



The Reading Informer

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Reading Holiday Craft Fair
December 3, 2016
9AM to 2PM
Robinson Hall



Find perfect gifts for people on your
holiday shopping list!

Jewelry

Candles

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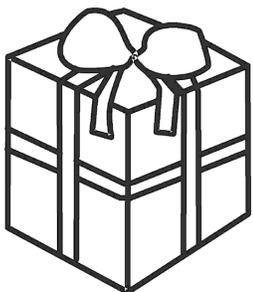
Gifts for Kids & Adults

Yankee Swap/Secret Santa Gifts

Free Admission!

Support local artists, craftspeople, and businesses.

Proceeds benefit the Reading Historical Society



Lunch served from 11AM to 1PM
Hunters Welcome

Meeting Schedule

Board of Selectmen
Second Monday
6:00 PM at Town Office

Parent Teacher Org
Third Monday
7:00 PM at Reading School

Cemetery Commission
Fourth Wednesday
6:00 PM at Town Office

**Planning Commission
& Zoning Board**
First Monday
7:00 PM at Town Office

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

R.A.T.S
2nd Wednesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

Fire & Rescue Dept.
First Tuesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

School Board
Third Wednesday
6:00 PM at Reading School

Fire Dept. Auxiliary
First Monday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

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

Library Trustees
Last Tuesday
6:00 PM at Library

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

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Fire and Ambulance 911

State Police 457-1416

Domestic/Sexual Violence Hotline
866-348-WISE (9473)

Town Contact Information

Town Clerk/Treasure Office

484-7250

Mon, Tues, Wed, 8 am—4 pm

Thursday 8 am—3:30 pm

First Saturday of the Month: 9am-12pm

Website: www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Email: readingvermont@comcast.net

Post Office Iiri Makkonen

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

Reading Elementary School

484-7230

Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits

Nathan Willard 484-0094

Contribute to The Reading Review in
the Vermont Standard. Author, Stephen
D'Agostino is always looking for newsy
items, sweet Reading stories, or tidbits to
share with our community.

Send your ideas to him at
stephen.d.dagostino@gmail.com

Community Dinner

Thursday
December 8, 2016
Reading Town Hall
Noon



Roast Beef
Twice Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert and Beverage

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

Please make reservations by 12/4, by calling
Tom & Calista Brennan at 484-0276



“Best Decorated House in Reading” Contest

Start channeling your inner “Griswald” and decorate your home. Tasteful or tacky, it’s up to you! Once you’re done, please let the Town Clerk know by emailing readingvermont@comcast.net by December 15 by 3pm. We’ll need your name, 911 street address and phone number.

Please make sure your home is lit between 6pm and 7pm Friday, December 16 when judges will check out your creation!

The winner will be announced at Caroling, Cocoa & Cookies on Saturday, December 17. The prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Keeper’s Restaurant.

Selectboard's Meeting

November 14, 2016

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Calista Brennan, Glen Towne, Duane Wyman and Paul Seaver. Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. Robert added Quit Claim Deed and Town Hall Roof Leak

Minutes of the October 10th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 10/31/16, Expenses were \$52,494.76; Revenue was \$1,024,457.60. Balance in LSB (G/L account) \$303,051.13 and balance in the sweep account \$1,344,426.40 for a total of \$1,647,477.53. Delinquent taxes for 2013-16 are \$166,142.83. Calista reported that there were 52 unpaid taxes as of 5:00 pm on November 4th. Since there has been some full and partial payments. A payment agreement will be mailed next month for all delinquent taxes. Gordy moved to approve and Jim seconded. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

Speed in Felchville: Duane Wyman had given the Selectboard some information about better signs for the speed limit on Tyson road between the store and the Felchville Cemetery. The concern is the increase in traffic and the blind driveways. Robert has spoken with Sheriff Mike Chamberlain and they will concentrate on this area and get back to the Selectboard with a report. There was discussion about getting a sign that shows your speed. Robert will look into this, as there may be a sign that could be rented. **NOTE to residents**, the Windsor County Sheriff's Department will be doing additional patrolling in this area!

Highways: Glen report that the 2010 truck was back from S. G. Reed, after replacing the DOC, cleaning the chambers and replacing 2 bad injectors, the truck is running fine. They have had the fuel tested to be sure that wasn't the cause of some of the problems. All tests came back fine. The garage was broken into in October, 5 chain saws were stolen. Working with DLX to get the ditch project started on Town Hill Road. Parker Water Wells should be drilling a well this week at the garage.

Quit Claim Deed: There is a small piece of land on Route 106 in Hammondsville that the Town owns. This had been on the books since 1955 when the State of Vermont changed Route 106. This land abuts Tim and Rayna Bishop. The Selectboard voted to give them this land and signed the Quit Claim Deed.

Town Hall Roof Leak: There a leak in the supply room off the stage. Robert will look into having it fixed.

