



The Reading Informer

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Reading Elementary School Sixth Grade Graduation

Wednesday, June 8th
10 AM



At the Reading Elementary School
The community is invited to the ceremony
as well as the barbecue luncheon afterwards.
We'll be having hot dogs, rolls, salads,
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Thank you Reading Fire Department



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

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State Police 457-1416

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Email: readingvermont@comcast.net

Post Office

484-5994

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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

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Email: rtownhall_464@comcast.net

Reading Elementary School

484-7230

Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits

Nathan Willard 484-0094

Reading– West Windsor Food Shelf

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**Thursday 4:00 to 6:00 (Thrift Store & Food
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Selectboard's Meeting

May 9, 2016

UNAPPROVED

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

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Glen Town, Calista Brennan, Dennis Allen, Jane Cleveland, Karl Hanson and Nina Salvatore.

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. No changes
Minutes of the April 11th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 4/30/16, Expenses were \$49,047.38; Revenue was \$38,535.02. Balance in LSB \$94797.40 and balance in the sweep account \$727,187.21 for a total of \$821,984.61. Delinquent taxes for 2013-15 are \$71,629.83. Two of the three taxes properties have paid, the last one will most likely pay before sale date. Gordy moved to approve and Jim seconded. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

Service Officer Appointment: Bill H.575 has been signed and is effective July 1, 2016. This bill states that municipalities are no longer required to have a Service Officer. DCF will be the Service Officer.

LEOP Update: The plan will be sent to SWCRPC. There was one major change to the High Risk Population area to add Jamie Waters as a licensed day care provider. Jim moved to approve, Gordy seconded. With this plan in place the Town would get additional Federal funding of 2.5% or 5% should a disaster occur.

Local Snowmobile Club: Dennis Allen had a Driveway Permit request on Brown Schoolhouse Road for the Snowmobile Club. They have to change the trail due to wild life management. UVM is doing an archeology study of the area and will have the final say when the study is complete. Driveway permit was approved by the Selectboard and Road Foreman, with the understanding that a 15" culvert would be used.

Town Farm Bridge and Tyson Road Bridge Engineering Status: There is a meeting scheduled for 9 AM Saturday May 14th with Peter Holden of Holden Engineering.

Highways: Glen stated that all roads have been graded. The 2010 truck has been repaired. The cost was more than the estimate. Glen is looking to see if we can get any warranty help with the cost. There will be a meeting on Friday, May 13th at 3:30 PM at Tayloe Denton's on Town Hill Road with Doug Gurney to look at the possibility of putting a culvert in. On Friday, May 20th there is a wastewater meeting at SWCRPC. Robert and Glen have a meeting with Katherine Otto of SWCRPC on Monday, May 23rd.

Other: Nina Salvatore asked what the future of Bartley Field was. She would like to be able to use the field when her grandson visits. The field has been locked due to the abuse by dog owners. Nina has proposed to get a group of volunteers together to maintain the field. The Selectboard asked that she get back to them with an update. Jane Cleveland stated that it is not just dog waste but other trash at the field. The Selectboard received a very nice letter from the Town of Weathersfield thanking the Reading Fire Department for their help at the recent structure and brush fire at the Yankee Village Motel.

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

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calista N Brennan

Reading Historical Society

Preserving The Past For The Future

Sleeping on the Job

Have you ever woken up and knew you'd had a crazy dream that you just couldn't remember. Lucy (Ainsworth) Cooke, who lived in Reading from 1846 to 1851, certainly did. But Lucy wasn't dreaming about silly things like Beethoven walking unannounced into her parlor and cleaning the fireplace or cows chasing her with milking cans and stools.

When Lucy slept, she was able to identify conditions that ailed others as well as remedies for their maladies. And her sleep wasn't just any sleep. It was more like a state of hypnosis.

Her first patient was herself. When she was a teenager, she fell ill and remained so for two years. Doctors couldn't cure her, and the Ainsworth family had given up hope. However, in her unconscious state, she uttered instructions to gather herbs and roots and to prepare them in a certain way. Dubious and desperate, her loved ones did as Lucy had said and administered the medicine to her. And she recovered, claiming when she woke that she had no recollection of reciting the instructions.

Lucy married Charles Cooke, who hypnotized, or using the term of the day, mesmerized her. In these deep sleeps, her healing powers grew, reaching their height while she lived in Reading (specifically Hammondsville). Apart from her ability to diagnosis a condition and recommend a cure, it is said Lucy could set broken bones by simply touching the afflicted person. It was her unique ability that only appeared while she was in a trancelike state that earned her the moniker "Sleeping Lucy."

Her reputation grew, and she started a mail-order medicine business, offering cures for people around the country and around the world. After Charles died, Lucy moved to the Montpelier area and then to Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1895, at the age of 76, she became ill and fell into a deep sleep. But unlike the cure she uttered some 6 decades before, nothing came from her mouth, and silently, Sleeping Lucy passed from this world.

