

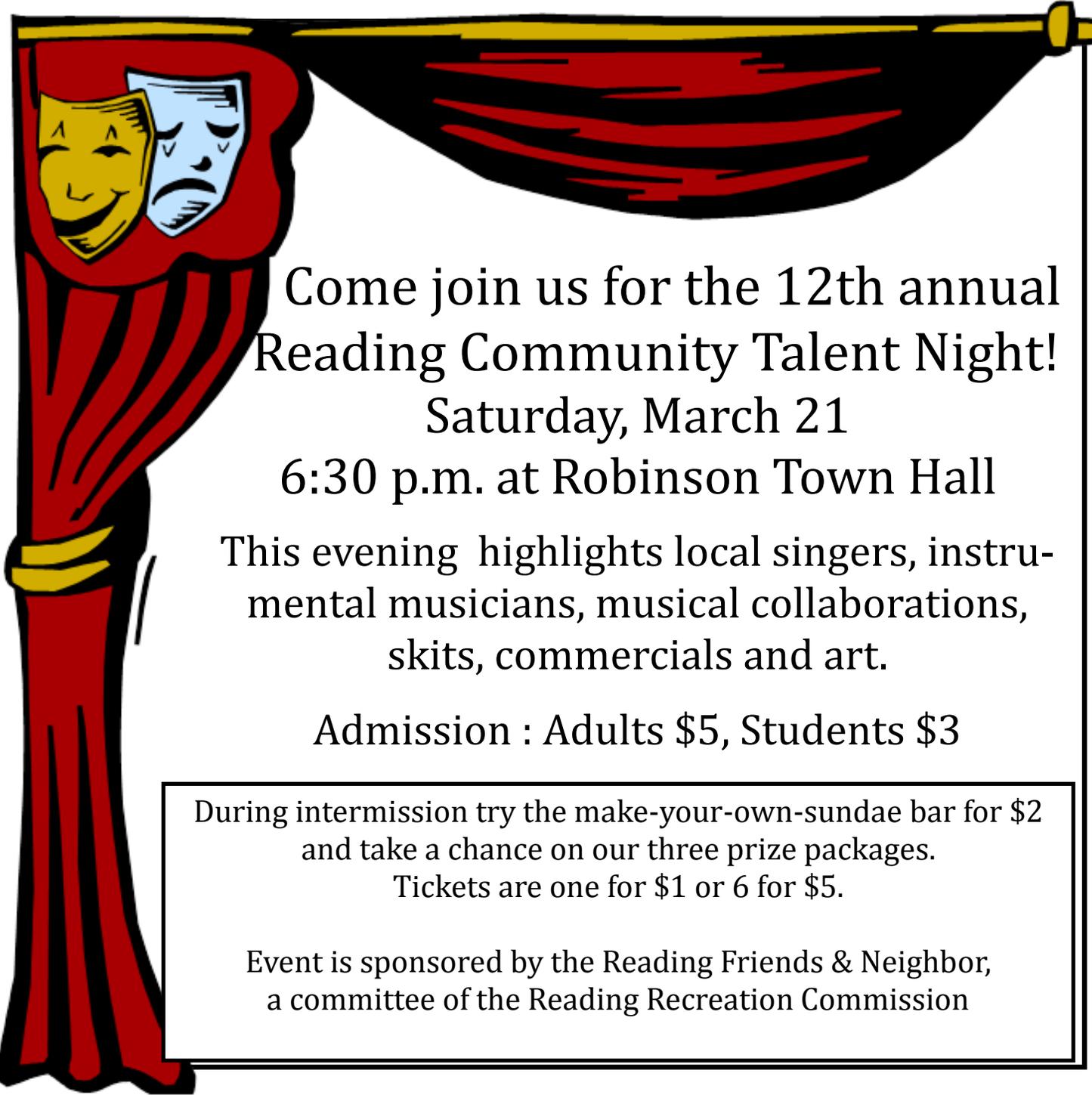


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**READING**

**INFORMER**

**March 2015**



Come join us for the 12th annual  
Reading Community Talent Night!

