



The Reading Informer *July 2016*

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Reading's Old Home Day **Sunday, July 3rd**

Come join us for a fun filled family day

Sponsored by the Reading Fire & Rescue Department

Parade Theme:

"Cartoons"

Parade Line Up:

10:30 a.m.

Parade Starts:

11:00 a.m.

Special Visitor:

"Smokey The Bear"

Chicken BBQ:

Noon; following the end of the parade
Still only \$10 for a complete meal



25th Annual Ox Pull:

1 p.m. at Newhall Meadow by the school

Questions please contact Rob Macri at 484-9930 or rmacri70@iCloud.com

10th Annual Ducky Derby:

2 p.m. at Newhall Field

Over \$3,500 in prizes being given away

See page 2 for a complete list of all of the prizes being awarded.

Ducky Derby tickets are available to purchase in advance at the

Town Clerk's Office

The Reading Greenhouse or

Watroba's Country Store

10th Annual Ducky Derby

Over \$3,500 IN PRIZES!!!!



Buy your lucky duck for \$5 or increase your odds and get a quack pack of 6 for \$25.

It's **Ducky Derby** time again!! Come watch 500 ducks launch off a snowmobile bridge and race down the North Branch of the Black River to the Indian Stones on Route 106. Make your way down the path just beyond the Ox Pull to watch your duck cross the finish line. You can purchase tickets during the parade or ahead of time at Watrobas Country Store, The Reading Town Office and the Reading Greenhouse. Remember, Reading is still home of the best darn duck wranglers east of the Mississippi!

Ultimate Grand Prize: \$700 Two nights in a 2 bedroom condominium for up to eight compliments of the Holiday Inn Vacations at Mount Ascutney Resort

Grand Prize: \$500 CASH (Mary Jo & Channing Smith, Milde & Jim Waterfall & Osgood Welding)

Top Finishers:

\$250 Luxury stay at the Echo Lake Inn

\$200 Family Pack-Aquatic Center, VINS, Fore U Golf, Fore U Ice cream, Pentangle movie passes, Ramunto's pizza

\$180 Two lift tickets to Okemo Mountain

\$180 1 cord of green firewood by Zampini & Son (delivered within 20 miles)

\$150 Pressure wash with interior clean-up by Kedron Valley Auto Body

\$120 18 holes greens fees for four to the J P Larkin Golf Course in Windsor

\$80 gift basket from Imageworks Studio

\$80 LL Bean Kayaking tour

\$80 VT Teddy Bear

\$80 One month family pass to the Edgar Mae Health and Recreation Center in Springfield

\$75 Gift cards from Shaws

\$75 Local Maple Syrup & Cheese pack

\$75 Gift cards from Walmart

\$70 Lunch for two at Red Rooster at the Woodstock Inn

\$65 1 gallon maple syrup from Newhall farms

\$50 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Pack-Riverside Restaurant, China Station & Worthy Kitchen

\$50 Gift certificate from Woodstock Farmers Market

\$50 Gift certificate from King Arthur

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\$50 Gift certificate from Reading Greenhouse

\$48 6 pack Pentangle movie passes-Ellaways Attic

\$45 Pizza & putt from Fore U Golf and Ramunto's

\$40 Tip Top Pottery Pack \$25 Yankee Bookshop

\$25 E subscriptions from VT Standard

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\$25 Gift certificate from South Woodstock Store

\$25 Gift card from Downers/Jiffy Mart

\$25 Gift certificate from Green Mt Smokehouse

\$25 Gift certificate from Macs Market

\$25 Grossbeak Gardens Soap & Candle pack

\$20 Gift certificate for Singletons smoked bacon

Proceeds benefit the Reading Friends & Neighbors Committee of the Reading Recreation Commission

Selectboard's Meeting

June 13, 2016

UNAPPROVED

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

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

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

Minutes of the May 9th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 5/31/16, Expenses were \$134,819.24; Revenue was \$9,811.64. Balance in LSB (G/L account) -\$78,589.44 and balance in the sweep account \$696,819.25 for a total of \$618,229.81. Delinquent taxes for 2013-15 are \$67,128.85. The negative balance in the General Ledger account is due to a timing issue with the sweep account. Gordy moved to approve and Robert seconded. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

Delegate to ECFiber: Steve Ellis can no longer be the representative for Reading. Steve had put on FPF the need for a rep from Reading. John Malcolm and Dana Waters were interested. The Selectboard recommended John Malcolm.

