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Gravestone Repair Workshops

The Reading Cemetery Commission is very pleased to announce hands-on training on the conservation and maintenance of cemetery monuments and gravestones. Brian Post of Standing Stone Landscape Architecture will be leading these interactive events at Spear Cemetery during the process of actually restoring our local cemetery. The two workshops will teach basic conservation and repair techniques. Learn how to safely clean, level and repair headstones and monuments. The trainings are free and all who attend are welcome to help perform the work, photograph, or simply observe.

WHEN Sunday, **September 11th**
Saturday, **September 17th**.
TIME: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, although training emphasis will be
from 8:30 to Noon both days
WHERE: Spear Cemetery, Reading, VT.
COST: None



Directions to Spear Cemetery: From the Village of Felchville, drive North on Route 106 for 5.3 miles to take right onto Caper Hill Road; travel ~1 mile on Caper Hill Road past Spring Brook Farm to the 4-way intersection; take the right onto Spear Cemetery Road; travel 1.1 miles to find cemetery on your right.

Come prepared: Dress in layers for the weather in clothing you don't mind getting dirty. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Bring an extra shovel if you have one. Other materials will be provided.

To RSVP or for more information please contact Cemetery Commissioner Adam Kozlowski; (801) 389-6070; adamkozlowski45@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!
The Reading Cemetery Commissioners
Adam Kozlowski, Kevin Kaija, and Susan Goodhouse

Contribute your ideas to The Reading Review

Last month, Reading got a new column, The Reading Review, in the Vermont Standard that features the goings-on in our town. The author, Stephen D'Agostino is always looking for newsy items, sweet Reading stories, or tidbits to share with our community. **Send your ideas to him at stephen.d.dagostino@gmail.com**

Thanks!

Meeting Schedule

Board of Selectmen
Second Monday
6:00 PM at Town Office

Parent Teacher Org
Third Monday
6:00 PM at Reading School

Cemetery Commission
Fourth Wednesday
6:00 PM at Town Office

**Planning Commission
& Zoning Board**
First Monday
7:00 PM at Town Office

EC Fiber
Second Tuesday at 7pm
Oaks Hall 1st floor of Law
School
In S. Royalton, VT

R.A.T.S
2nd Wednesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

Fire & Rescue Dept.
First Tuesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

School Board
Third Wednesday
6:00 PM at Reading School

Fire Dept. Auxiliary
First Monday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

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

Library Trustees
Last Tuesday
6:00 PM at Library

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Fire and Ambulance 911

State Police 457-1416

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Town Contact Information

Town Clerk/Treasure Office

484-7250

Mon—Thurs 8am-4pm

First Saturday of the Month: 9am-12pm

Website: www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Email: readingvermont@comcast.net

Post Office Iiri Makkonen

484-5994

Retail Counter

Monday – Friday

9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

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

Call for appointment – 484-7258

Email: rtownhall_464@comcast.net

Reading Elementary School

484-7230

Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits

Nathan Willard 484-0094

Reading– West Windsor Food Shelf

Monday 2:00 to 4:00 (Food Shelf)

**Thursday 4:00 to 6:00 (Thrift Store & Food
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Inquiries please contact

Sara Norcross 484-5097

Dana Waters 802-291-3299

To send a donation please mail to:

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PO Box 384 Brownsville, VT 05037**

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our Town website at
www.readingvt.govoffice.com
Or we can e-mail a copy to you.
Send the Town Clerk an e-mail at
readingvermont@comcast.net
to request this.

Selectboard's Meeting

August 8, 2016

UNAPPROVED

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

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Jim Peplau, Calista Brennan and Mary Vittum

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda.

Minutes of the July 11th Selectmen's meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 7/31/16, Expenses were \$52,989.90; Revenue was \$45,545.30.

Balance in LSB (G/L account) \$85,640.23 and balance in the sweep account \$446,669.47 for a total of \$532,309.70. Delinquent taxes for 2013-15 are \$56,637.23. Jim moved to approve and Gordy seconded. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

Bartley Field: Calista reported that there are some leaks in the bathroom that need to be addressed. It was agreed to call Ed Allen and get a quote. There are some trees that need pruning in the driveway. Will see if it's something the Public Works crew can take care of.

