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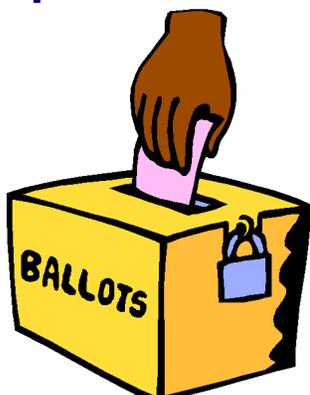
Now that the Annual Town Meeting will be held by Secret Ballot Vote only the following dates may be important to you if you would like to attend the budget process meetings and public hearing meetings.



- Jan. 13th—Joint meeting Budget Committee and Select Board at 5:30pm**
- Jan. 21st—Joint meeting Budget Committee and Select Board at 5:30pm**
- Jan. 28th—Joint meeting Budget Committee and Select Board at 5:30pm**
- Feb. 04th—Joint meeting Budget Committee and Select Board at 5:30pm (Make up meeting if needed or Budget Committee alone to vote.)**
- Feb. 10th—Joint meeting Budget Committee and Select Board at 5:30pm**
- Feb. 18th—Joint meeting Budget Committee and Select Board at 5:30pm (If needed to finalize all votes by both boards.)**
- Mar. 05th—Select Board holding public meeting on articles at 6:30pm**
- Mar. 12th—Select Board holding Public meeting on articles at 6:30pm**
- Mar. 23rd—Select Board vote on final warrant articles at 6:30pm**

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All meetings held at the town office building (ASA Gile Hall) on the second floor.



“Thanks go to Dave Linton for trimming and installing the lights with his donated time. Select Board members bought and donated the lights for the tree.”



A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the residents who took a tag off our Giving Tree this year. It was the best year ever for filling these tags. I know when you come to the voting polls in November you're not thinking about Christmas but this is the best time to reach many of our residents all in one day. Thank you again for helping us put a big smile on the faces of your community's children Christmas morning.

Readfield Spirit of America Awards

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service.

The Readfield Select Board is looking for nominees for the 2015 Spirit of America Award and the Unsung Hero Award. If you wish to nominate a fellow resident or group for either award, nominations must be in writing and received at the Readfield Town Office by February 27th, 2015. Please be sure to include an explanation in your nomination of why the nominee deserves the award.

Trails Committee by Milton Wright, Chair

There are a number of trails in the Fairgrounds Complex and a newly dedicated trail from the Superintendent's office on Millard Harrison Drive that connects onto the Town's trails in the Fairgrounds Complex. None of these trails have signs on them informing hikers where they are or where they might be going, but that is about to change.

New polytone almost indestructible signs have been ordered that give the name of the trail and trail distances in tenths of a mile and such other information as Church Road Trailhead, Main Street Sidewalk or Maranacook Trailhead. The trail signs will be erected at trail junctures in the spring using a mechanical posthole digger. Each sign will be secured to a pressure-treated post. The signs will be dark green in color with the trail name, distances and other information in yellow lettering.

The trails created by the Trails Committee are intended to be used year-round. There is a large parking area that will accommodate several vehicles at the Church Road entrance to the Fairgrounds Complex that is plowed after a snow-storm. Cross-country skiers, snowshoers, dog walkers and hikers use the trails in the winter and the snow on the trails is soon packed down and easily negotiated. At the Fogg Road there is a wide shoulder to the road at the Fogg Farm Conservation Area's David McPhedran trailhead that is plowed and available for vehicles to park. So the Trails Committee invites you to get out and enjoy the trails that it has created even during these short days of winter.



Senior Café

The Senior Café is starting its 4th year, open to seniors and retirees in Readfield and the surrounding communities. We meet every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the cafeteria of the Maranacook Middle School. Come join us for coffee, tea, warm muffins, interesting programs and good friendship and conversation.

January schedule is:

Monday January 5th - Zachary Elwell presents "Europe thru the eyes of a future merchant marine."

Wednesday, January 7th - coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations

Monday January 12th - coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations

Wednesday, January 14th - coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations

Monday January 19th - School holiday, no Cafe

Wednesday, January 21st - coffee/tea, muffins and good conversations.

