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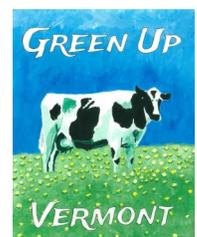
Green Up Day May 2, 2015

- ◇ **CLEAN UP ASSIGNMENTS**—Please sign up at the Reading Town Hall indicating which road you will be cleaning up.
- ◇ **GREEN UP BAGS** will be available at the Reading Town Hall, Watroba's General Store, and The Reading Green House. Please take your filled bag to the Weathersfield Transfer Station—these bags will be accepted without a coupon. **NO** household trash please!
- ◇ **SAFETY**—Do not remove dead animals or hazardous waste. If you find propane tanks, gallon-sized metal cans, bottles or jugs with tubing contact the State Police for appropriate removal.
- ◇ **FUN**—A few special coupons will be hidden along various roadways. The lucky folks who find these coupons will receive a Green Up Day prize by calling the phone number listed on the coupon.

Thank you everyone for your efforts during the 2015 Green Up Day!

Marie Anderson

2015 Green Up Coordinator





**Household Hazardous Waste Collections
Saturday, May 9**

9 a.m.—1 p.m. Springfield Transfer Station
135 Fairground Road

9 a.m.—1 p.m. Goodyear Building In Windsor on River Street

Items that can be turned in: cleaners, solvents, pesticides, antifreeze, used motor oil, pool chemicals, oil-based paint, latex paint, varnish, stain, Mercury-containing devices (thermostats, thermometers, etc.). Bring in a mercury fever thermometer and get a **FREE** digital fever thermometer.

Used **EYE GLASSES** and **HEARING AIDS**: The Springfield Lions Club collects these. Drop off locations are at: Springfield Post Office; Duff & Delbianco office, 2 Summer St.; Spfld; and Price Chopper in Windsor.

PAINT RECYCLING is convenient, available year-round and **FREE!**

The VT. Paint Stewardship Program started in 2014, has set up 67 drop-off sites in VT that you can use to turn in unwanted, leftover paint, even if it is 30 or more years old.

Local drop-off sites include:

- ⇒ Aubuchon Hardware in **Windsor** Sherwin-Williams in **Springfield**
- ⇒ Bibens Home Center in **Springfield** LaValley’s Building Supply in **Ludlow**

Computers, flat screen monitors, and peripherals.

Donate these to WinCycle, 59 Main Street in Windsor. 674-6320

www.wincycle.org Hard drives are sanitized or destroyed so that no information can be retrieved.



Outside Burning !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please remember that permits are required BEFORE you start ANY outside burning. Contact Fire Warden, Nate Willard, at 484-0094 for a permit.

Thank you Reading Fire Department



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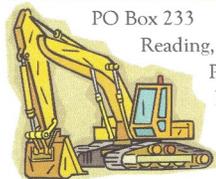
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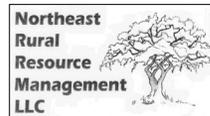


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Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Calista Brennan, Glen Towne, Tom Kennedy, Jane Cleveland and Marie Caduto

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. There was one addition to the agenda, Draft of lease agreement between the Town and Reading Historical Society.

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

Treasurer's Report: As of 3/31/15, Expenses were \$7,073.92; Revenue was \$54,294.43. Balance in LSB \$620,322.98. Delinquent taxes for 2011-14 are \$108265.57. Gordy moved to approve and Robert seconded. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

All Hazzard Mitigation Plan Comments: Tom Kennedy from SWCRPC was here to talk about what is next for this plan. It will go to the State of Vermont, which will come back to SWCRPC with questions, once they are answered and re-submitted, the plan will then to go FEMA. The Town will have the opportunity to review the plan and make any comments/changes after each review. Gordy made a motion to accept as printed the draft of the All Hazzard Mitigation Plan, Robert seconded. Tom also talked about monies that are available thru grants. He will get applications to the Town when they are available.

Readings Emergency Operations Plan - Adoption: There is some missing information that Robert is working on before this can be adopted. Gordy made a motion to table until all the information is complete, Robert seconded.