Saturday, March 21

6:30 p.m. at Robinson Town Hall

This evening highlights local singers, instru-  
mental musicians, musical collaborations,  
skits, commercials and art.

Admission : Adults \$5, Students \$3

During intermission try the make-your-own-sundae bar for \$2  
and take a chance on our three prize packages.

Tickets are one for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Event is sponsored by the Reading Friends & Neighbor,  
a committee of the Reading Recreation Commission

## Selectmen Meeting

February 9, 2015

UNAPPROVED

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

Present: Robert Allen, Jim Peplau, Calista Brennan, Gary Vittum, Jane Cleveland and Tom Kennedy

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

Minutes of the January 12th Selectmen's meeting and Public Hearing were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1/31/15, Expenses were \$63,027.98; Revenue was \$42,127.74. Balance in Citizen's \$0.00 account is now closed, balance in LSB \$800,212.56. Delinquent taxes for 2011-14 are \$115,629.92. Jim moved to approve and Robert seconded. Report is accepted.

### Action Items:

**Highways:** Glen was not in attendance due to the snow storm. The loader is back and the new truck is now in operation. We are in danger of being well over budget on salt and maybe on sand before the end of winter.

**Certificate of Mileage Form:** The form was signed. The Selectboard needs to make an addition to class 4 roads of about a mile, adding Woodlot Drive that does not currently show on the map.

**SWCRPC - July 1<sup>st</sup> Recycling Law Requirements:** Tom Kennedy was here to speak on the upcoming changes. The Town may have to add recycle bins for plastic, cans and glass container to all public buildings. Those being the Town Hall, Library, Highway Garage and the Emergency Services Building. There was general discussion on recycling changes in Vermont.

**Road & Bridge Standards - Certificate of Compliance:** The certificate was signed.

**VTEL Pole Authorization:** VTEL has asked for permission to move one of their poles from Tyson Road by Grasshopper Lane to the other side of the road. The selectmen agreed and signed the authorization form.

**Liquor Licenses:** The Selectmen signed the renewals for Reading Greenhouse and Watroba's Store.

**Listers:** The Selectmen signed the Certificate for No Appeal or Suit Pending form.

**Bridge #2 - Emergency Grant:** A grant has been submitted for \$250,581 to the State of Vermont for the damage caused to Bridge 2 on Tyson Road and several Town Highways during the heavy rain on July 28, 2015. The State would like to set up a meeting to discuss completely replacing Bridge #2 rather than just repairing the Wing Walls. Robert is waiting to hear when that will happen.

**Town Hall Siding & Highway Garage Painting & Staining:** Robert met with Paul Brousseau from the Corrections Department about having his correctional work crew do this work. Paul will get back to Robert with the amounts of materials and estimated labor hours that would be needed.

**Other -** Gary Vittum mentioned that the Highway radios have been reprogrammed so that communication, when necessary, between Highway and Emergency Services would be much better throughout the Town.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan



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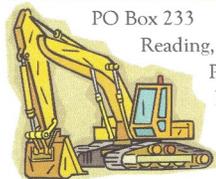
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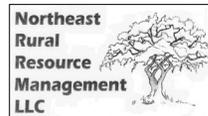
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## Calling All Stars for *The Reading Community Talent Night*

We are looking to showcase our local and surrounding talent on Saturday, **March 21st**.

If you are interested in sharing your talent, please contact Chris Titus at 484-5610.

Rehearsals will be held at the Reading Town Hall on March 7 and 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

This event is sponsored by the Reading Friends & Neighbors a committee of the Reading Recreation Commission.



## Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com).



