

# The Reading Informer

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## The Reading Giving Tree Project

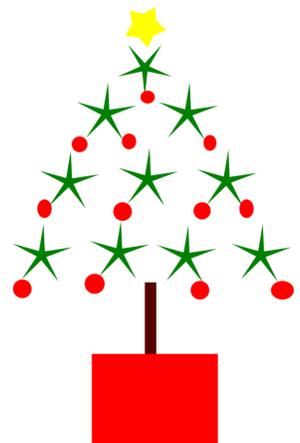
Help make wishes come true for local families.

With the help of the food shelf and many kind souls in our community, we will be providing boxes of food and also gifts to many local families, seniors and children. At the Reading Town Hall a *Giving Tree* has been set up noting gifts desired for specific children. Cards have been placed on the tree indicating the age and gender of the children. We are hoping that people will stop in to select a card, purchase a gift and return it to the Town Clerk. Please return all unwrapped gifts by December 10th.

If you can't shop, but would like to give, you may help by giving a check made out to "Reading Seniors" and mailing it to the Town Clerk, PO Box 72, Reading VT. 05062.

Thank you in advance for anything that you can do to help brighten a family's holiday.

Sara Norcross and the staff at the Reading  
– West Windsor Food Shelf





**Joy to the World!**

It's the Holiday Season in Reading!  
**"Caroling & Cocoa", Friday, December 18th**

Sponsored by the Reading Library and the  
Reading Recreation Commission

We'll gather at the Library at 6:30 pm and then venture through the village spreading good cheer with song and laughter. We'll return for goodies, hot chocolate, a story and a visit from a special guest! Song books will be provided, just bring a flashlight or headlamp.

**"Best Decorated House in Reading" Contest.**

Start channeling your inner "Griswald" and decorate your home. If you wish to be in the competition please let the Town Clerk know by calling 484-7250, by 12/17. We will need your name, 911 street address and phone number. Please make sure your entry is "lit up" by 6 p.m.

While the caroling is going on, a panel of judges will be traveling throughout Reading to pick a winner. The winning location will receive a **\$50.00 gift certificate** to the Reading Greenhouse.



GOOD LUCK

# Community Dinner

Wednesday

December 2, 2015

Reading Town Hall

**Noon**



Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Twice Baked Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Dessert and Beverage

Seniors (60) \$4.00      All others \$5.00

Please make reservations by 11/30, by calling  
Tom & Calista Brennan at 484-0276

Town Reports and FY2017 budget requests \$\$\$\$\$\$  
Please be advised that any requests by our local organiza-  
tions for funds from the Town Budget must be submitted to  
the town treasurer by December 15, 2015.

Organization reports to be included in the Town Report  
must be submitted to the town office by December 30th.  
Thank you for your cooperation on this so that we can do a  
great job for you creating your town report.



# Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Mark Biathrow, Calista Brennan, and Tayloe Denton.

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. There were no changes

Minutes of the October 12th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 10/31/15, Expenses were \$64,640.26; Revenue was \$1,538,008.49. Balance in LSB \$167,250.25 and balance in the sweep account \$1,816,828.02 for a total of \$1,984,078.27. Delinquent taxes for 2011-15 are \$189,887.35 of which some have been paid. Gordy moved to approve and Robert seconded. Report is accepted.

## Action Items:

**Town Hill Water Drainage:** Tayloe Denton was here to talk about the drainage problems on her property. Robert explained how and why this is set up the way it is. There was some discussion on putting a culvert underground across Tayloe's property to help with the water flow on Town Hill Road. She and the Selectboard will talk more about the details on this.

**Mill Brook Watershed Joint Presentation:** Dan Potter will be going over this at the Planning Commission's meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Selectboard will be attending that meeting.

**Town Farm Bridge Engineering Status:** Robert, and Gordy will be meeting with Peter Holden on Wednesday (11/11/12) at 8:00AM at the bridge.

**Public Works Garage Painting:** Painting is underway by inmates from the Windsor County Correctional Facility.

**Highways:** The loader is back. There are some questions on the invoice, Robert will talk with E W Sleeper about this. Cleaning of the ditches went well with a blower. Winter sand is in place.

**Grand List Changes:** Due to Current Use easy out option by the State, there were four (4) changes to the Grand List. Parcels effected are 1075, 2094, 1064 and 1035 with a net decrease of \$222,421. Gordy made a motion to approve and Robert seconded.

**December Meeting Date:** The selectmen agreed to move their meeting to December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. They will then join the Planning Commission meeting for the presentation on Mill Brook Watershed.