Other: Marie Caduto was here to talk about Flood Resiliency Grant. She requested that the Town send a letter stating that they will commit to being part of this. There is also Better Back Road funds available and Mary Childs will be getting in touch with the Town with more information.

Highways: Glen stated that the roads are in good shape so far. They have been putting gravel out where needed. Glen's truck will be going back to Osgood's after mud season for repairs to the body.

Draft Lease Agreement: A copy of a draft lease agreement to the Historical Society for the Reading Christian Union Church building was given to each select board member for review. Obviously this lease will not happen until the title to the building is transferred to the Town.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, May11, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan



Community Garden Plots

Did you miss out on winning the
CSA plot raffle at Sunrise Farm
sponsored by the PTO???

Thinking about growing your own
vegetables at our
community garden?

Contact Dennis Barbour
at 484-5119 if you are interested
in having a garden plot this
summer in the field behind the
fire station.

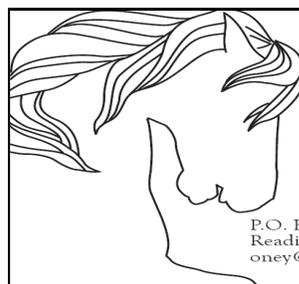
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www.readingvt.govoffice.com. The application must be postmarked by May 22 and returned to the Town Office.

Reading Energy Survey and Handouts

Becky Basch, rebeccabasch@comcast.net

The Reading Energy Committee has developed a short survey so that we can better focus our work according to people's interests and understanding related to energy issues and topics. If you are a resident of Reading, please take a few minutes to fill out our survey. Hard copies of the survey are available at the Reading town hall. If you have access to a computer and wish to complete the survey online the link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FMSLYHN>

We have also developed some informational materials on energy audits and solar. Copies of these are available at the Town hall also. Stay tuned for more informational updates on FPF and in the Informer. We will also be posting meeting minutes on the Town website—<http://www.readingvt.govoffice.com>

Dog Licenses are now 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
Kindergarten Registration**



**Reading School Pre-K
Open House on
Friday, May 15 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
Please join us at your convenience on
that day.**

**Can't make it on that day, call the Reading School at 484-7230
to schedule an individual appointment and a visit with Ms. Kaplun.**

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Reading Library Librarian's Note

On **Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m.**, Reading Public Library will host a free program, **"Menus, Memories & Memorabilia."**

Jane Soule, owner of South Woodstock's Hyacinth House B&B, will share menus, memories, and memorabilia from the 1940s and '50s, when her aunt ran the place as a guest house. Jane will share handwritten recipes and menus from those years, along with old recipe books, records of where folks did their shopping, and the names of local farmers and food suppliers from the period. Refreshments reminiscent of the mid-twentieth century will be served. Join us for an exploration of how life and eating habits have changed in Windsor County. For more information, call the library at 484-5588.

Cordially,
Tony

Reading Elementary School
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 6:00 PM
Reading Elementary School

DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: School Board – Justin Sluka (Chair); Shiri Macri (Clerk); School – Zoey Zullo (Principal); Beth-Ann Drinker(1/2 teacher); WCSU – Sherry Sousa (Sp.Ed. Director); Visitors – Heather Evans.