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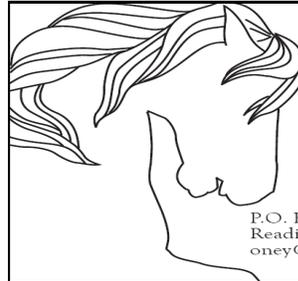
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# Senior Spring Dinner

**Roast Beef**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Green Beans, Glazed Carrots**

**Warm Ginger Bread**

**Tuesday, March 31st @ 12 noon**

**Reading Town Hall Dining Room**

**\$4.00 for Seniors and \$5.00 for all others**

**Please call Tom & Calista @ 484-0276  
for reservations so they can plan food and setup.**

## **License your dog by April 1st to avoid a late fee.**



**In accordance with the State of Vermont Statute Title 20: 3541-3591 and 3801-3813 the municipal clerk shall issue licenses for dogs and wolf hybrids. 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 the pet.**

**If you become an owner or keeper of a dog or wolf-hybrid that is six months old after April 1st, you have 30 days to license the animal.**

**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.**

### **Dog Fees:**

<b>Males/Females</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>Neutered/Spayed</b>	<b>\$ 9.00</b>
<b>Replacement Tag</b>	<b>\$ 3.00</b>	<b>New Dog after 10/1</b>	<b>Half Fee</b>
<b>After 4/1 add a late fee of \$2.00 / \$4.00</b>			

## PTR's—Property Transfers

Paul Colangelo to Stephen Lanoza  
Single Family Dwelling and 2.50 acres Matthews Drive  
\$82,000

## School Closing Dates

3/2-3, 4/13-17, 5/25

6/12 Last Day of school (with 3 snow days included)

## Wood Work

If you have an appreciation for beautifully finished wood and you haven't been down to the Reading Library you need to stop in! The refinished wood, the inviting fireplace and all of those delightful books are just waiting for your visit. Take some time to go enjoy one our Town's oldest buildings.

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2. **Order forms by email**  
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3. **Order forms by phone**  
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When ordering, please provide 1) your name; 2) mailing address; 3) form number or form name; and 4) daytime phone number

### Quick Tips:

- Order your paper forms early (no later than April 1) for timely delivery
- Use current year forms from the same source Do not use photocopied forms
- E-file your taxes for a faster refund!



### Tax Preparation time for 2014: Reading Listers' Reminder

**Homestead Declaration-** Reading parcel owners who have their domicile in Reading are required to file a Vermont Homestead Declaration **annually** on or before April 15! This is the criteria for determining income sensitivity eligibility for any residential state-wide educational property tax adjustment. Individual circumstances may require filing for an income tax extension. Remind your tax preparer of the annual Vermont Homestead filing requirement and the date for filing. *There are no extensions for the Homestead Declaration* Late filings are subject to late penalties.

**Non-residents-** These parcel owners pay the non- resident state-wide education tax only adjusted for the Local CLA.

**Impact of not filing Homestead Declaration-**If you have your domicile in Reading and fail to file a declaration, you are subject to paying any difference between the residential and non-residential education tax plus a substantial penalty.

Forms are available by going on line, and entering Vermont.gov, clicking on VT Tax Department, and clicking on forms.

**The Reading Common Level of Appraisal for 2015 is 99.75.**

Reading Listers,  
John Fike, Penny Allyn, Richard Sullivan

## Librarian's Note

The Reading Public Library is currently showing *Freedom & Unity: The Vermont Movie*, the first-ever documentary series about the state. The six-part film is a collaboration of over four dozen VT filmmakers. The film is thematic, not chronological, exploring themes in the state's history that recur and circle back, from 1777 to the present. Each part is approximately 80 minutes long. The remaining parts will be shown **on the following Fridays at 7 p.m.**

**March 6** – Part 3: “Refuge, Reinvention and Revolution” (exploring innovation, interstates, and counter-culture).

**March 20** – Part 4: “Doers and Shapers” (exploring progressivism in education and state law, from Act 250 to civil unions).

**April 3** – Part 5: “Ceres’ Children” (exploring participatory democracy and ethics in conservation and farming).

**April 24** – Part 6: “People’s Power” (exploring contemporary tensions over energy, independence, climate, and the state’s future).

The popcorn and the program are free.

We have set up a display inside the library for three of our “**Books Have Legs**” anecdotes. Sharon Harkins, Libbet Downs, and Esther Allen 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 display three new anecdotes next month. Thanks to all who participated. 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 near the display.

