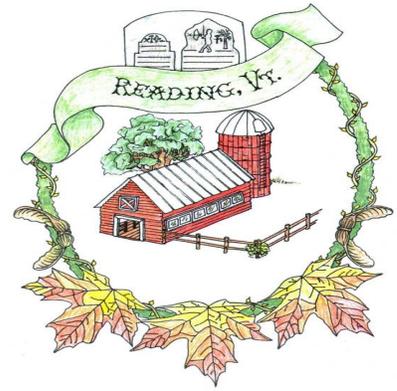


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**Sunday, July 5th**

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| Parade Theme:           | "Wild, Wild West"  |
| Parade Line Up:         | 10:30 a.m.   |
| Parade Starts:          | 11:00 a.m.   |
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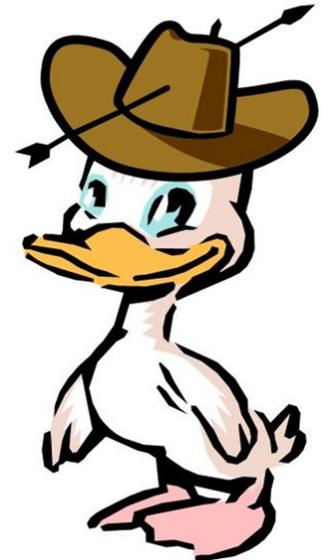
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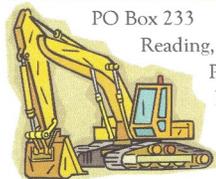
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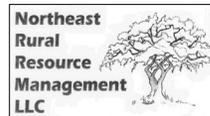
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# Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2015

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Calista Brennan, Glen Towne and Jane Cleveland.

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. It was noted that the date on the agenda was incorrect and a corrected one was handed out. Item H Sheriff's Contract and Item I Other was added to the corrected agenda. Minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 5/31/15, Expenses were \$110,159.78; Revenue was \$10,115.01. Balance in LSB \$454,089.62. Delinquent taxes for 2011-14 are \$96085.67. Jim moved to approve and Gordy seconded. Report is accepted.

## Action Items:

- A) Transfer of Reading Christian Union Church Property:** This item was tabled again.
- B) Lease of Building to RHS:** This item was also tabled.
- C) Recycling Requirements July 1, 2015:** Single sort recycling will be effective July 1, 2015. This means that all cans, glass, plastic, cardboard and newspapers must be separated from trash. There will be more information in the July Informer.
- D) Bridge # 2 and Bridge # 28 Engineering Requirements:** The Selectmen have received two bids. They are waiting to hear from two other companies. Robert will follow up and see if they are interested in bidding.
- E) Highways:** The Select Board signed 3 driveway permits. Glen reports that class 3 material was over budget due mostly to having Gurney Brothers repair storm damage from the fall. We will be renting a tractor from Dillon Rowlee for road side mowing. They hope to start ditching this week.
- F) Karl Hanson "Dog Park":** The Selectboard had visited the field and made a change to the proposed area and also compiled a list of items that needs to be addressed and answered before any decision will be made either way. Karl did not attend the meeting. The matter was tabled.
- G) Niagara Street Abutter Informational Letter:** These letters were signed and Calista will record and mail them.
- H) Sheriff's Contract:** The Select Board signed the contract for 2015-16 fiscal year.
- I) Other:** The Select Board accepted Patrick MacLean's resignation from the Planning Commission. The Selectboard wishes to sincerely thank Pat for his many years of service to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment and are pleased that he will remain on the Memorial Day Committee. Thank you Pat!  
Robert received a letter from Brookfield Service regarding generators and will look into getting quotes for one at the Town Hall.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2015.