**Other: Stone Chimney Property:** Dana Waters of Dark Horse Realty has listed this property.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan

## Local Property Transfers



Michael S. Bomstein & Margaret M. deMarteleire to Frank & Kelly DiMeo  
121 Hidden Lane                      63 Acres                      \$129,000



Bruce, Steven & Jeffrey Kendall to  
Rachel Navaro, Sebastian Frank, & Michael & Nanchen Scully  
Vt Rte 106                      91.37 Acres                      \$216,000



J. David Laughlin Trust to Peter K. & Kimann R. Vollers  
419 Baileys Mills Road              House & 75.56 Acres              \$450,000

## Reading Friends and Neighbors .....

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their help and contributions with this years Reading Fright Night- Eli & Sam Mitchell, Marian Brody, Ben & Sam Blanchard, Molly Brockman, Leah & Stephen Titus, Steve, Madison & Kennedy Moore, Pam, Matt & Kyle Barnes, Hannah Sheehan, Milde Waterfall, Calista Brennan, Esther & Robert Allen, Diane Bennett, Gretel Schuck, David Fuller, Scott & Melissa Baumann, Caleb & Andy Palazzo, Lisa Wesinger, Maria & Gabby Shontz, Riley & JD Cross, Top of the World Dairy 4H, Reading Library, Tony Pikramenos, Reading Greenhouse, Windsor Pizza, Newmans Own.

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The Town of Reading thanks Kevin, Chris and Diane for all of their hard work putting this together. It was another amazing Fright Night.

## Volunteer Wanted .....Town Auditor Vacancy

Per the Vermont Statute, the town auditor plays a vital role in preserving the democratic nature of Vermont's local government by ensuring that local officials are accountable for their expenditures of the taxpayers' money. It is the auditor's job to review the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review.

The town auditors meet the first Saturday of each month at the Town Office at 9 a.m. Our current auditors are Channing Smith and Rayna Bishop. This position will be filled by the Select-board as a term until March of 2016 at which time the position will be elected at Town Meeting.

If you have an interest in learning about this position or serving as an auditor please contact Calista at the Town Office at 484-7250.

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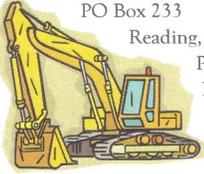
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**Weathersfield Transfer Station**  
**Price of a "PUNCH" has risen from \$2.50 to \$3.50**

**On 10/21/15 the Town was given notice that the Weathersfield Select Board voted to raise the price of a "punch" at the Weathersfield Transfer Station from \$2.50 to \$3.50 effective on October 26, 2015. Punch cards that you purchase from the Reading Town Office will be: 5 punch card \$17.50 and a 10 punch card will be \$35.00.**

## Librarian's Note

Join us at the town library for a free program, "Caroling & Cocoa," on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. We'll make our way around the village, spreading good cheer, then return to the library for some goodies, a Christmas story, and a visit from a special visitor. Song books will be provided; bring a flashlight or headlamp. This event is offered cooperatively by the Reading Recreation Commission and the Reading Public Library. For more information, call the library.

The library carries Consumer Reports magazine, which rates everything from cars to cell phones. We keep a year's worth of issues here for perusal or for loan. Because there are no ads in the magazine, Consumer Reports is beholden to no one but us, the consumers. They have an extensive website, as well, but charge an annual fee to use it fully. The library has access. If you'd like to see about a product that hasn't been covered in the magazine recently, drop in and I'll get you onto the site free.

The library continues to host a book discussion group. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, at 12:30 p.m. The group will be discussing Elena Ferrante's novel *The Story of a New Name*. Feel free to bring your lunch. Participants are providing their own books for these programs. I can perhaps get one or two copies via interlibrary loan on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Board of Trustees meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. here at the library. We want to remind folks that the meetings are open to anyone who wants to sit in. There is an opportunity during meetings for visitors to speak about concerns they may have or to offer suggestions; we encourage either, or both.

Libraries offer the human touch. They offer not only online resources, but also personal assistance in making the most of those resources. There is no quality control on the Internet—anything goes. Librarians provide guidance to folks seeking accurate and timely information. They clear the path, pointing you toward the specific information you need. They help you untangle the Web. Google can get you a thousand answers, but librarians can get you the right answer. So ask us a question about anything. If we don't have the answer, we'll direct you to someone who does.

As of this writing, the response to our annual appeal letter has been strong. I'd like to thank all the folks who are giving. Your ongoing support for the library really means a lot.

Cordially,  
Tony

*Reading Public Library. Tues. 12-3:30 p.m. & 4-7; Thurs. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 2-5; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mail: P.O. Box 7, Reading, VT 05062. Tel. 802-484-5588. E-mail: reading.public.library@comcast.net. Web: www.readinglibrary.org. The board meets the last Tues. of each mth. at 6 p.m. Wi-Fi 24/7.*

