



# Readfield Messenger

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **Transfer Station** has new demo fees.
- **Nomination papers** will be available on **March 21st** for **Select Board, RSU 38 Board and Local School Board.**
- **Job Opportunity** available.

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## Cemetery Sexton Retires

*"Death Serves to Reaffirm Humanity"*

*Quote by Karen Peterson, Sexton*

For almost 10 years, Readfield's Cemetery Sexton has worked to assure that seven cemeteries are in good repair and well maintained. Everyone knows that the Sexton must maintain maps and records. One might think this is a relatively easy job requiring a few hours here and there to complete these tasks for our quiet town. In actuality, this is a position that requires the upmost diligence to care for the earthly remains of those who have passed. The person who has filled the shoes of Readfield's Cemetery Sexton, Karen Peterson, officially retired in February.



Many of us often heard Karen exclaim how she loved to "putter" in the cemeteries. In her role as Sexton, Karen did a little more than "putter". She took on the huge undertaking of repairing and carefully restoring scores of stones that have been left in disrepair for decades. Karen brought gracious dignity to the graves of our Veteran's through the assurance that each was annually decorated with an appropriate marker and flag. As Readfield's Sexton, she was responsible for the supervision of ground crews, coordination of major repairs with contractors, managed budgets, and worked amicably with funeral homes and families locally throughout the country. *(continued on page 18)*

# RECYCLING AND TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE - effective 4/3/2016

**RECYCLABLES, HOUSEHOLD WASTE (MSW), SCRAP METAL, RETURNABLES, AND BRUSH**

No charge to authorized Residents or Commercial Haulers licensed in Readfield

## DEMOLITION DEBRIS

	Pick-ups			Trucks			Trailer Loads				
	Compact		Full Size	2 Ton to 6 Wheel		6 Wheel	10-14 cy	Under 27 Sq. Ft.	27 to 41 Sq. Ft.	42 to 54 Sq. Ft.	55 to 68 Sq. Ft.
	Standard 1.5 cy	Long 2 cy	Standard 2 cy	Long 2.5 cy	1.5 Ton 4-6 cy	6 Wheel 6-10 cy	6 Wheel 10-14 cy	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
<b>Demo, P/T Lumber, Sheet Rock</b> (Basis: \$40/cubic yard)	Full Load	\$60	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$200	\$320	\$120	\$180	\$240	\$300
	2/3 Load	\$40	\$54	\$60	\$70	\$140	\$220	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200
	1/3 Load	\$20	\$26	\$30	\$40	\$70	\$110	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100
<b>Clean Demo Wood</b> (Basis: 1/3 cost of Demo)	Full Load	\$20	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$70	\$120	\$40	\$60	\$90	\$100
	2/3 Load	\$14	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$30	\$40	\$60	\$70
	1/3 Load	\$7	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
<b>Shingles</b> (Basis: \$60/cubic yard)	Full Load	\$90	\$120	\$90	\$120	\$300	\$480	\$180	\$270	\$360	\$460
	2/3 Load	\$60	\$80	\$60	\$80	\$200	\$320	\$120	\$180	\$240	\$300
	1/3 Load	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$50	\$100	\$160	\$60	\$90	\$120	\$150

## LEAD ACID BATTERIES (Car, Tractor, Truck, Boat, etc.)

Free

## UNIVERSAL WASTE

Item	\$ / Item
Computer, Computer Monitor, Scanner	\$5
Keyboard	\$3
Hard Drive	\$4
Printer, Fax Machine	\$5
Television (13-31")	\$5
Television (Floor Consoles & Big Screens)	\$10
Rechargeable Batteries (AAA-AA-C-D)	Free
Fluorescent Bulb	12.5 cents/Ft.
Thus, \$.50 for 4', \$.75 for 6', \$1 for 8'	
Mercury Containing Device	\$1

## MINIMUM FEES:

There is a minimum \$2 fee for any and all demolition debris and bulky waste

## CHANGES:

All fees and conditions are subject to changes adopted by the Readfield Select Board in accordance with the "Town of Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance".