Class 4 Road: Jim Bennett requested permission to improve a section of the class 4 Center Road in South Reading. He would like to use some of the ditch material at the Town Garage. He will maintain the road. The Selectmen voted to give Jim permission to do this.

Bridge Scope of Work: Nothing new to report yet.

WCSD Contract: The contract was signed with a change in the hours from 8 to 12 per week.

Auditor: The Selectboard accepted the resignation of Channing Smith as Town Auditor. They thank him for his years of service. We have one person that is interested in filling this position. If anyone has an interest in being Auditor, please contact the Town Clerk by July 1st.

Highway: The road inventory and culvert inventory is underway with SWCRPC. The 2010 truck is at Reeds once again, it was a transmission sensor that needed to be replaced. Roadside mowing on Tyson Road will be started shortly. Chris Blanchard and the Town will be taking down some dead trees on Bartley Road.

Other: None

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan

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

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

Town Contact Information

Town Clerk/Treasure Office

484-7250

Mon—Thurs 8am-4pm

First Saturday of the Month: 9am-12pm

Website: www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Email: 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

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
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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our Town website at

www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Or we can e-mail a copy to you.

Send the Town Clerk an e-mail at

readingvermont@comcast.net

to request this.

Reading Historical Society

Preserving The Past For The Future

A Librarian for All

In 1912, Minnie Fay, the librarian at the Reading Public Library, put a note in the town's annual report to thank Frank Hook, the mail carrier, for delivering books to readers who were unable to make it to the library. She believed that everyone should have access to books, not just people who could make it to the library.

For those that lived within walking distance but were too old or infirm to make it to the building, she had her own solution. A small light blue cart that she would load with books and wheel to these people who wanted something to read. She didn't let snow stop her; in winter she used a sled.

She also didn't let the library's hours stand in the way of someone who wanted a book. In 1899, she let it be known that "if anyone who lives at a distance from Felchville desired to obtain books [on a day the library was not open] they can do so by calling at the home of the librarian."

Minnie Fay (August 6, 1857-July 6, 1940) showed such devotion to all she did. At 20, she became a school teacher. For her whole life she believed in temperance, founding the Blue Ribbon Club in 1887 with like-minded individuals. She strove for the maintenance of the universalist church in the village. For several years she taught Sunday school in her home, for 50 years she was the Reading correspondent for the Vermont Standard, and for 42 years (1897-1939), she was the librarian at the Reading Public Library.

Age, as it always does, caught up with this very active woman. In 1939, her assistant Inez Burnham noted in her journal:

"It is with regret that we have to say that our librarian, so devoted, so earnest, and so capable has not been quite strong enough to attend to the regular duties of the library for the past few months. We think she is rare because it can truly be said of her that she lives in and for her work."

Expanding on Inez's sentiment a bit more, it can be said that Minnie Fay embodied the very purpose of a public library: access to knowledge, information, and works of the imagination. Yes, Gilbert A Davis, paid to build the library, generosity worthy of having his name on the building, but Minnie Fay gave it her heart and soul.

— Stephen D'Agostino

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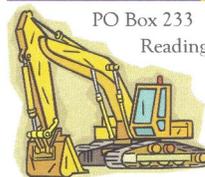
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**Town of Reading Gets Better Backroads Grant
to Assess Road Conditions and Erosion**

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Town of Reading, was awarded a 2015 grant to assess roadway condition and roadway drainage for potential impacts on water quality. The Better Backroads Program (recently re-named the Better Roads Program) is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and V-Trans to “promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing Vermont’s lakes and streams”.



June Local Property Transfers

**Didero, Michael & Catherine to Hartnett, Jr. Robert & Mary
618 Town Farm Road House & 49.4 Acres \$835,000**

Do you need a Zoning Permit???

**Adding a new deck or porch, putting up a sign
building a new garage, building a pond,
installing a pool, putting an addition on?**



PLEASE ASK BEFORE YOU START any work to avoid a fine!

