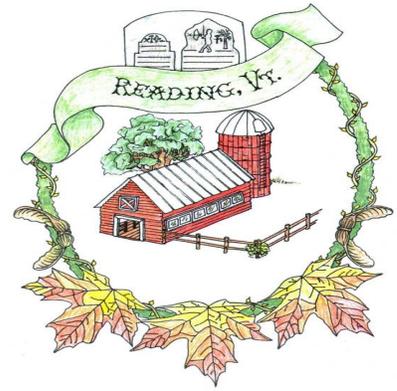
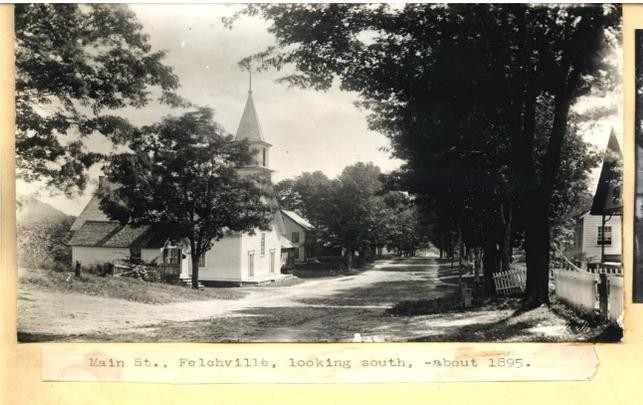


# The Reading Informer June 2015



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**Your Invited June 7, 2015**

Reading Historical Society  
Annual Meeting and Program  
Open To All

**3 p.m. Reading Town Hall**  
"Life In Windsor County"

This photo is a look south on Rte. 106 in 1895. The diverse county of Windsor Vermont has witnessed an incredible number of events and generated a rich collection of memories. Seventeen residents share their stories of Life in Windsor County and when combined with over 250 historical photos a unique and fascinating look at the areas history emerges. Please join us as we watch and listen to the fascinating stories of: Howard Coffin, Bill Aldrich, Jack Anderson, Franklin Billings, David Briggs, Marvin Harvey, Paul Hudson, Jean Lindman, Morris Lindman, Bruce McEnaney, John Murphy, Bob Parker, Mary Ann Howland McFaun, Barbara Rhoad, John Swanson, George Tuthill and Kathy Wendling.

Light refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there.



## To The Community Members of Reading---

***Thank you for all the help!!***

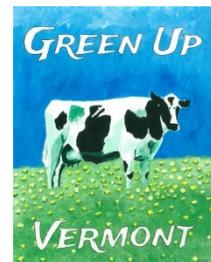
It was great to see so many people out and about on Green Up Day. A lot of roadside trash was put in the proper place, the transfer station! I thank you all for your enthusiasm and effort.

I am eternally grateful to the “regulars”, who religiously clean up their section of town. You know who you are! And, thank you to the group of 4H students, along with their advisor, Michele Palazzo for their efforts as a group. Lastly, thank you to the residents of the Town of Reading for approving the funding request to help pay for this event. The state does not “do” Green Up. Green Up Vermont is a non-profit organization, which means they must fund-raise a large portion of their operating expenses, and giving by cities and towns has been a large part of their budget now for many years.

A special thank you to Calista Brennan, our Town Clerk, and Esther Allen, assistant Town Clerk, who helped coordinate a lot of the communication pieces this year such as: putting up the fabulous, large town map that helps the organization of the clean up duty, incorporating information into the Reading Informer, putting out a sandwich board sign for advertisement, and helping with the logistics of giving out the prizes to the lucky folks that find the hidden coupons. Thanks Calista and Esther!

The next Green Up day is: **May 7, 2016** but you don't have to wait until the first Saturday in May – every day can be a clean up day!

**Marie Anderson**  
**Reading Green Up Coordinator 2015**



### **Outside Burning !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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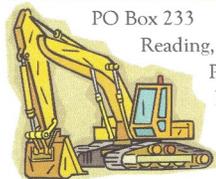
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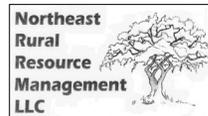
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# Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2015  
UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Calista Brennan, Jane Cleveland, Gary Vittum and Karl Hanson. Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. There were no changes.

Robert stated a change for the April 13<sup>th</sup> minutes, Action Item A, should be "make" changes not made. Minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 4/30/15, Expenses were \$52,525.24; Revenue was \$33,596.98. Balance in LSB \$603,533.47. Delinquent taxes for 2011-14 are \$106,210.14. Calista reported that as of now, there are four (4) properties scheduled for tax sale in July. Gordy moved to approve and Jim seconded. Report is accepted.