Town Farm Bridge: Mike Bean is all set to go. There is a meeting with ANR this week to discuss the permit process. The Selectboard signed the contract with M. A. Bean Associates for the Town Farm Road Bridge.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan, Town Clerk



*Sounds
of the
Season*

**Join us at the Reading Public Library for
"Caroling, Cocoa & Cookies"
Saturday, December 17th, at 6:30 p.m.**

We'll make our way around the village spreading good cheer. Then we'll return to the library for some goodies, a Christmas story, and a special visitor. Song books will be provided. Bring a flashlight or headlamp. This event is free and is offered cooperatively by the Fire Department Auxiliary and the Town Library.

For more information, call 484-5588

Librarian's Note

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 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.

November 2016 Reading Lister/ Assessor Office Report

Exterior Parcel Inspections-As long as the weather is cooperative we will continue our exterior parcel inspection program. Our two year goal is to complete exterior inspections on all taxable properties by May 2017.

Interior Inspections- Buildings where footprints have changed, or features have been added/ deleted; we will contact the parcel owner to arrange for an interior inspection.

Homestead Declarations-“Early Warning”- When you file your Federal and State income tax forms in 2017, you may be able to file for an extension beyond April 15th.

This is not true for your HS-122 and other forms related to your Homestead filing.

There is no “Homestead” filing extension granted.

Late Homestead filings are subject to a late penalty!

If you are filing your own tax returns, you can go online at Vermont.gov to find and copy the forms.

If someone else, or an accounting firm is completing your tax returns, make sure they complete the Homestead forms and send them on or before April 15, 2017.

John Fike
Penny Allyn
Richard Sullivan

Fiscal year ending 2016 Town Report and FY2018 budget requests \$\$\$\$\$\$



Any requests by our local organizations for funds from the Town budget must be submitted to the town treasurer by December 15, 2016.

Organization reports to be included in the Town Report must be submitted to the town office by December 15, 2016.

Wanted by the Town of Reading—3 members to serve on the Reading Recreation Commission to fill the vacancies created by Diane Moore, Chris Titus and Kevin Barnes. The purpose of the commission is to oversee the activities that take place at the ball field and to host community activities.

Please submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

Recent Local Property Transfer
Robert McCollom to Greystone 1830 LLC
3637 Vt Rte 106 House & 1.14 Acres \$213,750

**Properties
Sold**

Law Office of Peter K. Vollers, PLC

Peter K. Vollers, Esq.
KimAnn R. Vollers, Office Manager
T'Other House
4 The Green
Woodstock, Vermont 05091
Tel: 802-457-2420 Fax: 802-457-9960
pvollers@vollerslaw.com kvollers@vollerslaw.com

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Voted 2014 Best Bacon Yankee Magazine
Rte. 5 Windsor, VT 802-674-6653
- Maple Sugar Cured Ham - Smoked Sausages
- VT Smoked Cheddar Cheese - Marinated Meats
- Garlic/Herb Smoked Chicken - 10 Flavors of Sausage
- Bacon & Canadian Style Bacon - Beef Jerky
- Hickory Smoked Turkey Breast - Pepperoni

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Chiropractic & Whole Food Nutrition
keyesmountain.com
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**The South Reading Church
ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24th at 5:00 p.m.**

Bill Sheldon and Ruth Bostock will be
doing a short service, singing Christmas
carols, and playing music.

Children are welcome.
Hazel King

Reading Planning Commission - November 11, 2016

Please note that these are only an abbreviated version of the minutes.

The complete minutes are available on the Town website: www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Present – Steve Strait, Kathy Callan-Rondeau, Kevin Kaija, Ken Cox, Becky Basch

Guests – Dan Potter

Minutes of 10/17/2016 – Steve made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the Town website, Kathy seconded, all were in favor. There was discussion about sending the minutes by email to interested residents if requested. Members agreed that if residents would like to be sent copies of the minutes they should email Rebecca Basch rebeccabasch@comcast.net.

Subdivision Regulations – Dan distributed a copy of the draft proposed subdivision regulations. Elements of the subdivision regulations that were discussed are as follows:

Timing of sending comments to the applicant - Steve commented that it would be difficult to meet a 15-day deadline, so members agreed to allow 30 days to get comments back to the applicant

Subdivisions of *parcels located within the Significant Wildlife Overlay district* shall comply with those standards

Undue burden on the Town – Dan included language regarding undue burden on the Town. Applicants shall include letters from town emergency services personnel (FAST squad and/or volunteer fire dept), school, and highway department. It was noted that Reading does not have a town constable.

Access to state highway (Route 106) – need letter from VT AOT

Reference to Section 4463 – Dan will include a general statement saying that the applicant is responsible for getting necessary state permits

Access roads and driveway language – Steve recommended re-ordering the requirements by the number of lots/driveways to streamline that language.

There was discussion of how critical natural areas, habitat, etc. would be included in a subdivision – the planning commission will include protections in their decision. Since land might be subdivided long before development occurs, some of the review standards will not apply until the building stage when the Planning Commission does not have review authority

Boundary line adjustments – Dan said that most towns allow this to be done administratively. There was discussion about examples from other towns. It was agreed that Northfield's seemed most applicable to Reading. Dan will add this language to the Zoning.