**These are only a few of the changes to your
home/property that require a zoning permit.**

**Check with the Town Clerk to determine if you need a zoning permit for
any construction that you are doing. The Town website has copies of
the permits that need to be completed and submitted for approval.**

www.readingvt.govoffice.com

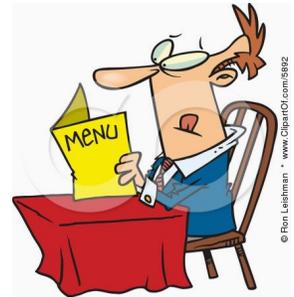
Fund Raiser for
The Reading Historical Society
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at
The Inn at WEATHERSFIELD

The Inn at Weathersfield is sponsoring Community Wednesday to help support local charities. They will donate 10% of the gross sales to our organization on this night.

So grab your partner, invite your friends and family and enjoy a fun evening dining out at the Weathersfield Inn. Reservations are preferred by calling 802-263-9217. Dinner servings start at 5:30 pm and are available either in "The Dining Room" or "Lucy's Tavern". There is also a lovely outside dining area.

To view their menu selection go online to
www.weathersfieldinn.com

1342 Hwy 106, Weathersfield, VT 05151



RES students present a check for \$250 to Sue Joyal for the Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf. The money was raised by the Reading PTO at their recent Soup Dinner and CSA Raffle.

Librarian's Note

The library has purchased about 25 of the books from the current Dorothy Canfield Fisher (DCF) Children's Book Award Master List. Since 1957, the DCF award has honored quality literature for grades 4-8. Each spring, a committee nominates 30 books. After reading at least 5 books from the list, Vermont students then vote for their favorites.

The library offers a pass for many of Vermont's state parks, good for free entry into designated park day-areas for up to 8 people in a vehicle. The pass can be checked out for 2 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. The passes are good until the parks and historic sites close for the season. The library also has a free year-round pass for VINS.

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.

Patrons register using an access code and then participate in the online classes at their own pace. Although additional reading materials are recommended, they are almost always optional. Most courses can be completed within 10-20 hours. Patrons can take up to 6 months to complete an individual class and can correspond online with instructors. Patrons can drop or add classes as they wish. These are non-credit continuing education courses, provided for personal enrichment. To get your own access code, contact me at the library.

Libraries provide a non-judgmental gateway to the information you want. They support your right to seek—and have access to—information, whoever you are. In a sometimes fractious political and social climate, where not only newscasts but also entire networks have staked out territory on the right or the left, then circled the wagons, libraries remain places where all points of view can be explored. And unlike most institutions, libraries are interested in your privacy.

Cordially,

Tony

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Weathersfield Transfer Station and Recycling Facility

Starting on July 1st, 2016 there will be a new window sticker for your vehicle.

Stop in at the Town Clerk's office during normal hours to pick up your sticker. The 1st one is free for home owners and the 2nd one is \$5.00. People renting in Reading may purchase a sticker for \$5.00. Your current blue sticker will be honored for the month of July.

Punch cards can be purchased at the Town Office also. Tokens are \$3.50 per punch. A 5 punch card is \$17.50 and a 10 punch card is \$35.00.

Recycling Change: Only code #1 Pete Plastics and #2 HDPE plastics can go into the recycling bins; all other plastics now go into the household trash bags. Leaf, yard, and clean wood debris are banned from the landfill.

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday-12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday -7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday -12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To receive less national advertising mail, the Direct Mail Association has a program called DMAchoice. To register, click on "Get Started." The organization will charge \$1.00 to place your name and home address in a "do-not-mail" file for three years.

*Please note for road travel through Reading
VT 100 Endurance Race
4 a.m. July 16th to 10 a.m. July 17th*



Please note that the course runs through Reading in two locations, the route through our town will be:

The first section in town enters from Woodstock, following Jenne Rd, Whitmore Rd, Baileys Mill Rd, Brown Schoolhouse Rd, North Puckerbrush Rd, South Puckerbrush Rd, Grasshopper Lane, and exits into Cavendish.

The second section in Town enters from Cavendish, following Town Farm Rd, Malagash Rd, RT 106, Baileys Mill Rd, Whitmore Rd, Reading Farms Rd, Caper Hill Rd, and exits into West Windsor.

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10	11 <i>Selectboard 6 pm Town Hall Fire Auxiliary 7 pm</i>	12	13 <i>Dinner Weathersfield Inn</i>	14	15	16
17	18 <i>PTO 6 pm—RES</i>	19	20 <i>School Board— none</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Library Trustees Mtg. 6 pm</i>	27 <i>Cemetery Commission 6 pm Town Hall</i>	28	29	30
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