This winter’s **book-discussion series** features *Remembrance of Things Past*, the multi-volume novel by Marcel Proust. In March we will be discussing the second volume, *Within A Budding Grove*. Call the library for the meeting time and date. For those who have a Kindle or an iPad with a Kindle app, you can purchase the entire novel for \$2.99 at Amazon. Or you can read it online at [openculture.com](http://openculture.com). I also have one copy of the novel to loan; and the library has a Kindle with a copy of the novel on it. I would probably be able to get one copy via interlibrary loan, as well.

Cordially,  
Tony

## Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update February 2015

{This is an abbreviated version of her report; please see the Town Website for the complete report}

The 2015 Vermont Legislative Session is now well underway. Our committee work is in full swing, the House has already passed several bills, there have been several public hearings, lobbying groups are hosting lunches and receptions to introduce us to their policy objectives, we've seen a couple demonstrations, and, we're well into our Farmer's Night performances - a Vermont Statehouse tradition which showcases the best of Vermont talent. It was a pleasure to have Bob Allen here at the Statehouse recently, in his capacity as the new president of the Vermont State Fairs.

**Here is a 'heads-up' for those of you who are on Vermont Health Connect/The Exchange.** Last week you will have received a 1095-A form in the mail which contains data you will need to fill out IRS form 8962, specifying dates of health coverage and how to reconcile premium tax credits. You may receive more than one. For help filling out IRS Form 8962 you can: contact a tax preparer, call 2-1-1 to find local tax preparation help, or go to the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families/The-Premium-Tax-Credit> Vermont Health Connect *cannot* give tax advice. Call them if you haven't received this 1095-A form, or if you requested a termination in 2014 and see incorrect coverage dates, or see inaccurate information on your 1095-A.

I serve on the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees Vermont's revenues. We find ourselves focused on many aspects of health care finance. The Governor and the Legislature want to continue to work on reforming our health care system, reining in the cost of health care, and building on reforms that are saving Vermonters money and producing better health outcomes - like the Blueprint for Health.

We are exploring a wide range of issues, from financing the increased and ongoing cost of Vermont Health Connect and the Exchange, to eliminating the 'cost shift' from publically financed health care onto private premiums. The Committee has a number of reports you may find interesting on its website. You can access these by going to the legislative website: [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us) then to the House Ways and Means Committee page, where you can search by subject: Health Care. These reports will inform our debate, and if you are interested, I encourage you to read them.

First and foremost, we are addressing how to reduce our private health care premium cost by reducing and/or eliminating the cost shift from Medicaid, Medicare and the uninsured onto private insurance. Vermont's annual cost shift is estimated to be about \$150 million. There is general agreement that we need to reduce the cost shift and that this is one way we can really chip away at the cost of health care, for people in the private system.

One idea I am a strong supporter of is a two cent excise tax on sugar sweetened beverages which would raise about \$34 million - a significant percent of what we need. And, as the e-cigarette business booms, I've proposed that we consider an excise tax on the liquid nicotine people purchase to 'vape'. This would produce tax parity with the current cigarette tax. We are all open to other ideas of how to raise this money.

**Please be in touch with me if you have ideas you'd like us to address.**

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 the Statehouse (Tues-Fri) 828-2228 or at home (Sat-Mon) 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the new legislative website: [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us)

## 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

Second Tuesday at 7pm  
Oaks Hall 1st floor of Law  
School  
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Email: [readingvermont@comcast.net](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net)

### Post Office

484-5994

### Retail Counter

Monday – Friday

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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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### Reading Elementary School

484-7230

### Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits

Nathan Willard 484-0094

## *Sorting out winter clothes?*

The Clothing Shelf located at the Food Shelf is in need of gently used winter clothing and shoes for all ages, as well as linens. Items may be dropped off during the food shelf's operating hours.

Thank you, Sara Norcross



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8	9 <i>Select Board 6pm @Town Hall</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>PTO 6:30 pm @ RES</i>	17	18 <i>RES School Board 6 pm</i>	19	20	21 <i>Talent Night</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Library Mtg. 6 pm Senior Dinner Noon Town Hall</i>				