Telecommunications – Mostly telecommunications facilities are reviewed under Section 248a which was set to sunset in 2014, but extended to 7/1/17 – when it will go back to local regulations. There was discussion about whether towers could be excluded from ridgelines. Dan said that we could probably not exclude towers from all ridgelines, but we should suggest areas that would work for telecom towners (same with solar siting). Dan suggested leaving the language that we have and reference Act 248. There was also discussion about adding standards for road construction, aesthetics, and stealth design.

Significant Wildlife Habitat Overlay District (SWOD) draft language and map – Dan said that the draft language and map are on the Town's page on SWCRPC's website at <http://swcrpc.org/town-of-reading/>. There was discussion about having a public meeting to discuss wildlife habitat overlay district, solar siting, boundary changes, and new river corridor/floodplain language.

Next meeting – December 5th.

Adjournment – Kevin moved, Ken seconded, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Basch, Secretary

Reading Historical Society Preserving The Past For The Future

What A Year It's Been

You can categorize this column as recent history—as in this year. It's been a great one for the Reading Historical Society. We've helped preserve some of our treasured buildings by performing some much-needed maintenance on the Stone Schoolhouse and on the Reading Christian Union buildings. Hazel King also had work done on the South Reading Church cupola.

The society has also moved all of its holdings into the RCU building where they can be better protected. The next steps in that process will be cleaning and cataloging all of it and digitizing what can be. That's for next year. Before we leap into 2017, we would like to thank some members and non-members for their financial and people-power assistance. Without them, we couldn't have accomplished what we have.

For financial support, thanks go to Peter Vollers and the Overland Guide Services and to Bill Bakker, both from Reading; Rod & Kim Craigen from Arizona, who are descendants of the Robinson family. Other financial donors were Nancy Stahura, Heather Evans, Robert & Joanne Gannett, Andrew J. and Christine C. Hall, and Pamela Cheney. People signed up for Amazon Smile to donate a portion of their purchases to the Reading Historical Society. To learn how you can contribute part of your purchases to the Reading Historical Society, visit <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about>.

For donating money generated by the sale of books she wrote about the Bixby Place and the Lewis Robinson Map Factory, thanks go to Hazel King.

For sorting through and boxing the society's artifacts in preparation for the move, thanks go to Sam and Eleanor Grice, Sue Mulder, Calista Brennan, Milde Waterfall, Jim Bartlett, Bob Allen and Stephen D'Agostino. For moving the entire collection, we offer a debt of gratitude to Sue Mulder (again), Garret Mulder, Greg Smith & Charlene Hagar, Diane & Jim Bennett, Nathan Willard, Adam Kozlowski, Lydia Harkins, and Tony Pikramenos. Many of our board members were there also and we thank you.

For other bits of manual labor that aided to the upkeep of the Universalist Church property, thanks go to Garret Mulder, Gordy Eastman and Bob Allen.

For additions to our collection, we would like to thank Jane Cleveland for donating some family papers and her grandfather, Clarence Cleveland's Handyaid jar rubbers that were patented in Reading in the 1940's. Barbara Turner from Arizona, donated family pictures of Anna Cross who lived and taught school here in Reading.

I think 2017 is going to be historical in its own right for the Reading Historical Society. We can always use your help financially, with projects, and through your membership. For information on how to become a member, contact Calista Brennan at tomcalvt@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays and Happy 2017!

--Stephen D'Agostino and Esther Allen, President

Winter Break - School Closed

December 23, 2016 to January 2, 2017



Reading Parent Teacher Organization

This is a dedicated group of parents, grandparents, volunteers and teachers who work tirelessly to provide educational opportunities for our children and promote the importance of our school within the community.

At the November 17th meeting, community volunteers stepped up once again, to support the work of the Reading PTO.

Board members elected at this meeting were:

Chair:	Tatiana Werner-McCarthy
Secretary:	Liza Foley
Treasurer:	Wade Mullins
Classroom parents:	
Pre-K:	Morgan Sailer-Carlisle & Janet Malcolm
Kindergarten:	Jess Seman & Kelsey Coyle
Grade 1 & 2:	Darci Blanchard & Vanessa Maxham
Grade 3 & 4:	Kate Allen & Boolie Sluka
Grade 5 & 6:	Amy Harkins

Annual Holiday Concert

Presented by our talented Reading Elementary Students

Thursday, December 15, at 6PM

At the Reading Town Hall Theater.

All are welcome to attend

This year's musical will be "Snow Biz"
A fun filled salute to the joys of winter.

Cathy Knight
Principal, Reading School



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Craft Fair Town Hall 9-2</i>
4	5 <i>Plan Comm 7 pm</i>	6 <i>Fire & Rescue 7pm Fire Station</i>	7	8 <i>Senior Dinner Noon at Town Hall</i>	9	10
11	12 <i>Selectboard 6 pm</i>	13	14	15 <i>Town Hall School Concert 6 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Caroling- Library 6:30 pm</i>
18	19 <i>PTO 7 pm—RES</i>	20	21 <i>School Board at RES 6 pm</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Library Trus- tees 6 pm</i>	28	29	30	31