Submitted for record,

Calista N. Brennan

## Universal Recycling

July 1, 2015

- ◆ **Recyclables are banned from the landfill**
- ◆ **Transfer stations/ Drop-off Facilities must accept leaf and yard debris**
- ◆ **Haulers must offer residential recycling collection at no extra charge**
- ◆ **Public buildings must provide recycling containers alongside all trash containers in public spaces (exception for restrooms)**
- ◆ **Food scrap generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles**

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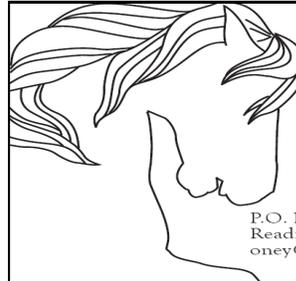
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The library also has passes for many of **Vermont’s state parks**, good for free entry into designated park day-areas for up to eight people in a vehicle. The pass can be checked out for two days and is good at Ascutney, Plymouth, Wilgus, and Silver Lake state parks, among others. We’ve got a similar pass for half a dozen Vermont historical sites, including the Eureka Schoolhouse in Springfield, the Old Constitution House in Windsor, and the Calvin Coolidge Birthplace at Plymouth Notch.

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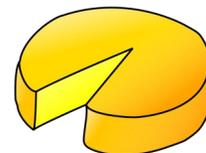


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## Reading Elementary School

School has closed for the summer which means a lot more little people walking and riding bikes on our streets and roads.

Please help keep our children safe as they enjoy their summer break.  
Thank you

### A Note From Our Listers.....

John Fike, Penny Allyn and Richard Sullivan want you to know that they will be traveling throughout Reading taking pictures of properties to update the grand list files. They will also be doing inspections of properties that have had updates done to them. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Reading Planning Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes—Unapproved  
June 1, 21015**

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Present: Steve Strait, Ken Cox, Kevin Kaija, Becky Basch

Guests: Robert Allen, Bob Farnsworth

- 1) Minutes of March 2, 2015 – Item 3 – Steve commented that the sentence about the meeting w/ Jens Hilke was not complete. Steve recommended approval with correction, Ken seconded, all were in favor
- 2) Minutes from May 4, 2015 meeting – Steve moved to approve, Kevin seconded, all were in favor
- 3) Stacy Gallowhur Land Swap – Bob Farnsworth attended the meeting on behalf of Mr. Gallowhur. On the map provided by Mr. Farnsworth, Parcel 2 currently owned by Reading Farms would go to Imerys (former Windsor Minerals property) giving them a larger buffer around a former mine opening. Parcel 1 owned by Imerys would go to Reading Farms (owned by Gallowhur), giving him one contiguous parcel. Parcel number 3, a strip of land belonging to Reading Farms, would be subdivided off and sold to Imerys as well. After the land swap, each property would have one contiguous parcel rather than several small ones. Kevin made a motion stating that the proposed subdivision does not require a permit. Steve seconded. Bob Farnsworth added that the lot will be merged into the larger Windsor Minerals property. Steve proposed an amendment – this land division will not require a permit with the understanding that the lots will be merged into the larger Imerys and Reading Farms lots. Ken seconded. Steve will include language from meeting and will reference map in his pre-application letter. All were in favor of the amendment and Kevin's motion.
- 4) Resignation letter from Patrick McLean – Steve read a letter of resignation from Patrick McLean. The PC thanks Patrick for his time and efforts to the Planning Commission on behalf of Reading for the many years of his membership. We have valued his experience and expertise in land use and development matters, his insights into revising the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission is looking for a new member and anyone interested should contact Steve Strait at [strait.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:strait.stephen@gmail.com).
- 5) Zoning map – Steve brought the zoning map with corrections to review with PC members. Most changes make zoning districts more closely follow parcel boundaries
- 6) Zoning Bylaw changes – Steve sent out the zoning suggested edits. Planning Commission members discussed changes in the RC Conservation (25-acre), RR-10 and RR-5 district regarding permitted and conditional uses, setbacks, and waivers for handicapped ramps. Members also discussed whether or not to increase buffer requirements in some districts. Members agreed that the 50-foot buffer requirement is sufficient. More detailed discussion is on the minutes on the Reading website - <http://www.readingvt.govoffice.com/>.
- 7) Next meeting – July 6<sup>th</sup> – Jens Hilke will attend. Ken will give Jens an idea of what we would like him to discuss at the meeting. We will advertise the meeting on the FPF as there were some questions about the overlay district at the SB hearing on the Town Plan.
- 8) Adjournment – Kevin made a motion to adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Basch, Secretary

## Thank you .....

At the June 1st Planning Commission meeting a resignation letter was received from Patrick McLean. The PC thanks Patrick for his time and efforts to the Planning Commission on behalf of Reading and the many years of his membership. We have valued his experience and expertise in land use and development matters and his insights into revising the Zoning Ordinance.