-Stephen D'Agostino



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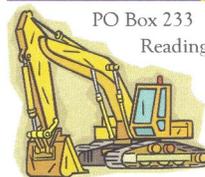
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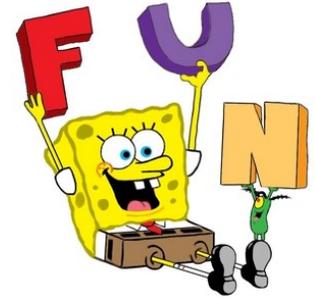
Reading's Old Home Day Sunday, July 3rd

Come join us for a fun filled family day

Sponsored by the Reading Fire & Rescue Department

Parade Theme: "Cartoons"

The Fire Department has increased the prize award amounts for float winners.



- Parade Line Up: 10:30 a.m.
- Parade Starts: 11:00 a.m.
- 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
- 10th Annual Ducky Derby: 2 p.m. at Newhall Field
- Questions please contact Rob Macri at 484-9930 or rmacri70@iCloud.com

April Local Property Transfer

Barto, Gary & Susan to Braun, Joseph & Amber
3615 Tyson Road House & 2.22 Acres \$ 245,000



Zoning Permit Required ???



**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.**

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We have a free pass (admits 4) available for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee. In addition to raptor enclosures, a songbird exhibit, and nature trails, there are many seasonal programs on site for families to enjoy. The library also 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; those dates vary according to the rules of the individual park or site.

The library carries Consumer Reports magazine, which rates everything from cars to cell phones. We keep a year's worth of issues here for perusal or for loan. Because there are no ads in the magazine, Consumer Reports is beholden to no one but us, the consumers. They have an extensive website, as well, but charge an annual fee to use it fully. The library has access. If you'd like to see about a product that hasn't been covered in the magazine recently, drop in and I'll get you onto the site free.

The library's Board of Trustees meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. here at the library. We want to remind folks that the meetings are open to anyone who wants to sit in. There is an opportunity during meetings for visitors to speak about concerns they may have or to offer suggestions; we encourage either, or both. With the addition of a wheelchair lift some years ago, the main floor, the bathroom, and the children's room (by the way) are all accessible.

Libraries teach and reinforce important social values, particularly to children. The idea of borrowing, using, caring for, and returning a shared public resource is considered valuable and unique to libraries. By caring for community resources, residents exhibit respect for others in their town. In this way, the library helps build good citizens.

Cordially,

Tony

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Felchville Cemetery Association announces changes to the Board

Trustee & Chairperson replacing Duane Wyman:

Audrey Halpert 484-7376 e-mail: Audrey@thehalperts.com

Howard Sanderson, Jr., Trustee 484-5548

Nathan Willard, Trustee 484-0094

Reading Recreation Commission Quarterly Meeting

Town Hall 5/4/2016

Minutes (draft)

Attendance: Diane Moore, Treasurer, Chris Titus, Secretary

Visitor: Calista Brennan, Karl Hansen, Jane Cleveland, Lisa Morrison, Nina Salvatore, Tom Baumann and Stephen Titus

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chris Titus. Chris added an item to the agenda during new business regarding creating a Paul Robbins Community Service Award Committee

Presidents report: No report due to the resignation of Kevin Barnes who was the President. Kevin handed his keys to Calista after another incident at Bartley Field regarding dog feces on the field even though it is clearly stated that dogs are not allowed on the field. A letter was regrettably accepted by the Selectboard at the April meeting. The Rec Commission has not seen a copy of the letter. Bartley Field was locked at the request of the Selectboard.

Secretary's Report: Chris made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 8, 2016 meeting as presented. Diane seconds. Motion passes.

Treasure's Report: Diane reported that the "Rec" ledger has a balance of \$63.10 and the "Friends & Neighbors Committee's" balance is \$2,375.14. She wondered if we should move some money in to the Rec to pay the electric for Bartley. Chris made a motion to move \$300 to the Rec. Diane seconds. Motion passes. Chris motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Diane seconded. Motion passes. Calista spoke to the mowing at Bartley field being over budget again this year and that a new budget will not start until July 1st, 2016.

Old Business

Talent Night was held on March 19th with about 75 in attendance. It was the last one that Chris & Diane will organize. Schuyler Benoit and Brandy Murray expressed interest for running it next year.

Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, March 29 at Bartley Field which was in good shape. It was a nice sunny day and about 60 participants had 1,290 stuffed eggs to gather. Again, this is the last one that Chris and Diane will organize.

Ducky Derby is on July 3rd this year. It is going to be a challenge to get through this event without Kevin as he helped with prize solicitation, permission for use from Newhall, preparation of the start and finish line, the "catch" for the ducks and selling tickets at the parade and the "duck" for the parade. Tom & Stephen said they would help with the finish, catch and wrangling. Prize solicitation needs to happen this month with tickets sales starting ideally June 1 for presale. Calista will sell tickets out of the Town Hall again. We discussed 10th year t-shirts. So there is a fair amount of work to do. Lisa Morrison asked about getting donations and will stay in contact with Diane. The other details for the event will be done by email. Informer deadline is May 15th.