## Action Items:

**Transfer of Reading Christian Union Church Property:** Jon Springer stated that the paperwork is not complete as they are waiting on some signatures. There will be a special Selectmen's meeting posted when everything is complete so this will be complete before the Historical Society's annual meeting in June.

**Lease of Building to RHS:** This item was tabled because of paperwork not being complete. Calista will look into getting building insurance added to the Town's policy.

**Readings Emergency Operations Plan – Adoption:** The form was completed. Jim moved to adopt, Gordy seconded. Gary suggested that once everything is in place, there should be a meeting of all persons involved in case of an emergency so that everyone knows what is expected of them.

**Highways:** Gordy and Robert will contact a few engineering firms in the area to see if they would be willing to quote a design for the bridge on Tyson Road and Town Farm Road. The Town has a \$30,000.00 grant for engineering from AOT. We did not receive a grant for pavement for 2015. SWCRP has applied for a \$4,000 Better Back Road Grant for the Town. This would help pay for a complete road inventory. The selectmen signed a letter concerning ditching on Weld cemetery Road.

**Other:** Karl Hanson proposed a dog area at Bartley Field. He has a map showing where there is a place to be fenced off. It would have a walking trail to and from on the out skirts of the playing field. He would also like to look into a walking path down to the brook. The selectmen gave permission to put a dog receptacle on the far end of the field behind the school.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Calista N Brennan



## Community Garden Plots

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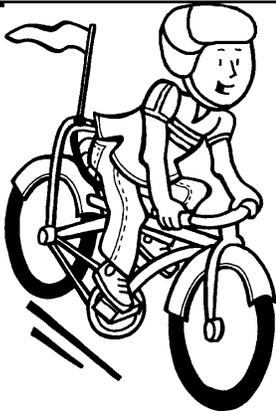
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**1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**  
**Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 pm**



**Heads Up!**

**Saturday, June 27th.**

**5th Annual Long Trail Century Ride.**  
Throughout the day, there will be over 50 cyclists traveling a route from Bridgewater, Woodstock, Reading, Cavendish, Plymouth, and back to Bridgewater Corners.

**Dog Licenses are now 2 months past due!**

**If you own or keep a dog or wolf-hybrid that is six months or older on or before April 1st of each year you must license that pet, per Vermont Statute.**

**Stop in at the Town Clerk's office to register any new dogs or renew your dog's license. You must have a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate. If your pet has passed away, please let the Clerk know, so that your name can be removed from the delinquent list.**



**Thank You**



**Reading Elementary School  
6th Grade Graduation  
Thursday, June 11, 5 p.m.**

**School will be closing for the summer  
On June 12th  
Please help keep our children safe  
as they enjoy their summer break.**

**Thank you**

**PTR's—Property Transfers**

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**Reading Planning Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes—Unapproved  
Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7 pm**

Present: Steve Strait, Ken Cox, Becky Basch      Guests: Katherine Otto (SWCRPC)

March 2, 2015 PC minutes – Steve noted that the March minutes were not printed in the April informer, Becky commented that they may have been too long for the informer and members will have to re-view the minutes posted on the town website. Steve will remind people to look at the website before the next meeting.

Forest Stewardship Atlas – Katharine Otto from SWCRPC presented a new online tool that is available for public use to assist in planning and forestry stewardship in the region and the state. The link for the new tool is: <http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/foreststewardship/>. Katherine explained the main functions of the Atlas how to use some of the tools, and encouraged planning commission members to view the Atlas online. She said that the tool was created to assist foresters and towns with planning for forest resources. The atlas was based on an atlas created for the VT Agency of Natural Resources. Katharine said that although the RPC will be done with the project in two weeks, she believes that the ANR will keep the data on the atlas up to date.

Ridgeline protection overlay district – PC Members reviewed a revised version of the Ridgeline Protection Overlay district. The current district follows the 1800-foot contour line for the most part, but it was clear from the map that some ridgelines are higher and the area above 1800 feet is very large. Steve asked the RPC to create a map that included contours a certain distance from the top of the ridgelines, where development may be more of an issue. Ken commented that he had spoken to some foresters about the height of trees on top of the ridgeline, and found that generally they extend 30-50 ft above the ground. Ken commented that impact from building could be minimal if some trees are left behind to screen the house from view. He said that the most important thing is that the trees on top of the ridgeline do not get removed. Ken also suggested that we may want to include some restrictions regarding lighting, as houses at higher elevations are especially visible at night. Steve suggested that PC members review the language in the zoning concerning the Ridgeline Protection District to make sure it says what we want it to say.

