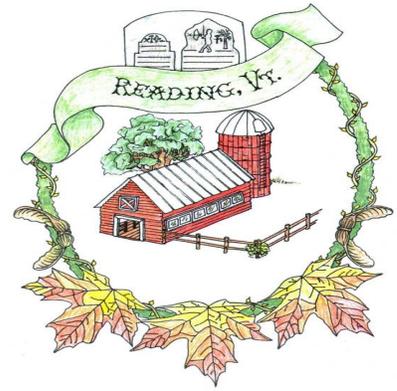


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# Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2015

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, and Calista Brennan. Steve Strait, Becky Basch and Jason Rasmussen joined the meeting at approximately 6:30PM.

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. There were no changes. Minutes of the August 17th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 8/31/15, Expenses were \$96,635.42; Revenue was \$118,397.70. Balance in LSB \$164,455.67 and balance in the sweep account \$240,228.50 for a total of \$404,684.17. Delinquent taxes for 2011-14 are \$64,621.01. There are 3 properties scheduled for tax sale on October 12<sup>th</sup> before the Selectmen's meeting. Jim moved to approve and Gordy seconded. Report is accepted.

## Action Items:

**Highway:** Glen was not present so there was no report. Robert brought Jim and Gordy up-to-date on the status of the Engineering on the two bridges in South Reading, indicating that we only have authority from AOT to do the Engineering on Town Farm Road Bridge at this time. A conference call with AOT and Holden Engineering is expected to happen sometime this week.

**Other:** Pat Maher submitted his resignation as Town Auditor, as he will be moving out of Reading. The Selectboard accepted this and thanked him for his service. The Town is looking to fill this position, if interested, please contact Calista at the Town office.

The Selectboard approved and signed a 5 year lease with the Reading West Windsor Food Shelf. This will be forwarded to the RWWFS for their review and approval. Robert mentioned that the Historical Society had a person in Town recently looking at the Cupolas on three buildings in Felchville, and South Reading. The Cupola on the Stone School needs some work done soon, and although the Historical Society has over \$7,000.00 reserved for this building that might not be enough and the Town should be prepared to help with the remainder of the cost of the repair. Jim and Gordy agreed.

**The Selectmen would like to remind all Town departments to start working on their 2016/2017 budgets so that they can be given to the Selectboard by Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission approved a grant application thru SWCRPC to help with zoning changes, including mapping and by-laws. There is no cost to the Town. The Planning Commission requesting that the Selectboard sign a Resolution to approve this. Jim moved to approve, Gordy seconded. The Selectboard signed the Resolution. The Planning Commission has asked the Selectboard to approve Rachel Navaro as a member to replace Pat McLean. Not being on the Agenda, this request was tabled until the next meeting.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

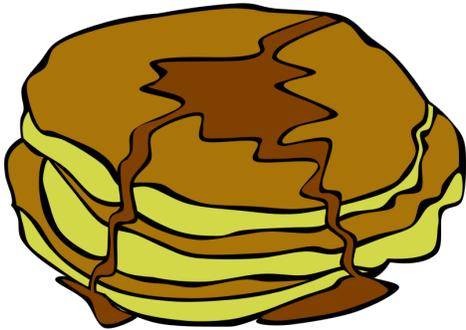
Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm following the Tax Sale meeting at 6:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Calista N Brennan

# Reading Elementary School Upcoming Events

October 8            Open House at the school at 6:00 pm

October 23           Pumpkin Raffle at the school



## Leaf Peeper Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 18th

8 am –10:30 am

Reading Elementary School

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### Librarian's Note

If you're looking for somewhere to go this fall, remember we still have **free passes** available for the American Precision Museum (Windsor), the Billings Farm & Museum (Woodstock), and the Vermont History Museum (branches in Montpelier and Barre); and we have reduced-price passes for Echo Aquarium & Science Center (Burlington). You can call the library at 484-5588 to reserve a pass, or just drop in and see what's on hand.

Because of a lack of space, Reading Public Library **can no longer accept donations of books**. You can try one of the neighboring libraries or Violet's Book Exchange in Claremont.

Reading Public Library provides **downloadable audio books and e-books** for adults and children at no cost through "Listen Up Vermont." The collection can be accessed at [listenupvermont.org](http://listenupvermont.org). Once you've installed the free software and decided on a book, just add the title to your basket and sign it out with your patron number. If the audio book you want is checked out, you can place it on reserve and you'll receive an email when it becomes available. After downloading the audio file to your computer, you can close the Internet connection and listen offline. You can also transfer the file to portable devices, and some books can be burned to CD. You can check out up to three titles at a time. At the end of the loan period, the computer files automatically expire and the books are returned to the digital collection. There are never any late fees or damage costs. For more information, take the guided tour on the "Listen Up Vermont" website. If you don't know your patron number, call or email me at the library.

We want to remind patrons that the **building is available** for use after hours to local individuals and groups. Contact the librarian for details.

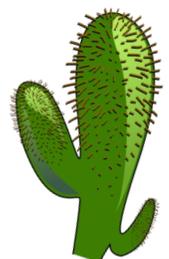
Cordially,  
Tony

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**Volunteer Wanted.....**

The Town of Reading is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission board of directors. Board meetings are held at the RPC offices in Ascutney, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon (lunch is provided) done by 2 pm.