New Business

Paul Robbins Community Service Award applications are available at the Town office and on the town website. WUHS also has made the Reading seniors aware of the award. Deadline is May 20th. Chris made a motion to create the Paul Robbins Community Service Award Committee which would consist of five (5) members to manage the fund along with the application and selection process. Diane seconded. Motion passed. Members appointed: Chris Titus, Esther Allen, Calista Brennan, Nina Salvatore and Diane Moore is pending.

A special request was received by a student, Kennedy Moore, for assistance with tuition for the Governor's Institute program that she was accepted to attend this summer. Chris decided to support this student with a \$200 donation. Diane abstained.

Tom Baumann and Stephen Titus presented and idea of music festival at Bartley Field this summer that would be a fund raiser for the field and/or the Food Shelf. Chris suggested that they present their idea to the Selectboard as they decided at the April meeting to leave the gate locked with the resignation of Kevin Barnes due to the misuse of the field again with dog feces found on the field. Mowing as a part of the contract for the town properties will not begin again until July 1 when the new budget for mowing the field begins. Chris offered to help with preparing a presentation. Other questions were asked about the field and Chris again, suggested that it be addressed at a Selectboard meeting.

Diane made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted by
Christina M. Titus

Alison Clarkson's May 2016 Legislative Update For the Reading Informer

The gavel came down on Vermont's 2016 legislative session well after midnight on Friday, May 6th. And, while we may be back to address a governor's veto or the possible purchase of the Connecticut River dams, we are basically finished with our 2015-16 biennium. A lot ended in that moment. It represented the coming change in four key leadership roles for the state: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and President Pro Tem of the Senate have all announced they are giving up their offices. I do not believe there has been as significant a transitional moment like this in many decades. And, it ended 12 years of service in the House of Representatives for me – as I have decided to run for the open Windsor County Senate seat.

Thank you for the tremendous opportunity the voters of Plymouth, Reading and Woodstock have given me. I have loved representing you in the Vermont Legislature – it has been an honor. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you, sharing your varied challenges and needs, celebrating our triumphs, traveling the back roads of this quite rural district and coming to know the richness of the history and traditions in our community. It has been an extraordinary experience. I hope that I will be able to continue that representation in a new role as part of Windsor County's delegation in the Vermont Senate, but whatever happens there, thank you.

The last week of this session, like all sessions – ended in a marathon of conference committee reports and final bills being passed on the Floors of both the House and the Senate. It was intense. We began the week expecting to debate proposals which ended up being shelved and measures to end the prohibition on marijuana which couldn't get enough support. One proposal that was shelved was how we clarify the language on Independent Contractors. This will have to wait for next year. It was a top priority of this session but after working on this for two years, Labor, the House Commerce Committee and leadership could not come into agreement on a compromise. Hopefully the key stakeholders in this thorny issue will present a proposal next January. And, I am sure you've now read about the Legislature's inability to 'thread the needle' on moving forward with legalizing marijuana. In the end, too many House members were unwilling to accept the Senate's proposal of how to do it – and too few House members agreed on an alternative. Again, I am hopeful that a proposal on how to end this prohibition on marijuana in a 'Vermont way', a less commercialized fashion, will be presented to the legislature next January.

We did however pass many bills which will have significant impact for Vermonters. This session saw us pass measures which will: give towns more say in locating renewable energy projects; enable sick employees to have three Paid Sick Days; help people get their driving licenses back by allowing them to pay off their ticket debt affordably; protect our state workers from harm; make it easier for Vermonters to vote; help people who have served their time in prison get jobs by 'Banning the Box'; get juvenile offenders into Family Court instead of being treated as adults; protecting vulnerable users, like bicyclists, on our roads; limit opioid prescriptions from hospitals; fund drug treatment programs; update the estate tax and fund transportation projects. There is so much to distill in work we did this session. I will be writing more about it in the next few weeks.

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

Date Night sponsored by
The Reading Historical Society
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at
The Inn at WEATHERSFIELD

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Does the Buck stop here???

It does on Saturday, June 4th, at 9 am

Reading Cemetery Commissioners invite you to join them on a field trip to the Buck Family Cemetery. This is located 1.8 miles north of Keepers Café in Hammondsville on Rte 106. Parking will be available in the field just above the state pull off. We will walk the short distance into the woods to locate the cemetery. The commissioners will be doing some clean up work on the lot. If anyone would like to help with this, please bring brush cutters, etc. to clean away debris from the stones.

Adam Kozlowski, Chairman 1-801-389-6070

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5	6	7 <i>Fire & Rescue 7 pm Fire Station</i>	8 <i>RES Graduation & luncheon 10 am</i>	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Selectboard 6 pm Town Hall Fire Auxiliary 7 pm Fire Station</i>	14	15 <i>School Board 6 pm at RES</i>	16	17	18
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26	27	28 <i>Library Mtg.—6 pm</i>	29	30		