GMP Underground Line Request: GMP submitted a Petition and order for pole and wire locations request on Hagan Hill. The Selectboard reviewed the request and sign the documents.

Food Shelf Lease: The Selectboard and the RWWFS have come to an agreement. Robert will draft a lease.

Highways: The tree work on Bartley Road has been complete. A tree was also removed on Tyson Road. The loader is back from Sleeper, it was not a brake issue but a seal improperly replaced. The Town will not get a bill for repairs. Robert and Glen have meet with SWCRPC, AOT and ANR to look at some of the worse site's determined by the road inventory that was recently done. There is a place on Twenty Mile Stream Road and on Brown Schoolhouse that needs to be addressed.

Bridge Bidders Meeting: This will be August 22, 2016 at 9 AM at the sites in South Reading.

Town Hill Ditch S-O-W: Robert and Alan May from AOT met and looked at the site. Alan had a few suggestion about the work. Robert will put together a scope of work.

Recreation Commission Resignations: Diane Moore and Christina Titus submitted their resignations. The Selectboard accepted them with regret. The board thanks them for the many years of service to the community. If anyone is interested in being on the Rec Commission, please see the Town Clerk.

Listers Certificate of Appeal: The Selectboard signed the certificate.

Other: Mary Vittum wanted to know about getting Welcome to Reading signs. The Selectboard asked that she form a committee and get some designs and prices and come back to them with the information.

Quit Claim Deed: The Selectboard signed a Quit Claim Deed to Newhall Farm for a small piece of property on Park Circle.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan

Act 46 Update, August 15th, 2016

First, thank you to all who attended the informational forum last month and to those who continue to attend committee meetings and board meetings. It's good to see Reading continue to be so actively involved and vocal about this very important process. Our voices really do matter and I've watched the impact this has had on committee discussions. So again, thank you.

There were many questions asked at our forum. I tried to capture most of them, particularly those we weren't able to answer. I've gone back to our Act 46 consultant and the committee with these and have answers for them. Also, at the forum there was a request of our School Board Vice Chair, John Philpin, to provide a summary of mergers, which he has prepared.

We have documents that address both (answers to unanswered questions from the forum, and the summary of research). These are available either by emailing me (rsmacri@comcast.net) or the town office (readingvermont@comcast.net) or hard copies are available at the school (during school hours) and at the Town hall. The documents are also available on the Town website www.readingvt.govoffice.com

In the meantime, as of this writing there has been 1 additional committee meeting. At that meeting there were continued discussions on the principles for unification, which will hopefully be finalized at our next meeting (August 31st, 2016). We also plan to begin discussing the Articles of Agreement then, which will include the topic of board representation on a merged board. See the document mentioned about (answer from forum) for more on this: per state statute, representation on a new board is proportional based on equalized pupils, specifics on numbers will likely be discussed at the 8/31/16 meeting.

Lastly, below is a list of upcoming meetings and forums, please consider attending as often as you're able, for updated information. I will do my best to post meetings on Front Porch Forum as they're scheduled, or you can check on the WCSU website for current listings: www.wcsu.net. This site also offers documents and data that has been collected throughout the study, including some preliminary financial information. The committee discussed having more current projections prepared prior to the start of Fall public forums.

Upcoming Act 46 Committee Meetings:

September 12th: WCSU full Board meeting with update on Act 46, WCSU Conference Room.

Upcoming Fall Public Forums:

September 28th: WES Public Forum at 7:00 p.m. WES Library,
October 5th: Bridgewater Public Forum at 7:00 p.m. location TBD,
October 11th: Pomfret Public Forum, 7:00 p.m., location TBD,
Killington, Barnard and Reading TBD

Thank you,
Shiri Macri
Reading School Board Clerk
Act 46 study committee representative for Reading



Municipal Tax Bills have been mailed out. Taxes are due to the Treasurer on Friday, November 4th, 2016 by 5:00 pm. Payments must be received by the Town Treasurer at that time; post marks are NOT accepted.