## Meeting Schedule

### Board of Selectmen

Second Monday  
6:00 PM at Town Office

### Elementary School Board

Third Wednesday  
6:00 PM at Reading School

### Planning Commission/ZBA

First Monday  
7:00 PM at Town Office

### Fire Dept Auxiliary

First Monday  
7:00 PM at Fire Station

### P.T.O.

Third Monday  
6:30 PM at Reading School

### R.A.T.S

2nd Wednesday  
7:00 PM at Fire Station

### Library Trustees

Last Tuesday  
6:00 PM at Library

### Fire Department

First Tuesday  
7:00 PM at Fire Station

### Reading Rescue

First Tuesday  
7:00 PM at Fire Station

### Little Ascutney

**Snowmobile Club**  
Second Thursday at 7PM  
Sept - April, at Fire Station

### EC Fiber

Second Tuesday at 7pm  
Oaks Hall 1st floor of Law  
School  
In S. Royalton, VT

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

*Fire and Ambulance 911  
State Police 457-1416*

**Town Clerk/Treasure Office**  
484-7250

Mon—Thurs 8am-4pm  
First Saturday of the Month: 9am-12pm  
Website: [www.readingvt.govoffice.com](http://www.readingvt.govoffice.com)  
Email: [readingvermont@comcast.net](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net)

**Post Office**  
484-5994

**Retail Counter**  
Monday – Friday  
9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm  
Saturday Retail Counter  
9:00 to 12:00

**Lobby**  
Monday – Friday  
8 am to 5 pm  
Saturday  
8am to 12pm

**Library**  
484-5588  
Tuesday 12:00 to 3:30, 4:00 to 7:00  
Thursday 10:00 to 1:30, 2:00 to 5:00  
Saturday 10:00 to 2:00

**Listers**  
Call for appointment – 484-7258  
Email: [rtownhall\\_464@comcast.net](mailto:rtownhall_464@comcast.net)

**Reading Elementary School**  
484-7230  
**Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits**

## Reading– West Windsor Food Shelf

**Monday 2:00 to 4:00 (Food Shelf)**  
**Thursday 4:00 to 6:00 (Thrift Store & Food Shelf)**

Located at 3456 Tyson Road  
in South Reading  
at the Stone School House

The Thrift Store is open to anyone, not just  
food shelf members. Please feel free to stop in

Inquiries please contact  
Sara Norcross 484-5097

Dana Waters 802-291-3299

To send a donation please mail to:

**Reading– West Windsor Food Shelf**  
**PO Box 384 Brownsville, VT 05037**

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we can e-mail a copy to you.  
Send the Town Clerk an e-mail  
at  
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to request this.

Know the history of your town

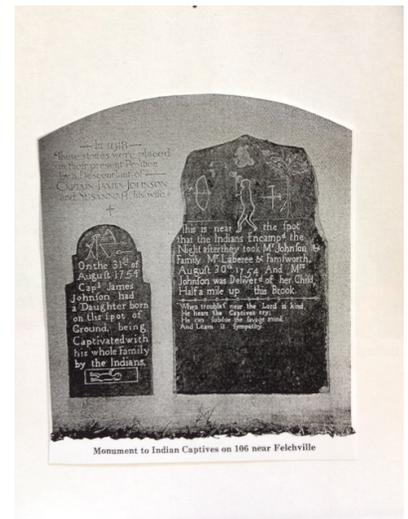
## Elizabeth Captive Johnson: Her Name is Her History

On August 30, 1754, with the French and Indian (or Seven Years' War) raging, Indians attacked Fort No. 4 in Charlestown, New Hampshire, and took several captives. The next morning, one of the unlucky settlers gave birth to a girl on the banks of the Knapp Brook. Elizabeth Captive Johnson was one of the first white children to be born in what is now Vermont, specifically Reading, Vermont. The Indian Stones off the road on Route 106 North commemorate her birth. The Indians took Elizabeth, her parents, and the rest of the captives to Montreal where they were ransomed to the French and later freed.

Reading has a history all its own! And you can be part of it by joining the Reading Historical Society. For more information, contact Calista Brennan at 484-0276

Reading Historical Society, Stephen D'Agostino

Preserving the Past for the Future



Source: *Vermont: A Guide to the Green Mountain State*,  
[historicsites.vermont.gov](http://historicsites.vermont.gov)



***You're Invited to Attend***



***The Annual Holiday Concert***  
**presented by the Reading Elementary Students**

December 10, Thursday at 6PM  
At the Town Hall Theater  
All are welcome.

This year's concert will be a multi-cultural musical celebration about a town that comes to life each year when people volunteer to paint the storefront windows of every business, celebrating all of the events that occur in December.

Making purchases through **Amazon** ?— please select the option for Amazon **SMILE** when ordering. Select <https://smile.amazon.com/> and choose Reading Parent Teacher Organization Reading PTO.

At Amazon Smile, you shop on Amazon like you normally do, and when you make a purchase, Amazon will donate 0.5% of that purchase to the charitable organization you choose. There is no additional cost to you and you are making a contribution to the Reading PTO.

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## December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 Fire &amp; Rescue 7 p.m.</i>	<i>2 Senior Dinner Noon</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7 Selectboard 6 p.m. Planning Board 7 pm</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 School Concert 6 pm at Town Hall</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16 RES Schoolboard 6pm</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18 Library Caroling 6:30 PM</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21 School Vacation</i>	<i>22 Library Mtg. 6 p.m. at Library</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28 School Vacation</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		