbert Taylor's excavator was hired to do the digging and Lewis used his Kabota to lift the bridge and replace it.
4. Trail work on ITS 84E off the Colegrove Road was done by Lewis. Mark Wahl was hired to fix the area that was destroyed by storm water and rebuilt the trail. On Sunday December 18, Lewis brought the bridge planks to the site and Ken White and his two sons built the bridge. This was completed.
5. Lewis reported that the groomer was started and maintenance work and servicing needs to be done.
6. Adopt-a-Trail has members being responsible to sign, brush or report any problems with the trails to Kendall or Lewis. Lewis advises signing needs to follow MSA guidelines, if people are unsure, please contact Kendall or Lewis. People need to keep track of their time working on trails and the name of the trail, and report this to Kendall.
7. It was reported that lumbering is being done on Welcome Hill Trail again this winter. Signing will be done to state this. It was stated that there was a washout on the Atwood Hill Trail, this needs to be checked.

No other business was brought up, meeting adjourned. Annual Christmas party was held. **Next Meeting January 21, 2012.**

*Submitted: Judi Wills*

## Community Churches

Western Mountains Baptist Church: It's the New Year and a time to make positive lifestyle changes, a time for new beginnings. This year have you thought about making a New Year's resolution regarding your faith? Maybe you have been thinking it is time to get involved with a church again, to renew your relationship with God or to find a Bible study where you feel comfortable. Or, maybe you have a desire to learn more about what attending church and reading the Bible are all about and are unsure where to begin.

Whether you are just beginning your spiritual journey, or you have not been involved with a church for awhile; know that at Western Mountains Baptist Church on Route 27 in New Portland, you will be welcomed. Western Mountains Baptist Church offers numerous opportunities to connect with other people who are interested in learning about the Bible, growing in their faith, and being in relationship with one another. Consider attending a Sunday morning service or any of the other Bible studies offered throughout the week.

Regularly scheduled Sunday morning church services begin at 10:00 am. Earlier in the morning, there is a 9:00 am adult Sunday school class and a women's Bible study class. There are also two Sunday school classes for children held at 9:00 am — one for kindergarten through third grade and another for grades four through six. Additionally, there is a teen study, grades seven through twelve.

Women studies held during the week include Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in Kingfield, Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in Kingfield, Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 pm in Freeman Township, and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm in Kingfield.

Men's studies are held Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the church in New Portland. Men also meet monthly for a man-sized Men's Breakfast with lots of bacon.

On Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm, there is a potluck dinner and then an adult Bible study in Freeman Township. Also, on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, there is a Youth Group opportunity for grades 7 through 12 held at the Western Mountains Baptist Church.

If getting out to attend church or a Bible study doesn't work for you, there is a CD Ministry that provides the weekly messages free of charge. Pastor Tom's sermons are recorded and made available by listening on the church's website or sign-up to have the CDs mailed to your home.

In whatever way you decide to begin the New Year, consider visiting Western Mountains Baptist Church where you are welcomed at any season in your life and at any time of year. For more information on attending a church service or to get involved in one of our Bible studies call Pastor Tom DuBois at 557-3802, call Betsy at 678-2328, visit our website at [www.westernmountainschurch.com](http://www.westernmountainschurch.com), or drop by the Western Mountains Baptist Church any Sunday morning.

*Submitted: Crystal Fitch*

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# NEW PORTLANDER CALENDAR JANUARY 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Town Office Open 8 am - noon
8 North Village Church 11:00 am	9	10 NPCL Board of Trustees 6:00 – 7:00 pm at NPCL Fire Dept. Mtg 6:30 pm	11 School Board Mtg 6:00 pm Planning Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	12 Knitwits at 10 – 12 at NPCL NPCL Book Club 6:30 pm	13	14
15 North Village Church 11:00 am	16 Selectmen's Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18 Activity Night NPCL 6:30 pm. Water District Mtg 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Sno-Travelors 6:30 pm
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