## Transfer Station Attendant Decisions:

The TS Attendant on duty will make decisions to accept or reject loads, to assess disposal charges, and to verify payment of appropriate fees.  
A receipt will be issued for all fees collected.

Date

Name

Plate #

Signature

Contractor

Wayne

Readfield

Invoice #

## BULKY WASTE

Item	\$ / Item
Large fiberglass or plastic objects	\$30
Shower	\$12
Tub	\$16
Sofa with NO built-in bed/recliner	\$20
Sofa with built-in bed/recliner	\$30
Stuffed chair or Sectional (per Section)	\$8
Chair recliner	\$20
Mattress or Futon	Twin \$10 Full \$15
Porcelain sink	King/Queen \$20
Rugs:	Crib \$3
Small(4x6)	\$5
Medium(6x8)	\$5
Large(8x12)	\$8
Ex.Large(12x12)	\$12
Box Spring	\$5
Toilet	\$5

## TIRES: (\$/Tire)

Size	Without Rims	With Rims
Up to 13"	\$1	\$3
13" to 15"	\$2	\$4
16" to 17"	\$3	\$5
18" to 21"	\$4	\$6
22" and over	\$10	\$12
Skidder & Big Tractors	\$200	

## L.P. GAS TANK

Item	\$ / Item
1 Pound	\$1
10 to 20 Pounds	\$2
30 Pound	\$3
100 Pound	\$10
Helium Gas Tanks	\$4

## WHITE GOODS:

With Freon	\$10
Without Freon	Free



# From the Town Manager's Desk

## Transfer Station Fee Changes

Municipal governments raise money to provide services through a few different means. The main avenue is through property taxes and those revenues are primarily used to pay for collective services like education, public buildings, and roads that most people agree should be provided at a shared cost to residents. Other revenue sources are specific to the individual user or service being provided and include registration, license, and permit fees (like we pay to keep our dogs legal), access fees (like we pay for a spot at the beach), and disposal fees (like we pay to drop a couch off at the transfer station), among many others. In general these revenue sources are referred to as user fees.

Best practice dictates that user fees should cover the cost of providing the service, and maybe a little extra, to ensure that it isn't being paid for by the taxpayers at large. You wouldn't want to pay to register your neighbor's new car for example. After reviewing several years of data the Town of Readfield has identified a user fee that is falling short in this area, and so a fee adjustment and additional review and research are being pursued to address the problem.

In essence, we've all been paying a little bit of the cost when our neighbor puts on a new roof or remodels their kitchen because the fees for disposing of demolition debris and shingles have gotten out of sync and are about half of what they should be. This is one reason why it's good to periodically review fee schedules, which was recently done by the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. In February the Select Board also reviewed the Transfer Station fee schedule and voted to raise demolition debris and shingle disposal fees to bring them back in line with the cost of providing those services. This means that your neighbor, and not you, will be paying for their new roof. Another issue is that although we try, we can't always keep demolition debris and shingles from other towns (Wayne excepted of course) from coming into the transfer Station on occasion. If our fees are not set appropriately we're actually paying some of the cost for residents of other communities to dump their waste here.

Nobody likes to see a fee increase but I hope this explanation provides some insight into why it is necessary in this case. The fee increase will take effect on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the new fee schedule for the Transfer Station is available on the Town website, at the Town Office, and at the Transfer Station. Please remember to see an attendant before dropping off any waste and make sure you get a receipt!

Thank you, and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Dyer".

Eric Dyer, Transfer Station Manager



# Maine's Unclaimed Property Program

February 22, 2016

Dear Town Official:

One of my duties as your State Treasurer is to manage Maine's Unclaimed Property program. Every year, tens of millions of dollars are turned over to the state when account owners cannot be located. Unclaimed property consists of bank accounts, uncashed checks, life insurance proceeds, and other financial properties.