Take the first road to the right as you approach the school, follow the parking lot around to the left and watch for the orange cones that indicate our reserved parking spaces at the far end of the parking lot. The cafeteria door is the one to your right as you approach the building.

The Café is closed during scheduled school vacations or anytime the schools have a snow day due to inclement weather.

For more information, contact Deb Elwell, at 242-6082.



RSU No. 38 - Budget Workshops Maranacook Community High School

Student Center (unless otherwise noted)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

January 7* Regular Business Meeting and Budget Overview/Goals

January 21 Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools

February 4* *****Readfield Elementary School***** Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – Technology, Special Education, English Language Learners (ELLs), Gifted & Talented

Auditor Ron Smith

February 25 Co and Extra Curricular, Operations & Maintenance, Transportation, Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Education, Food Service, Health, Professional Development/Curriculum, Systems Administration, Debt Service)

Winter NWEA reporting

March 4* Regular Business Meeting; Joint Meeting with Local Select Boards re: draft FY16 budget

March 18 Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

March 25 Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

April 1* Regular Business Meeting, budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

April 8 Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

April 15* Budget Approval at regular Board meeting

May 13 Budget Annual Meeting, HS gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

June 9 Budget Validation Referendum at individual town's polling locations

* Regular RSU Board Meeting in addition to budget workshop

Budget documents may be obtained by visiting www.maranacook.org/budget

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Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17, Readfield, Me.



All Pie Supper

Readfield United Methodist Church

January 17th 2015 5pm 6 pm

Rte 17, Kents Hill, Me. 685-4211

Adults \$8 Children under 5-12 \$3

Benefit Supper to support our local community!

Menu : turkey/chicken pies-shepard's pie-beef pies-salads-rolls & dessert pies

Sponsored by the RUMC church and the Readfield Fire Auxiliary

Proceeds to go the Pastors Discretionary Fund for our area family's winter needs.

“Open Mic Night”

Starting in January the second Saturday of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Readfield United Methodist Church will be hosting **“Open Mic Night”** in fellowship hall.

January 10th

February 14th

March 14th

April 11th

Singers and musicians, soloist or small combos, are invited to showcase their talents. Both originals and covers are acceptable, and all musical genres encouraged, but please keep lyrics appropriate. Refreshments will be offered with proceeds going to local charities. For more information contact hosts John Twitchell @ 685-4170 drjohnnyt@yahoo.com or Rick Smith @ 860-2794 malawo52@myfairpoint.net .



WHAT'S COMING UP

- * Dog licenses are due by December 31st for the 2015 year. Late fees of \$25.00 per dog start February 1st. You may go on line to our web site at www.readfield.govoffice.com and click on the link at the bottom of the home page or stop by the office with a current rabies certificate.
- * Second half of your 2014-15 taxes are due February 27th. If you are in Tax Club disregard this notice.
- * 2012 Real Estate tax liens are going to be foreclosed on February 18, 2015. Please do not disregard any mailings you receive from this office about overdue taxes. This is an automatic foreclosure the only thing that will stop it is payment.
- * The Budget season is gearing up and it's more important than ever to participate in the process. The vote will be by secret ballot so there will be no more on floor town meetings. If you want to express your opinion about certain expenditures you need to attend the meetings. All meetings will be posted on the calendar in this publication and on the Town's web site.
- * RSU 38 meetings. It is very important to attend the RSU budget meetings also and those as well can be found on the calendar and on our web site or the school's web site.
- * Did you know that we print on our tax bills the percentage of taxes that you pay to RSU, the Town (Municipal) and County? Check out your tax bill for 2014. 71% went to the RSU, 23% went to the Town and 6% went to the County.
- * Homestead Exemptions: If you are a new resident don't forget to apply for your Homestead Exemption by April 1st in order for the exemption to be effective in the 2015-16 tax year. You may call the office for your form at 685-4939.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	6:30 Chairs Mtg. with Select Brd. at the High Sch.	4:30-Select Brd. Executive session mtg. (personnel)	Town Office & Transfer Station open 8:30 to 12 noon.	Happy New Year 8 6:30 Planning Brd.	Town Office & Transfer Station Closed for an extended Holiday! 	Transfer Station back open for regular hours.
4	5 6:30-Select Brd. Mtg.	6 6:30-Select Brd. Mtg.	7 6:30 Library Brd. 6:30 RSU Mtg.	8 6:30 Planning Brd.	9	10
11	12 6:30-Select Brd. Mtg.	13 Golden Guys & Gals 5:30 Budget & Select Boards. 6:30 Conservation Commission	14	15	16	17
18	19 Town Office Closed!	20	21 5:30 Budget & Select Boards 6:30 RSU Mtg.	22 6:30 Planning Brd.	23	24
25	26 6:30-Select Brd. Mtg.	27 6:30 Trails Com.	28 5:30 Budget & Select Boards	29	30	31

