

The Reading Informer

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Town Meeting

Reading Elementary School
Saturday, February 27, 2016
9:30 AM



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Selectmen Meeting

January 11, 2016

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Glen Town, Calista Brennan, Mike Chamberlain, and Tom Bastista.

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

Minutes of the December 7th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 12/31/15, Expenses were \$14,559.93; Revenue was \$5,806.92. Balance in LSB \$90,943.71 and balance in the sweep account \$834,103.28 for a total of \$925,046.99. Delinquent taxes for 2011-15 are \$113,301.65. Jim moved to approve and Gordy seconded. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

- A) SWCRPC Appointment:** Jim made a motion to appoint Kathy Rondeau as the Reading Representative, Gordy seconded. Robert signed a letter stating this to be sent to SWCRPC.
- B) Solar Siting Resolution:** This resolution asks the Legislature to give municipalities a greater say in the approval and siting of renewable energy projects. Jim made a motion to sign this Resolution, Gordy seconded. The Resolution was signed and will be submitted to Joseph Zingale, Rutland Town Administrator to be added to the list of Towns that have already signed this resolution.
- C) WCSD – Mike Chamberlain:** Mike and Tom were here to discuss the Sheriff's Department contract with Reading. The current contract runs out on June 30, 2016. The cost would increase from \$47 per hour to \$49 per hour in the 2016-17 year. The mileage would remain the same. Mike would like to see an increase in hours, The Selectboard will consider this request and let him know. The 'drive through' patrol in the early morning hours will remain the same.
- D) Town Farm Bridge Engineering Status:** We have the contract from Holden Engineering. This contract was signed and will be returned with a retainer getting the Engineering work on Town Farm Bridge started.
- E) Town Hall Siding Update:** Nothing to report, waiting to hear from Paul Brosseau.
- F) Highways:** Glen reported that the house that was falling down on Baileys Mills Road has been removed. The Selectboard would like to thank the Rech family for attending to this issue. The Highway crew will be replacing the missing street signs in the next week or so if the rest of the parts get here by the end of this week. There was talk about a culvert needed on Town Hill Road. There may be grants available for this type of work but it will probably be late in the year before the Town is in a position to apply.
- G) Highway Certificate of Mileage:** This was signed by the Selectmen and will be sent to AOT.
- H) FY 2016/2017 Budget/Articles:** Petition's received total \$8,350. Robert got a quote to pave the Town Hall parking lot. Jim asked about CerPak being used. It would cost less but the maintenance would be increased. No decision was made. The budget will be finalized soon.
- I) Other:** Robert said the Planning Commission was moving the February meeting to follow the Selectboard as they would like the Selectboard to attend. This will be the "kick-off" meeting for the review of the Zoning Regulations.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calista N Brennan



Winter Parking Ban Effective November 1, 2015 to April 15, 2016

TOWN ORDINANCE ARTICLE VI WINTER ROADS

- Section 1: No person shall shovel, dump, push, or accumulate snow from adjoining premises upon any highway maintained for winter travel within the Town of Reading. It is recognized that plowing across Class 3 Highways is necessary in certain instances, however snow MUST be cleaned up and completely out of the Town maintained travel areas. In no case is plowing across Class 2 highways permitted. (Tyson Road, Twenty Mile Stream Road, and all Village Streets)
- Section 2: No person shall leave a motor vehicle parked, deposited, or left unattended upon a highway or in any public areas ordinarily used for parking, so as to interfere with the proper maintenance of roads, public areas or end-of-road turnarounds, within the Town. In the case of emergency or mechanical failure, vehicles must be removed within 24 hours.
- Section 3: The Town will enforce the 'No Parking' rules at all locations where the trucks turnaround and all public parking lots. Vehicles left beyond the 24-hour limit will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Section 4: Plow routes are set up to open major traffic routes and school bus routes first. After all school bus routes are open plowing continues until all roads are open.
- Section 5: The Town does not plow Class 4 or private roads.





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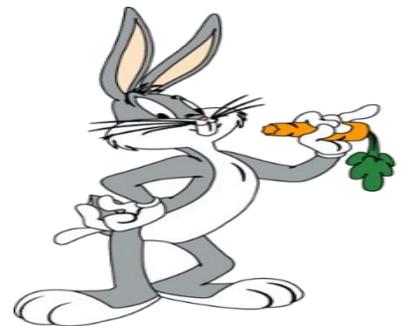
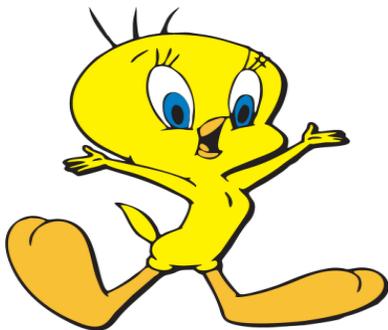
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Put your thinking caps on and
mark your calendars!!