Hello People of Reading from Iiri our new postmaster

Once I was “official” at the Reading Post Office I was asked to briefly introduce myself, so here goes. My name is Iiri (yes, that’s two i’s, an r, and another i). It is a Finnish name that was passed down from my grandmother. My name is pronounced like the Lake Erie, just spelled differently. I live half the time in the town of Reading, and the other half in Bridgewater.



You can find me down at the Reading Post office Monday through Friday 930-1230 and 130-430, and on Saturdays from 900-1200. As always, the lobby is open from 8—5 Monday through Friday, and 8—12 on Saturdays. If you need to call please do, the phone number is 484-5994. Feel free to come on in and introduce yourself so I can put faces to the names I see on your mail.



**The Reading Elementary School is back in session!
Please stop in and welcome our new
School Principal, Cathy Knight.**

Please reduce your speed

Students are walking to school and being dropped off
between 7:15 a.m. and 7:40 a.m.

Students will be leaving school at 2:40 p.m.

Please help protect our
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“Rainbow Chasers”

“Trailblazers”

“Stargazers” and

“Explorers”

School closed Monday, September 5, Labor Day





Recent Local Property Transfers
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Resources For Elders

Are you dealing with the issues associated with taking care of someone growing older, having trouble getting around, needing support at home? Sara Norcross and a group of volunteers from West Windsor have put together an excellent brochure that has pulled together a list of resources for people dealing with these issues and more. Copies of these brochures are available at the Reading Town Office and also on the town website: www.readingvt.govoffice.com

These brochures contain information on: fitness, food/meals, clothing, at-home support, financial support, transportation, hiring and volunteering, medical resources, veterans, long term care and much more.

Librarian's Note

Libraries offer access to important services even when the building is closed. Reading Public Library is a Vermont Online (VOL) member. This allows you access to more than four dozen databases containing information on a variety of topics, including health, business, science, genealogy, and the arts. The databases contain articles culled from popular and scholarly journals, newspapers, and other reference sources. Much of the information is not available through a typical search engine. The regular cost for access to all the databases would be thousands of dollars. But it's free through the library. VOL is a great resource for kids with homework assignments and for adults researching a subject for work or pleasure. To acquire remote access, log in at the following address: <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/>. The username is vol_r22. The password is club. Below are 4 databases for students.

Kids InfoBits: for young learners; an easy-to-use resource featuring age-appropriate content covering a broad range of educational topics.

Research in Context: created specifically for middle-schoolers; the database contains videos, newspapers, magazines, primary sources, and more to support assignments in core subjects including literature, science, social studies, and history.

InfoTrac Junior Edition: provides middle school and junior high students with access to magazines, newspapers, books, and other reference content; the database offers information on current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, and sports.

InfoTrac Student Edition: provides high school students with access to magazines, newspapers, books, and other reference content; the database offers information on current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, and sports.

The library maintains a paperback book swap on the main floor. There are 8 shelves of about 120 books to trade. Simply take one you'd like to read and leave one in its place for someone else. If you don't have a book to swap, that's O.K. Take one anyway and return it when you're through. It's self-serve. We also have many types of craft supplies, along with markers and crayons, building blocks, puzzles, instruments, puppets, and a flannel-board with felt story-pieces. All of these are available for you and your children to use in the library. And we want to remind patrons that the building is available for use after hours to local individuals and groups. Contact me for details.

A library can be an oasis for body, mind, and spirit. It's an environment that is favorable to someone trying to reach his or her highest potential; also to someone who's simply looking for a place to unwind with a book or a friend. Speaking of which, we've always got coffee, cocoa, and tea on hand for our patrons. And there are once again Vermont Common Crackers available in the cracker barrel. Help yourself.

Cordially,

Tony

Reading Public Library. Tues. 12-3:30 p.m. & 4-7; Thurs. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 2-5; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mail: P.O. Box 7, Reading, VT 05062. Tel. 802-484-5588. E-mail: reading.public.library@comcast.net. Web: www.readinglibrary.org. The board meets the last Tues. of each mth. at 6 p.m. Wi-Fi 24/7.



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Note from our Listers

Please be aware that our Listers will be traveling around town to do parcel inspections on properties that have submitted building permits.