Readfield Elementary School Play Group

Thursday during the school year from 9AM to 11AM there will be a free toddler play group for ages infant to 4 years of age at the Readfield Elementary School in the multipurpose room. All are welcome to attend with their parent or caregiver. Activities include free play, music, story time in the library and snack. For more information contact Hannah Flannery at 685 7385.



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Union Meeting House

Happy New Year to everyone who reads the "Messenger." (It should be everyone in town since it keeps us all well informed!)

Little to report this month. The Board has voted to move ahead with the restoration of the organ since about half of what will be needed has already come in and we hope a little more support will put us over the top (\$1,500 is needed). If you want to help send your contribution to: UMH, c/o Organ Fund, 158 Thorp Shores, Readfield.

January 1 starts the new membership year and already the returns from the fall mailing to members and donors has proven most encouraging. To date over half of 2014's supporters have sent in generous monetary gifts, some for general membership, some for the clock fund, some for the floor repair project and some for the organ restoration.

The Board appreciates your continued assistance. The UMH can always use more friends so talk to your neighbors and others in Readfield about the building's ongoing restoration and the need for financial gifts to make it possible.

Depot Bottle Redemption/Parks Towing & Recovery



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owned & operated by: Al & Bunny Parks



WINTER HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 8-4 & Thursday & Sunday: Closed

PARKS TOWING & RECOVERY

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NOW AVAILABLE: Propane Exchange for \$19.99

Mount Vernon Food Bank

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is open every Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Betty White at 293-2273, Helen Wilkey at 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh at 293-2308.

Thank you for the donations!

LORD'S CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Located: at the New Life Church of God

874 Main Street (Rt.# 17)

Serving: Readfield & Manchester Residents

Hours: 1st Friday of the month 5:30—6:30 pm

3rd Sunday of the month 1:00—2:00 pm

If you have an emergency we will open by appointment, call 685-4572.



Readfield Historical Society by Florence Drake

January already and the holidays over for most of us. It's time to get ready for Readfield Historical Society's Annual Winter Meeting. This year, our meeting will take place on Saturday, February 7th, upstairs in the Town Office, the usual place. The business meeting will be first, at 1:00PM. If you are a member, do plan to be there for this part. After the business has been taken care of, we will reward ourselves with yummy refreshments. At 2:00PM our speaker will begin. This year, we are lucky to have a gentleman who will be speaking on the importance of saving people's memories, including your own. Thatcher Freund, a published author, former journalist and editor living in Portland, has been going all over New England to inform/remind folks that everyone has a story, and that when that person dies, their story dies with them unless someone has documented it in some way. Whether on video, audio, or plain old-fashioned handwriting, what these people (that includes you!) have to say is important. Maybe the importance is only for your family, maybe for people who aren't even born yet, maybe it is the missing piece in a larger story – but it is important. Nobody is a “nobody”, and if you aren't convinced of that, Mr. Freund will help you to understand. According to reports, he's a very dynamic speaker who inspires folks to get the job done, or at least started. Here is what he says about his mission: “Writing down the stories of our lives is one of the most important things we can do for those who follow us. We live. We learn. In telling our stories we help our children and our children's children remember who we were, and, from remembering us, to better know themselves.”

On another subject, Evelyn Potter has had a great idea for a fundraiser/publication for RHS. She is going to put together, with help from one of our interns, a 2016 calendar featuring old Readfield farms, the women who kept these farms together, and a recipe from each lady. We had such a great response to our “Recipes from Home” booklet, even having to go to a second printing, that Evelyn was inspired to launch this project. She has been quietly contacting some of the old families for pictures of farms and ladies, plus recipes. Since there will be only 12 featured, she will have to choose which to use, and one criterion she will use will be clarity of photos submitted. You may contact her directly if you have questions or anything to contribute. She is reachable at 207-685-3812 or ETAP30@roadrunner.com. Stay tuned for updates on her project.