Old Home Day will be Sunday July, 3, 2016

The theme for this years parade is Cartoons.





January Local Property Transfers



Jeremy D Cross and Gale Cross to Newhall Farm Ltd
2207 Tyson Road \$190,000



Adenko Stiftung to The Notter Farm LLC
Brown Schoolhouse Road \$167,000

Income Tax Time Again....

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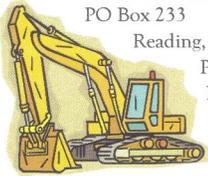
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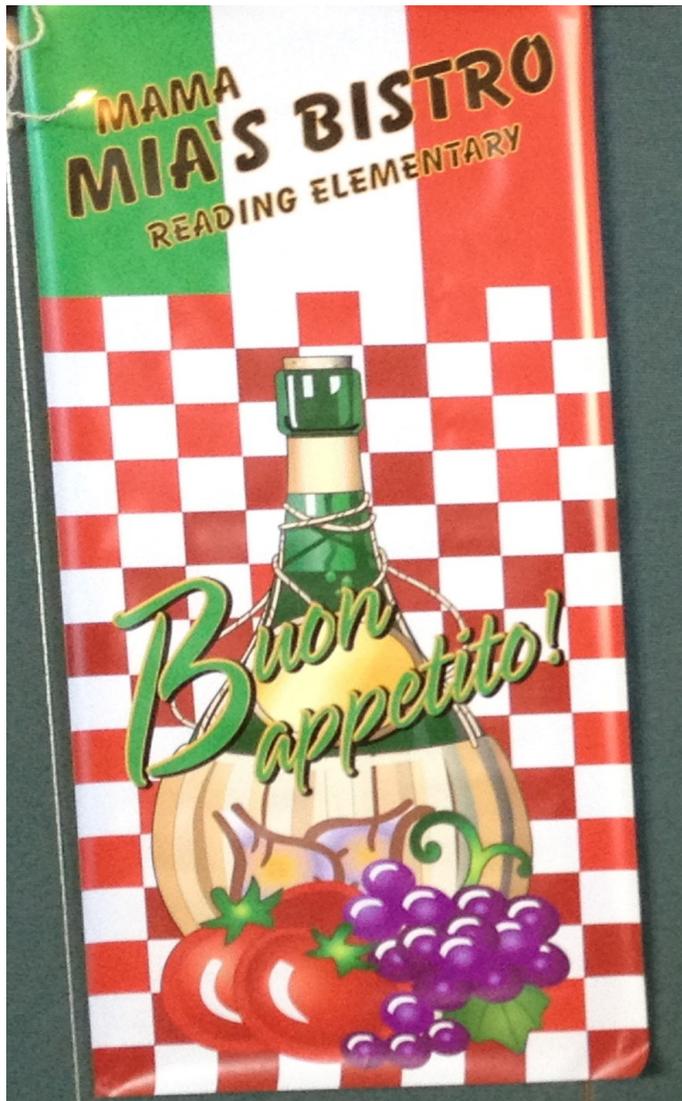
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No school February 15—19 Winter Break
No school February 29—March 1st

Meeting Schedule

Board of Selectmen

Second Monday
6:00 PM at Town Office

Cemetery Commission

Fourth Wednesday
6:00 PM at Town Office

EC Fiber

Second Tuesday at 7pm
Oaks Hall 1st floor of Law
School
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Fire & Rescue Dept.

First Tuesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

Fire Dept. Auxiliary

First Monday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

Library Trustees

Last Tuesday
6:00 PM at Library

Parent Teacher Org

Third Monday
6:00 PM at Reading School

Planning Commission & Zoning Board

First Monday
7:00 PM at Town Office

R.A.T.S

2nd Wednesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

School Board

Third Wednesday
6:00 PM at Reading School

Snowmobile Club, Little Ascutney

Second Thursday at 7PM
Sept-April, at Fire Station

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Reading Planning Commission

January 4, 2016

Present - Steve Strait, Kevin Kaija, Becky Basch

Guests – Dan Potter, Kurt Voight

1. Minutes – December 7, 2015 – Steve made a motion to accept the December minutes as printed in the informer and on the website, Becky seconded, all in favor
2. 2016 Municipal Planning Grant – Dan Potter from SWCRPC was in attendance to discuss the Scope of Work for the Municipal Planning Grant. The grant will allow the Town to hire the RPC to assist with revising the Zoning Bylaws. The tasks that were in the Scope of Work that was submitted for the grant application are as follows:
 - a. Kickoff meeting – Becky suggested having it next month, 2nd Monday so that the SB can come. We will also publish in the FPF. Steve will talk to Bob Allen about the SB's agenda for next month.
 - b. Draft zoning district map – The RPC will modify the map to make consistent w/ Town plan. Steve commented that several years ago the PC started to amend the map to make zones follow parcel boundaries. As a result, some districts were expanded. Steve would like to finalize the map and make it available online for review by residents. Steve commented that we are proposing to reduce the current ridgeline protection overlay district to include the ridgeline vs all properties over 1800 ft. Becky also mentioned that the Town Plan recommended removing the industrial district in Hammondsville (where the former talc mine was). Steve suggested that the RPC make the changes to the map soon so that it could be reviewed by the public. Steve asked for a proposed draft map and another map showing the current zoning. Dan said the map should be done at the next meeting or by the March meeting. Becky commented that it would be good to have at least a draft map at the Kick-off meeting.
 - c. Zoning Bylaw amendments – Strategic updates for flood resilience, review of town plan and zoning for conformance with Town Plan, etc. Steve has a list of changes to consider in the revised zoning – some from the forest fragmentation study. Steve said one of the most important tasks is to look again at the Wildlife Corridor Overlay District. Steve will send Dan the changes we have discussed to date. Dan will look at the wildlife corridor district first.
 - d. Public meeting/outreach – website – put a link on the town website to drafts on the RPC website. Steve suggested having a public informational meeting just before the public hearing.
 - e. Final draft – based on meetings and documentation for public hearing process.
 - f. Grant timeframe – Dan said the work should be done by May 2017.
 - g. Flood Hazard Regs – Dan said that the State has an emergency relief assistance fund - % you are required to match goes down the more protective you are in the zoning. He said that the State has different models for different levels of protection.
 - h. Feb & March – map, wildlife protection corridor, then schedule of the remaining work
 - i. Contract – Dan left a contract for signature – between the Town and the RPC
3. Next meeting – Steve will see if the SB can come on the 2nd Monday for zoning kick-off meeting
4. Mill Brook projects – Dan said that he is hoping to fund a small project – if the PC can let Dan know of a project where the landowner is on board, he will prioritize that project for funding
5. Adjournment – Levin made a motion to adjourn, Becky seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Basch, Secretary

Six Flags Over Reading

Reading, along with Windsor and Plymouth, were chartered on July 6, 1761, as granted by New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth. Only problem: Governor Wentworth did not have legal claim to do so.

As boundaries between Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York were being drawn—or better yet assumed—the states bordering current-day Vermont on the east and west laid claim to the land. Governor Wentworth went on a charter-granting spree once he thought the land belonged to New Hampshire (flag 1), carving out neat, 6-mile square towns all over our state from 1749 into the 1760s. New York (flag 2) did the same, granting land in less tidy parcels to wealthy citizens.

The matter was brought to King George III of Great Britain (flag 3), and he sided with New York. Land granted to people in Reading (and all of our state) by New Hampshire was actually in New York. As noted in Gilbert A. Davis' History of Reading, a deed for a land transfer in town in the year 1778 stated "But I, said William [Grimes, the seller] am not to defend said land against the claims of New York, but the said Barakiah Cady [the buyer] is to his risk up on my only quitting my right in title." A year later, another transaction referred to the land as a "quantity of land lying in the township of Reading in the state of New York *alias Vermont*."

Who won this battle between New York and New Hampshire? Vermont actually. The state declared its independence from Great Britain, New Hampshire, and New York in 1777 becoming New Connecticut, and later Vermont (flag 4). Protests from New York kept it from becoming a state (flag 5) of the United States (flag 6) until 1790, and even then the grants set up by New Hampshire's Governor Wentworth pretty much defined the borders of most of our state's cities and towns as we know them today.

Sources "The History of Reading" by Gilbert A. Davis, Wikipedia

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7	8 Selectboard 6 p.m. Town Hall	9	10 RATS 7 pm Fire Station	11	12	13 Pasta Dinner RES
14	15 PTO 6 pm at RES	16	17 School Board 6 pm at RES	18	19	20
21	22	23 Library 6 pm	24 Cemetery Com- mission 6 pm Town Hall	25	26	27 Town Meeting
28	29					