Last fiscal year, properties worth over \$25 Million were turned over to my office. This brings the total to \$225 Million that has accumulated since the Unclaimed Property program began. I need your help in returning this money to the rightful owners.

As local officials, you know your communities better than most. You will likely know many of the people on the list for your town and potentially their whereabouts. Any help you can give in notifying these individuals will be appreciated – by me and by them!

Additionally, there are several ways you can help publicize the list. In communities that hold town meetings, I encourage you to make your town's list available at the meeting so attendees can search for themselves, their family and friends. You could do this by providing a paper copy or by providing a computer with internet access to search our website directly. If your town has a website, consider adding a hyperlink to your town's webpage – you can copy our 'button' and link here: <http://www.maine.gov/treasurer/>. And finally, making the list available during public hours at the town office will provide a year-round opportunity for residents to search for their names and properties.

I hope I can count on you to help with these efforts.

The best way to obtain your town-specific list is to contact my office at [gregory.olson@maine.gov](mailto:gregory.olson@maine.gov). Also, be sure to check the unclaimed property list, [www.maine.gov/upsearch](http://www.maine.gov/upsearch), for yourself as well as for family and friends.

Thank you for your help. Working together we can return this \$225+ Million to families in your community and across Maine.

Sincerely,

Terry Hayes, State Treasurer

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# Select Board's Corner *by Val Pomerleau, Chair*

March is here and spring is on its way. Very thankful for the mild winter we have had.

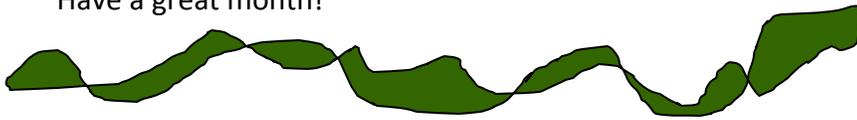
We are still trying to determine if the current Town Truck is salvageable or if we need to cut our losses and move ahead. Seems there are lots of opinions on this. We can't change the past so we need to move forward and do what is in the best interest of the town whichever that may be.

Budget process is going very well. The Town Manager has created charts and graphs that really help clarify things. You can find these on the town website under Budget Information. Everyone is trying very hard to not increase their budgets while still maintaining services. But please note that no matter how much we cut out of our town budget approximately 71% of our taxes will be spent funding our portion of the school budget—71%!



Our Town Manager is working hard with all of the employees to get our town back on track while handling all the curve balls that are being thrown at him—such as employees retiring, a surprise inspection from the Department of Labor, etc. Please treat him and the employees with respect. As with the truck—he cannot change the past but he can make sure things are done well in the future.

Have a great month!



## Upcoming Job Opportunity

Readfield lost a great employee when Karen Peterson retired last month. We wish her a healthy and happy long retirement.

Karen held multiple positions and will be hard to replace. If you are interested in this position that includes four jobs please contact the Town Manager at [readfield.tmgr@roadrunner.com](mailto:readfield.tmgr@roadrunner.com) or call 207-685-4939.

**Job one:** Lakes Region Mutual Aid Fire Departments' Administrative Assistant. Nature of the work: Responsible administrative work assisting the Fire Chiefs in the participating departments of the Lakes Region Mutual Aid (Readfield, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Wayne, and Vienna) to maintain all records, reports, schedules and communications required by the Bureau of Labor Standards and other Federal, State and Local Agencies.

**Job two:** Readfield Cemetery Sexton: Nature of

Work: Position involves the management of all Town cemeteries, including arranging or performing any required maintenance, and keeping excellent cemetery records.

**Job three:** Constable/Animal Control Officer: Nature of work: This is general law enforcement activity enforcing State and municipal ordinances, including work as Animal Control Officer responsible for the regulation and control of dogs and other animals.

**Job four:** Maintenance Assistant: Nature of work: Position is responsible for janitorial duties for all Town buildings and grounds, and assisting the Maintenance Person with general maintenance projects; performing minor highway maintenance; winter shoveling of walkways and building entrances; and any other duties as directed by the Town Manager.