- 1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.
- 2) Approve minutes: The agenda was misprinted to read approving February minutes. Modifying to approve March minutes. Shiri Macri makes a motion to approve the minutes of March 18th, 2015. Justin Sluka seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- 3) Action/Discussion
 - Approval staff appointments. Shiri Macri makes a motion to approve staff appointments as presented. Justin Sluka seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Motion approved.
 - Update on SBAC. Zoey reports on SBAC testing. Has been going smoothly.
 - Update on after-school program-Beth-Ann provides presentation about after school program.
 - o Some details: Program is 3 days per week, as well as some school vacations. It has been offered mostly for all grades. The schedule includes snack, quiet time for reading and homework as well as planned activity, which encompasses the following topics: Math, engineering, chess, storytelling, writing, artistic expression, farm-to-school. Of the 44 students who could participate, 36 have joined. Beth-Ann shows slide show of some of the accomplishments included photographs taken and developed by students, commercials created, recipes, etc.
- 4) Reports
 - Principal – Zoey provides report. Discussed submitting some information from monthly reports to The Informer. Shiri and Zoey will discuss further.
 - Chair – Justin reports re: ABS discussions. Will be meeting with ABS School Board Chair to discuss collaborations further. Zoey has also had some discussions with ABS principal re: collaborations.
- 5) Visitors – no discussions requested.
- 6) Executive Session, Title 1, §313, VSA – Shiri Macri makes a motion to enter into executive session at 7:00p to discuss personnel matters. Justin Sluka seconds the motion. Exited at 7:42p.
- 7) Shiri Macri makes a motion to approve an increase in substitute time by 3.5h/day effective 3/31/15 and to authorize principal to utilize the substitute for these hours until next board meeting 5/20/15. Justin Sluka seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Motion approved.
- 8) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45p

Next meetings: WCSU Board meeting: Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. - WCSU Conf. Room
RES Board meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. - RES

Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update April 2015

While this Legislative Session has been dominated by issues revolving around finances: balancing a FY16 budget, financing clean water initiatives and health care reform – it has also been working on a number of areas of deep concern to many Vermonters. Here are three issues which the Legislature has addressed recently.

How to improve protection of Vermont's children who are under the supervision of the state became a major issue last year with the death of two young children. A Task Force was formed to address the problem, and worked this past summer and fall, making recommendations to the Legislature in January. The House Human Services Committee has finished their work on S.9, the Child Protection Bill, and it will now go to House Judiciary. This bill, which began in the Senate, is a result of that Task Force: the Vermont Citizen's Advisory Board and the Legislative Panel on Child Protection's work. The focus in the bill is on keeping children safe and will require that decisions be made based on "the best interests of the child". The safety and well-being of the child will always be the primary goal, with reunification of the child and the parents occurring only if it is deemed safe for the child. It makes changes that will allow and require appropriate sharing of information among the various entities involved in child protection, while still providing for confidentiality. The Family Services Division of the Department for Children and Families will be required to review, and revise if necessary, their policies, procedures and practices to ensure that the Division is doing the best job possible to protect children. This bill proposes to hold individuals accountable if they have caused harm to a child, or exposed a child to harm, by making some changes to current statutes, rather than by creating a new crime as the Senate had proposed.

In addition to this committee work, the Department of Children and Families, was in large measure, held harmless in the budget cuts this year. One of the challenges has been the size of the caseloads their social workers carry. The budget decisions align with this focus on further protecting the lives of our Vermont children.

Recently, on the Floor of the House, we heard a moving and poignant presentation of J.R. 8 – a resolution about preventing military suicides. It passed unanimously. Parents and spouses of Vermont Veterans who had committed suicide were present in the Gallery. The presenter of the resolution shared some of the heart breaking data and stories about this problem. Nationally, about 8,000 veterans a year commit suicide. There are many efforts being made to address this problem, by the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, the Vermont National Guard and private groups – all of which are attempting to better support veterans post service, and reduce the suicide rate. Our own Veteran's Hospital in WRJ has one of the best post traumatic stress syndrome programs in the country.

A bill which proposed to ban teacher strikes and imposed binding arbitration of contracts, H.76, was defeated on the Floor of the House by the closest vote of the Session thus far 73 to 70. An amendment to set up a Task Force to further study this challenging issue passed initially but was then defeated the next day on third reading. Two different House Committees, Education and General Housing and Military Affairs (which deals with labor issues) had addressed it. Education had passed it out favorably, and House General passed it out unfavorably. Those results guaranteed a contentious debate on the House Floor. You can see the testimony presented to each committee on this subject on their committee websites, accessed through the Legislative webpage: legislature.vermont.gov Thank you to the many people who were in touch, many of whom had differing views. This issue is clearly going to be a major subject of discussion in the future. I look forward to discussing this further with the school community.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: 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: 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

First Tuesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

Little Ascutney

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

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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

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