## Help Wanted.....

The Planning Commission is looking for a new member and anyone interested should contact Steve Strait at [strait.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:strait.stephen@gmail.com).

### **Reading Food Shelf Thrift Store**

3456 Tyson Road S. Reading

**Friday, July 10**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### ***Free Clothing***

The Thrift Store is opening their doors for extra hours so that **ANYONE** can come and get free clothing. They have a great problem to solve—too many items to keep. Some of these items are brand new; still have the sales tag on them and some are gently used. There are jeans, shorts, tops, sweaters, children's clothes (many brand new), baby clothes, summer outfits, linens; you name it, it's there! Bring a bag and load it up.

**No Charge** — Donations to the Food Shelf always welcome!



## **Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update June 2015**

The 2015 Legislative Session in Vermont came to close on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a difficult session but, despite its many challenges, productive. We began and ended with highly unusual experiences – we began having to vote for a governor and we ended with a senator being arrested on sexual assault charges. In between we managed to address our biggest challenge – filling a \$113 million gap between projected revenues and spending for FY16.

In addition, we tackled a host of pressing issues for Vermonters, many of which are not quick fixes, but represent commitments to long term improvements. These include: laying the framework for improving our water quality in our lakes and rivers statewide; encouraging the expansion of our education districts to improve opportunities for our young people; encouraging cost containment in education, in order to re-align our education spending and our declining student population; finally putting the teeth back into the penalty for withdrawing land from Current Use, to reduce abuse and to re-balance this invaluable program's finances; improving the protection of our abused and neglected children; incenting the creation of more renewable energy with the eternal hope of reducing our dependence on fossil fuels; making it harder for parents to refuse to vaccinate their children; keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons and the mentally ill; creating new oversight on how Vermont builds out its internet/broadband build-out; and, further investing in Vermont's high tech workforce development and attracting innovative business to Vermont. And, those are just the highlights.

In many ways, it feels as if the Session has gone by very fast. We are budgeted to meet for 18 weeks – hence the pressure to adjourn May 16<sup>th</sup>. In a year when closing a \$113 million gap to build a balanced budget for FY16 was a monumental challenge, you weren't going to see us spend additional money we hadn't budgeted in FY15 – if we could help it. Still, it always feels as if our time in Montpelier goes by like a blink. One way I gain some perspective on the actual distance we've traveled during the course of the session, is that I produce the Legislative Slide Show which is shown on a continuous loop during the last 2 days of the Session. Since my photography went digital, I have taken on creating a photographic archive of our legislative life and work together. The photographers of the news media only take photos during key, historic moments, while I try to capture everyday life under the golden dome. Along with a couple of other legislative photographers, we share our 18 week adventure in photographs during the waning hours we are together. It helps establish perspective and reminds me every year of how much we've done together.

I have worked to distill what was passed and its impact on all of us. Those articles have been in the Vermont Standard and are on my website [www.alisonclarkson.org](http://www.alisonclarkson.org)

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at home: 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the new legislative website: [legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov)

## 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

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5 <i>Old Home Day</i>	6 <i>Plan Comm 7pm @ Town Hall Fire Auxiliary 7pm</i>	7 <i>Fire &amp; Rescue Mtg. 7 pm @ Fire Station</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Selectboard 6 pm @ Town Hall</i>	14 <i>Informer articles due to Town Clerk</i>	15 <i>RES School Board 6 pm</i>	16	17	18 <i>100 Mile Endurance Run</i>
19 <i>100 Mile Run Cont'd</i>	20 <i>PTO 6:30 pm @ RES.</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Library Mtg. 6 pm</i>	29	30	31	