

# The Reading Informer

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## *Happy New Year*



Looking for something fun to do in the new year?

- \* Try rock climbing at Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center in Quechee or Rutland.
- \* Ice Skating at the Proctor rink, 459-2819 or the Union Arena Community Center in Woodstock; 457-2500
- \* Swimming at Ascutney Resort, Upper Valley Aquatic Center, White River Junction or the Edgar Mae Fitness Center, Springfield.

If and when it snows.....

- \* Try dogsledding at Braeburn Siberians right close by in Windsor, VT. <http://www.braeburnsiberians.com>
- \* Sleigh rides are available at Kedron Valley Stables in S. Woodstock.
- \* There's always skiing at our many local ski areas.
- \* There is always cross country skiing, snowmobiling or snowshoeing.

Find a good book to read at our library and sit by the fireplace to enjoy the ambience.

Regardless of what you do, have a Safe and Happy New Year!

Calista and Esther

Reading Town Office

Reading Historical Society  
*Preserving The Past For The Future*  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday, January 23, 2016  
5 PM at the Reading Town Hall

We will have a pot luck supper followed by a brief business meeting and a program on the “Vermont Underground Railroad.” We invite you to join us, even if you are not a member of the Historical Society. If you will be coming for the supper please call Esther Allen at 802-484-5027 to let us know how many and what you will bring to share.

Our program will be presented by Lorraine Zigman from Weathersfield. Lorraine has been an active member of the Weathersfield Historical Society and has done much to capture their history. “The Underground Railroad is well known to most people. What is not so well known, and is very interesting, is how involved the State of Vermont was in efforts to move runaway Southern slaves through our State safely and securely. According to one map of routes they traveled, they went north through the eastern and western corridors with some “safe houses” in north central Vermont. There will be a handout of a map with the safe house towns designated on it.” Do you know where the “safe house” was in Reading?



## 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.





# Selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2015

UNAPPROVED

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

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Glen Town and Calista Brennan.

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

Minutes of the November 9th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed. Comment was made by Robert that the property that is for sale in on Stone Chimney Extension.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 11/30/15, Expenses were \$890,448.85; Revenue was \$882,858.19. Balance in LSB \$100,005.33 and balance in the sweep account \$1,756,681.22 for a total of \$1,856,686.55. Delinquent taxes for 2011-15 are \$116,979.29. Jim moved to approve and Gordy seconded. Report is accepted.

## Action Items:

- A) Town Farm Bridge Engineering Status:** Robert and Gordy met with Peter Holden. A contract should be in place this week.
- B) Public Works Garage Painting:** Painting is done. The inmates will be back in the spring to paint the roof.
- C) Town Hall Siding Update:** Robert will be meeting with Paul Brouseau from Windsor County Correctional Facility to get pricing and time line of getting work done.
- D) Highways:** All the new signs are in and they will be getting them up this week. Robert will be stopping by E W Sleepers this week to get an update on what was wrong with the loader.
- E) FY 2016/2017 Budget/Articles:** The Selectboard will meet on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9AM to work on the budget. Calista gave an overview of what has been received for Appropriations.
- F) Other:** Robert reported that we received the Municipal Planning Grant and the grants for the bridge on Tyson Road and Town Farm Road has been approved. Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan



## December Local Property Transfers



Heather Finlayson to Newhall Farms Ltd  
544 VT Route 106                      \$220,000



Marjorie Ottenbreit & James Lashinsky  
to Federal National Mortgage Association  
78 Crown Point Drive              Foreclosure



John & Jane Philpin to Martha M. Cowan  
665 Route 106                              \$105,000



Harold & Mary Singleton Trust  
to Steven D. Vogl & Patricia M. Lewis  
1770 Tyson Road                              \$289,000

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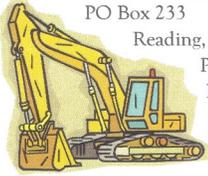
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- Available locally at Watroba's Store & Reading Greenhouse



## Weathersfield Transfer Station Resumption of E-waste Collection

**Effective on November 30th, the State resumed providing disposal services for e-waste. Accordingly, electronic waste may now be dropped off free of charge at the Weathersfield Transfer Station.**

## Librarian's Note For January

The response to our annual appeal letter continues to be strong. I'd like to thank all the folks who are giving. Your ongoing support for the library really means a lot.

If you're looking for something to do this winter, remember we have free passes available for the American Precision Museum (Windsor), the Billings Farm & Museum (Woodstock), and the Vermont History Museum (branches in Montpelier and Barre); and we have reduced-price passes for Echo Aquarium & Science Center (Burlington). In addition, we have just acquired a free VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee) pass for up to 2 adults and 2 children. You can call the library at 484-5588 to reserve a pass, or just drop in and check it out.

The library provides free access to Universal Class, an online continuing education service with a growing catalog of more than 500 courses. Classes normally cost \$50 to \$250 each but our patrons can take up to 5 at a time at no cost. Program features include 24/7 access anywhere via the Internet, real instructors guiding the learning, engaging video-based lessons, a collaborative learning environment, graded lesson tests, continuing education units, and certificates of achievement. Areas of study include the arts, business, computers, cooking, crafts, financial management, gardening, GED training, hobbies, home decorating, legal studies, math, natural remedies, office skills, psychology, real estate, science, special education, spirituality, web development, and writing.