ECFiber News

If you haven't already heard, the ECFiber connection along Rt. 106 heading north of Rt. 44 to Jenne Road has been activated and is now available for subscribers. If your home is along this route and you are interested in obtaining "wicked fast" and reliable internet please sign up at www.ecfiber.net and click Subscribe Now. Plans start at just \$66/month with phone service available for an additional \$20.

It's important to note that if you are interested in supporting ECFiber and would like fiber internet to your home please subscribe for service today through www.ecfiber.net even though it may be a while till the fiber is run down your road. ECFiber recently committed to complete build-outs of nearly every household in six other towns through 2017 due to elevated subscriber interest from those towns. The way that the interest was measured by the number of townspeople that signed up through their website. So please sign-up today.

John Malcolm
ECFiber Delegate for Reading

Green Mountain Horse Association

"Distance Days"

Please note that there will be carriages as well as horses on the following roads.

Please travel safely.

9/2/16

Bailey's Mill Road

Starting at 6:30 AM

Brown Schoolhouse Road Whitmore Circle

Caper Hill Road

Chase Corners Trail

Whitmore Road

North Puckerbrush Road

Kittridge Pasture Road Town Hill Road

Jenne Road

Nauman Road

Spear Cemetery Road

South Puckerbrush Road

9/23/16 Fall Foliage Rides

Caper Hill Road



Reading Historical Society Preserving The Past For The Future

Bent Guns, Upside Down Dogs, Accommodating Horses. Oh, and Rum

While the Reading Historical Society is going through its collection, it's tempting to stop what we're doing and dig into some of the treasures we find. Sherman Howe, the founder and first president of the Reading Historical Society left us such a treasure. It's a thick book with a collection of mini-biographies of people and families in Reading, some reminiscences, stories told by others, and a clever bird's-eye view of goings on in town. The collection's handwritten table of contents has a section titled "More Sherm Howe write-ups." The "more" refers back to another section earlier in the list of contents titled "Folklore by Sherman Howe." It is unclear if Sherman wrote these bits of folklore or he was simply passing them down.

This excerpt is clearly folklore, spiked with the knowledge of what makes this story so rich.

Spear Hill, which took its name, naturally, from Andrew Spear, who was the first settler there, eventually became known commonly as Caper Hill. Many weird and unexplainable things must have taken place in this vicinity, to have the name Caper come into common use. We know about the gun that Mr. Spear was supposed to have bent over his knees so that he could shoot an elusive animal around the haystack and we have also heard about the hound dog, that in his zeal to catch the fox ran into a sharp ledge and was "cloven in two." Mr. Spear hastened to the spot and quickly slapped the two pieces together so that they would heal, but, in his haste got one piece facing up and the other one down, so that in the ensuing years it made an excellent dog, as when he got tired running on two legs he could flop himself over and run on the other two while he rested the first pair.

Then too, his daughter had a horse that would lie down to permit her to mount. These things while they were unusual are indicative of other activities.

We get the impression today, that a lot took place on Caper Hill than there is any record of. Probably there was some good use put to the great quantities of Montigo Rum that was freighted into this section. The zeal with which our first settlers approached all of the doings was probably embellished by continual use of this good product. Without a question the capers were of such a nature that our ancestors divided between puritanical profession and human inclination, never reach the public print.

Do you have a bit of history you want to get into public print or would like explored? If so, send me an email at stephen.d.dagostino@gmail.com, and I'll do what I can to get it into the pages of the Informer.

--Stephen D'Agostino

Calling All Crafters

The Reading Historical Society is planning a craft fair for December 3 at Robinson Hall. If you have a handmade craft business, knit sweaters, make Christmas ornaments, blow glass, carve wood, sell maple syrup and maple products, make things that would be perfect gifts—you get the idea—we want to hear from you! Email stephen.d.dagostino@gmail.com if you want to learn more!





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Kate Allen
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11	12 <i>Selectboard 6 pm & Plan Comm</i> <i>Fire Auxiliary 7</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>HHWC</i>
18	19 <i>PTO 6 pm—RES</i>	20	21 <i>School Board 6 pm</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Library Trustees Mtg. 6 pm</i>	28 <i>Cemetery Commission 6 pm</i>	29	30	