Contact Calista at the Town Clerk's office 484-7250, if you are interested in learning more about this

Patrick Maher, one of our Town auditors, has moved to Hanover, NH and therefore resigned his position with the Town. The Town of Reading would like to give a big thank you to Patrick who has served as a Town auditor since 2013. We wish him and his wife, Joyce, the best in their new adventures.

**Volunteer Wanted .....Town Auditor Vacancy**

Per the Vermont Statute, the town auditor plays a vital role in preserving the democratic nature of Vermont's local government by ensuring that local officials are accountable for their expenditures of the taxpayers' money. It is the auditor's job to review the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review.

The town auditors meet the first Saturday of each month at the Town Office at 9 a.m. Our current auditors are Channing Smith and Rayna Bishop. This position will be filled by the Selectboard as a term until March of 2016 at which time the position will be elected at Town Meeting.

If you have an interest in learning about this position or serving as an auditor please contact Calista at the Town Office at 484-7250.

Thank you



Municipal Tax Bills have been mailed out from the Town Treasurer. Payment is due on **Wednesday, November 4th, by 5 p.m.** that day. Post marks are NOT accepted. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact the town treasurer's office at 484-7250. Some have been returned due to incorrect mailing addresses.



## Seasonal Flu Clinic

Monday, October 19th

1:30 pm—3:30 pm

Reading Town Hall



All adults 18+. Please bring your Medicare Part B insurance card so we can bill them directly. Fee for all others is \$25

To locate flu clinics at other locations,

visit [www.vnavnh.org](http://www.vnavnh.org) or call **1-888-300-8853**

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire

***The Reading Cemetery Commission*** is holding regular monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., at the Reading Town Hall. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Please remove all decorations, real or artificial, by October 15th from your cemetery plots.

Thank you

## 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  
In S. Royalton, VT

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9:00 to 12:00

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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

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Email: [rtownhall\\_464@comcast.net](mailto:rtownhall_464@comcast.net)

**Reading Elementary School**  
484-7230  
**Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits**

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# Reading Planning Commission Meeting

9/14/15

## Unapproved Minutes

Present: Steve Strait, Ken Cox, Becky Basch

Guests: Jason Rasmussen (SWCRPC), Rachel Navarro

Minutes of July 7, 2015 - Steve pointed out the following edits to the Minutes that were posted on the Town website:

The year in the title line was wrong – should be dated 7/6/2015

Item #2, paragraph 7 – Steve pointed out that Tattle Street & Puckerbrush do not intersect, but suggested that the area of concern was likely the stretch of Tyson Road between Tattle and Puckerbrush.

Item #4 – Should read “site plan” not “side plan” review.

Steve recommended approving minutes w/ edits, Ken seconded, and all were in favor  
2016 Municipal Planning Grant application – Jason sent a draft of the MPG application for funds to cover assistance from the RPC in updating the Zoning Bylaws. Jason summarized the project – It would include public outreach including a kick-off meeting, a website to post draft documents and additional public meetings to gather input on zoning changes. The application also estimated time for the RPC to assist with updating zoning maps and amending the Zoning Bylaws to conform to the new Town Plan, and to include changes to promote flood resiliency. Jason explained that anything over \$8K needs a match of 1/3 of the amount over the \$8K from the Town. The RPC has offered to cover this match. Jason said that the RPC would coordinate with the listers and Terra Map to make sure the most up-to-date parcel maps are used with the revised zoning maps. Steve commented that the proposed project is a little more ambitious than the changes that the Planning Commission was planning to make, but the help from the RPC would be welcome after the work that the PC did on the Town Plan. He also commented that it would be a good time to make flood resiliency changes in the Zoning Bylaws. Ken commented that we did discuss river corridors in the new town plan which would support changes to zoning. Jason said that there are model floodplain regulations that ANR would like towns to use and that Reading’s current flood regulations could use an update. Jason brought a copy of a resolution to apply for the grant. Ken made a motion to approve the application for a Municipal Planning Grant for changes to zoning, Becky seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Rachel Navarro – Rachel attended the meeting to learn about the Planning Commission as she is interested in filling the vacant spot on the Commission. Rachel said that she has lived in Reading on and off for 25 years and has time to serve on the Planning Commission given her current work and living situation. Steve gave an overview of Planning Commission duties and meeting schedule. As the Zoning Bylaw changes will be the Planning Commission’s focus for the coming year, PC members will have to review and approve changes to the Bylaws. Steve also explained that the Planning Commission serves as the Zoning Board of Adjustment when there is an appeal to a permit or a project requires conditional use review. Steve made a motion to recommend that the Planning Commission recommend that the Selectboard appoint Rachel Navarro to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission, Ken seconded, all were in favor.

Next meeting – Ken and Rachel said they could not come to a meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Steve will send out an email to set a date for the October meeting.

Adjournment – Ken made a motion to adjourn, Becky seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Basch, Secretary

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4	5 <i>Fire Auxiliary</i> 7pm.	6 <i>Fire &amp; Rescue</i> 7pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>School</i> <i>Closed</i> <i>Selectmen 6 pm.</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>PTO</i> <i>Breakfast 8</i> <i>a.m.</i>	19 <i>PTO 6:00</i> <i>pm @RES</i>	20	21 <i>RES</i> <i>School Board</i> <i>6pm</i>	22	23	24 <i>Old</i> <i>Time Ball</i>
25	26	27 <i>Library Mtg.</i> <i>6 p.m. at Library</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Fright</i> <i>Night Town</i> <i>Hall</i>