Steve said that he had driven around town with the map and noted two places in town where you get panoramic views - one coming down Tyson Rd, where there is a view of Mt. Ascutney, and the second from the high point in the northeast part of town. Steve suggested that one of the criteria for undue adverse impact is the number of places the ridgeline can be seen from public roads.

Steve commented that Keyes Mtn is lower, but visible from a lot of places. Steve also commented that Reading doesn't have a lot of ridges in town, and some ridgelines are only visible from certain locations. Ken gave examples of some houses that are built on ridges and are very visible from the interstate.

Steve requested that PC members look at ridgelines when driving around town in order to finalize the ridgeline boundaries, and should also review the language in the zoning bylaws.

Zoning district boundaries – Members reviewed the proposed zoning district boundary revisions and made a few small edits to make the districts more closely follow parcel boundaries. Steve suggested posting the map on the town website so that residents have an opportunity to review the changes and comment on them before the public hearing process. The goal in revising the district boundaries is to simplify zoning decisions and minimize the number of parcels that lie in more than one district.

## Reading Planning Commission.....continued from page 8

Meeting w/ Jens Hilke – Ken contacted Jens Hilke, a fish and wildlife scientist with the State, to ask him to come to a PC meeting. The purpose for having Jens at a meeting is to discuss the wildlife habitat protection overlay district, how it was created and the impacts from development that should be avoided in the district. Ultimately, the PC would like to come up with a list of activities that should be discouraged for wildlife corridors – i.e. dogs, density of housing, types of uses. Steve also wants him to talk about the accuracy of the data and discuss adaptability of wildlife, and how deer wintering areas move over time. Steve also suggested we look at the parcels that are in the overlay district and discuss the considerations for development in the overlay district area.

Adjournment – Steve made a motion to adjourn, Ken seconded, Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Basch, Secretary

## Reading's Old Home Day

Sponsored by the Reading Fire & Rescue Department  
Sunday, July 5th



Parade Theme:	“Wild, Wild West”
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
24th Annual Ox Pull:	1 p.m. at Newhall Meadow
9th Annual Ducky Derby:	2 p.m. at Newhall Field

Come join us for a fun filled family day.

Ducky Derby tickets will be available to purchase at the Town Clerk's office; Watroba's Country Store or the Reading Greenhouse.

## Librarian's Note:

The library has **free passes** available for the American Precision Museum in Windsor, the Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock, the Fort at No. 4 Living History Museum, and the Vermont History Museum, with branches in Montpelier and Barre; and we have reduced-price passes for Echo Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington.

We also offer a pass 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.

Our "**Books Have Legs**" display has three new anecdotes. David Rowlee, Milde Waterfall, and Maryann Allcroft each shared thoughts about some special books. Stop in and take a look on the wall above the stairs leading to the children's room. We will continue to highlight additional entries as they come in. If you'd like to share a few sentences about a book that played an important role in your life, you can pick up an entry form at the library.

We have added about eighty-five **DVDs** to our collection—classics, comedies, dramas, the whole gamut. They're all available for check-out. *The Vermont Movie* is available as well for folks who'd like to see the documentary but couldn't attend the library's showing.

The town library provided nine of the ten nominated Red Clover picture books to the school for the kids to read and vote on in class. About a dozen of the kids, in turn, provided the town library with written reviews of the books. The kids' reviews are laid out atop the bookcase in the library's children's room as a guide to parents. We also sent many of the nominated Dorothy Canfield Fisher books over to the older elementary students to read and vote on in class. We very much enjoy working with the school and want to thank the teachers and administrative staff for encouraging the collaboration.

In that spirit, we are working with some of the sixth graders, who are organizing and running a **family movie night** here at the library. As of this writing, we haven't yet settled on a specific movie, but it will be shown on **Saturday, June 6, at 6:30**. Kids may bring pillows and sleeping bags or blankets. They can attend in their pajamas if they like and can bring along a doll or stuffed animal. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Cordially,  
Tony

## 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

First Tuesday  
7:00 PM at Fire Station

### Little Ascutney

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

### EC Fiber

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Thank you, Diana Bennett

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<i>7 RHS Program 3 pm Town Hall</i>	<i>8 Selectboard 6 pm @ Town Hall</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 6th grade graduation 5 pm RES</i>	<i>12 Last day of school 1/2 day</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15 PTO 6:30 pm @ RES. Informer articles due to Town Clerk</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 RES School Board 6 pm</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27 Bikers on the roads.....</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30 Library Mtg. 6 pm</i>				