Otherwise, not much is going on at RHS, it being winter. We hope you will come to our meeting on Feb. 7th. You don't have to be a member, but we'd love it if you would join. It's only \$10, for heavens sake. As we say, “Come for the cookies and leave with the knowledge.”

Stay warm, stay healthy, and help each other get through winter.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Sat., Feb. 7, 2015 upstairs in Town Office Building

1:00PM -- Business Meeting followed by yummy homemade goodies

2:00PM -- Speaker: Thatcher Freund, on preserving our life's memories

General public enthusiastically invited!

FMI: 685-4662 or readfieldhistorical@gmail.com



If you visited the Readfield Historical Society in 2014, each open day a gracious, smiling lady, Eva Johnson, would greet you. This lovely lady celebrates her 91st birthday on January 01, 2015. How special if you send her a greeting, 30 Church Rd. Readfield.04355

Eva plans on being "on board" at RHS the summer of '15. HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR EVA.

Select Board Corner, by Sue Reay, Chair

Once again, I would like to apologize for not having an article in last month's Messenger. Times have been like a whirlwind, just like our unusual weather the past two months.

November and December both carried very busy schedules for the board. During November, and still ongoing is a decision needs to be made on placing articles for changes to the Firearm's Ordinance and creating an article accepting trail easements.

The Select Board held workshops on Dec 4th and 11th concerning the secret ballot referendum process and how to move forward. This is a new and ongoing process as the board works through this. Thanks to the public that attended and gave us feed back.

Another workshop that was held, concerned FOAA and Executive Session can and can not's with our town attorney, Lee Bragg. Feel all present learned a great deal about this process, including the public.

A joint meeting was held with the Budget committee concerning the Capital Improvement Plan process. Both boards discussed and changed some of the items on the spreadsheet. All planned expenditures will be revisited during the budget season.

The new Naming Application was approved, the board amended the Purchasing Policy, and is still in the process of reviewing the Snowplow Ordinance.

During December we were given a tour of the Readfield Elementary School by Donna Wolfrom, Brigitte Williams and Paul Criss. Paul does an extraordinary job overseeing and recycling materials within the district.

The Town Manager and entire Select Board attended a class at MMA that was VERY informative and will be a useful tool for moving forward.

Multiple openings on boards, committees, commissions and the RSU #38 are available. If you can find the time, we would love to have you help.

This was in my last Messenger article, but feel it's worthy to rerun. One topic that has received some discussion lately is recycling, which is mandatory in Readfield. We, as a board, are going to have to look real seriously at how to increase the recycling in town. Information and education seem to be two keys to making an impact on getting people to recycle. **PLEASE** do what you can to help us keep a cost control on our solid waste. In the near future, the board will be deciding on options concerning the week-end summer residents trash issue along with starting to review the town's ordinances' and policies.

Christmas Tree lighting at the Library took place on December 5th, followed by refreshments at the Town Hall. This year we have lights on the Gile Hall tree and the public seems real pleased to see this tree lit. Thanks go to Dave Linton for trimming and installing the lights with his donated time. Select Board members bought and donated the lights for the tree.

Hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday with family and friends. New Year's Eve is a few days away, but I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. Welcome 2015!!!!

“Our communities don’t need a new mobile application, website newspaper, or television broadcast. They need the ability to define the critical issues in the community, connect with those who care about those issues, and have a trusted source of information about the issues”

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Looking to volunteer? We need members for the following boards & committees.

Appeals Board: 2 members (2016 & 2017)

Conservation Commission: 2 members (2016 & 2017 terms) & 1 associate member (2017)

Library Board of Trustees: 1 member (2016)

Library Building Committee: 1 citizen contractor

Planning Board: 1 alt. member needed (5 yr. Terms)

Local School Advisory Com.: 1 member needed (2016)

If anyone is interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the Town Office at 685-4939 or readfield.clerk@roadrunner.com for an application for appointment.