# A Perspective on two Town of Readfield Groups : Trails and Conservation submitted by Greg Durgin

From my two terms on the Readfield Select Board, I learned many lessons regarding town government and how it functions. Probably the most important fact I discovered is that similar to other small towns in Maine, so much gets done with volunteer effort by citizens who staff the various committees that are so vital to a town's success. It was always a pleasure and joy to vote to place citizen volunteers on our various committees whether it be an ad hoc or standing one and to thank the residents for giving their time and expertise to help make our town such a pleasurable place to live. When I left the board, I was looking for a way to continue to serve our community by volunteering. Openings on the Readfield Trails Committee (RTC) as well as on the Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) looked as logical venues to offer assistance. A simple matter of filling out an application and a vote by the select board provided me a seat at each meeting of the 2 committees. After 8 months, I offer the following:

The RTC has 14 members. The responsibilities for this committee are spelled out in the Comprehensive Plan and the Readfield Open Space Plan. This past fall, the committee reached out to both Kents Hill School and Maranacook High School and enlisted student volunteers to help re-build parts of an older trail and to build water bars and to do hand placement of stones at a water diversion culvert on the lower McDougald Trail. Several of those students have become advocates for the trail system in town and use them for running and skiing.

Winter is a time for creating a budget that enables the trail system to flourish while being mindful of the effect any budget has on the fiscal well being of the town. Winter also provides the time to do the strategic planning necessary to fulfill our mission set forth in the plans mentioned above. The committee has reached out to RSU# 38 and secured permission to use an area at the RSU bus garage for parking vehicles for a tentative new trail on town property adjacent to the transfer station. Members of the RTC have done two on site evaluations of the trails behind the high school and middle school and will be working this spring and summer possibly with Maranacook students, staff, and other volunteers to provide much needed maintenance on those community trails. Not a member of the RTC? No problem. We always welcome community volunteers for an hour or a day while we work to continue our goal of multi season / multi use of Readfield's trails.

Readfield's Conservation Commission, although having a smaller number of members (9), has by vote at a Readfield Town Meeting the huge responsibility of overseeing all town-owned open spaces and providing conservation information by working with landowners, other agencies, and committees to encourage exemplary stewardship of natural resources. The RCC has submitted a budget for the next fiscal year. The RCC is currently working on finishing the vernal pools project by digitally preserving the hundreds of pages of information that was gathered by volunteers. Work was done this fall by Kents Hill School students and staff working with RCC members on trail and bridge maintenance at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve (TPNP) off Route 41 at Kents Hill. Volunteers also re-structured the observation platform at the preserve. RCC members have also done site visits to check on soil erosion in the watershed. A few of the projects the RCC will be working on this spring and summer include working with the town on improving the access pathway for emergency vehicles to the new ball field, removing the huge loam pile at the fairgrounds, improving the center lane path at the Readfield Town Farm and Forest, and installing water bars at the Fogg Conservation Area to improve drainage.

# RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Education

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Education in Readfield has a new course lineup for Winter/Spring 2016. For details on these and other courses, and to register, please visit

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

For more information, email us at [adulted@maranacook.org](mailto:adulted@maranacook.org) or call 685-4923, x 1065.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## March Upcoming Classes:

HiSET Test Preparation	Ongoing
Perpetual Birthday Calendar	March 3
Karate with My Kid	March 7
Maine Driving Dynamics	March 8
Small Engine Repair	March 8
Adult CPR/AED	March 23
Dog Obedience, Advanced	March 29
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	March 30
iPad, Intro	March 30
Readfield DEPOT: History	March 30
Beginning Rug Braiding	March 31
Computers for Beginners	March 31
Facebook for Grandparents	March 31



## **Trails and Conservation** *Continued*

The RTC and RCC are both committed to working with each other and other entities in the best interests of Readfield and its residents. Members of both groups have had seats at the table working with the Ad Hoc Ball field Committee, the Recreation Board, local contractors, and interested citizens in bringing the ball field from a plan on paper to a reality. Both groups and interested citizens are going to be involved with the town in moving the Mill Stream project forward in the future.