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Librarians—working for you since 2600 B.C. (They still prefer that you return the books you borrow, but the ideas are yours to keep.)

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](mailto:reading.public.library@comcast.net). Web: [www.readinglibrary.org](http://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

### Cemetery Commission

Fourth Wednesday  
6:00 PM at Town Office

### EC Fiber

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

### 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

## 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  
Nathan Willard 484-0094

## 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  
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Inquiries please contact

Sara Norcross 484-5097

Dana Waters 802-291-3299

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**Reading Planning Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes Unapproved**  
December 7, 2015, at 7 pm

Planning Commission Members Present: Steve Strait, Ken Cox, Becky Basch

Guests – Marie Caduto (VT DEC), Dan Potter(SWCRPC), Bob Allen, Jim Peplau, Gordy Eastman, Sue Greenall (ONRCD), Larry Kasden (ONRCD), and members of the public

1. **Mill Brook Watershed presentation** – Dan Potter, from SWCRPC, said that in 2012 the RPC received an Ecosystem Restoration Grant for a stream geomorphic assessment project for the Mill Brook watershed. The watershed is contained in the towns of Reading, West Windsor and Windsor. The report listed several implementation projects in each town in the watershed. The RPC then applied for High Meadows Fund grant to do some of the implementation projects listed in the Geomorphic Assessment report. Projects were narrowed down to a few for each town, so the RPC is meeting with towns to see which projects should be implemented first. Dan said that the new grant also includes an educational element, so they holding two public meetings with an educational element .
  - a. Stream Table – Marie Caduto (VT ANR) and Larry Kasten (ONRCD) presented a Stream Table which demonstrates the way a river meanders and transports sediment. Water was pumped onto the table at different speeds, and obstructions put in the river to demonstrate how a river moves over time. There was discussion about different culvert types and shapes, the amount of space needed for a river corridor (typically 6 times the width of the stream), the affects of rip rap on a river, and flood plain management with the goal being to create an equilibrium so that the river can move within its corridor and not cause too much damage to property.
  - b. Mill Brook Watershed implementation projects - Dan Potter of SWCRPC discussed implementation projects that came out of the Mill Brook Watershed Geomorphic Assessment project that would promote resiliency within the watershed. The High Meadows Fund will fund a few of these projects, so the RPC is going to towns to get their feedback. Some of the projects are as follow:
    - i. Medium cost projects
      - Baileys Mill B&B– Planting vegetation to stabilize the bank of the reconstructed pond.
      - Valley from Baileys Mills B&B upstream to Brown Schoolhouse Road - work with conservation group to buy development rights, remove berms, open up the floodplain
      - Kitteridge Pasture Rd –plant buffer on upper slope to reduce sediment in channel & reduce risk of future erosion. Plantings will speed up stabilization process

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ii. Higher cost projects:

- Arch culvert on Baileys Mills Road – replace arch culvert with a bridge in order to reduce constriction that caused increased flooding upstream.
- Rolling Meadows Farm –reconstruct a channel with sufficient width to accommodate ongoing sediment load, remove berms to reconnect flood plains, install floodplain benches, plant area with native vegetation. Log landing, firewood processing area

ONRCS members Larry Kasten & Sue Greenall said that their role is to provide education, and can provide plantings. Sue Greenall said they sent letters to land-owners whose properties were identified in needing riparian buffers. Dan asked members of the Planning Commission and Selectboard to review the projects and let them know which ones would be the most feasible and highest priority. He said that he needs a list of projects by end of January

2. Minutes of October 7, 2015 – Steve made a motion to accept as written, Ken seconded the motion, all were in favor
3. Singletons on Tyson road –The issue regarding a subdivision permit was already resolved with the Zoning Administrator.
4. Municipal Planning Grant - The Town received a Municipal Planning grant from the State to complete zoning edits. Dan Potter said that the Town needs to execute contract with RPC for the work, and needs to finalize the Scope of Work presented in the grant. Planning Commission members will review the Scope of Work and will discuss possible additions via email. Work can start in January. The Planning Commission will try to have final SOW ready for next meeting (1/4/16). Either Dan or Jason will attend January meeting.
5. Next meeting – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
6. Vacancy – There was discussion about the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Steve said it would be good to fill the vacancy with someone who is familiar with what the Planning Commission does.
7. Ken made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Basch, Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>Fire Auxiliary 7 pm</i> <i>Fire Station</i> <i>Planning Board 7 pm</i> <i>Town Hall</i>	5 <i>Fire &amp; Rescue 7 pm</i> <i>Fire Station</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Selectboard</i> <i>6 p.m. Town Hall</i>	12	13 <i>RATS 7 pm</i> <i>Fire Station</i>	14	15	16
17	18 <i>PTO 6 pm at RES</i>	19	20 <i>School Board 6</i> <i>pm at RES</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Library 6 pm</i>	27 <i>Cemetery Com-</i> <i>mission 6 pm Town</i> <i>Hall</i>	28	29	30
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