The RCC meets at the town office the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 and RTC meets at the town office the 4th Tuesday of each month also at 6:30. The public is always welcome.

A list of Readfield's committees, boards, and commissions is available on the town's website and all need active volunteers both as members and as volunteers on their projects. Go take a look to see what a difference you can make!

## Maranacook Area School District Regional School Unit No. 38

*A Caring School Community Dedicated to Excellence*

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Budget Update #2 - RSU #38 School Board Budget Meeting, February 3, 2016

To view the video of the budget workshop, as well as all supporting materials, please go to [www.maranacook.org/budget](http://www.maranacook.org/budget)

*"Promoting student success for all while maintaining fiscal responsibility"*

The second RSU #38 budget meeting was held on February 3, 2016. At this meeting the General Fund Summary Budget, Original Request #2 was presented. Version 2 shows a 1% decrease from the first version. The decrease of \$148,921 resulted from dropping the projected increase in health insurance costs from an expected 10% increase to an expected 6% increase. We made this decrease when we received a positive experience rating from the insurance company. This represented a savings of \$76,096. However, we have still not received final word on our increase. In addition, we learned that the interest on several bonds that are outstanding was reduced. This resulted in a savings of \$72, 825.

This positive movement, however, was clouded with the news that our state subsidy has been reduced significantly. Subsidy is figured based on many factors, two of which are enrollment and valuation. Last year we graduated a large number of seniors. This year our PreK population is fairly low. In addition, the valuations of two of our towns, Mt. Vernon and Manchester have increased, with the district total increasing by .89%. The resulting decrease in subsidy is over \$400,000. This is a preliminary figure and we can only hope that the outlook improves as we proceed through the budget process.

At the February 3 budget meeting, administrators continued with their budget presentations. Director of Technology, Diane MacGregor presented the Technology Budget 02/03/16, first sharing information about student participation in the Hour of Code, an on-line program where students learn about and practice coding. Her budget requests focus on 4 areas, an intra office network uninterrupted power supply (UPS) which would take over during short power outages, and additional wireless access points in the elementary schools which would allow for better connectivity in the elementary schools. Ms. MacGregor has also included four SmartBoards in her budget. Last summer Kents Hill School donated several used SmartBoards to the district and teachers are enthused about the increased instructional opportunities offered by those boards. Ms. Jennifer Galletta spoke on her use of the SmartBoard to teach students to use protractors, as required in the fourth grade math curricula.

Finally Ms. MacGregor shared the plan to purchase new laptops for the grades PreK-5 teachers. These teachers are currently using the seven year old laptops that were handed down from the middle school. The laptops are breaking down and require major attention to keep them going. In addition, teachers are not able to access district curriculum that is stored on our website due to limitations of the browsers, and they will not be able to enter data into our district student information system.

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Ryan Meserve, Director of Special Education presented the Special Education Budget 02/03/16. This included a full time nurse that would meet the needs of a special education student and an additional educational technician who is also needed to meet student needs. In addition he has included in the special education budget a special education speech assistant who is needed to address student needs in the area of speech.

I presented the English Language Learners Budget 02/03/16 (ELLs) that is based on the restructuring of the department this year. Last year the ELL program consisted of a proposed half time elementary teacher and a part time educational technician. The law requires that the teachers working with ELL students be fully certified in ELL, so last year the Board created a .8 FTE ELL teaching position. There is an increase in the ELL budget but it is due to the change in staffing and benefits of the staff member.

Nancy Harriman, Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction presented the Gifted and Talented Budget 02/03/16 that includes supplies, and the benefits and salaries of 2.2 FTE. The budget request is less than last year due to a reduction in a .5 staffing position. The request allows us to meet the needs of our GT students.

A Summary of Budget Requests 02/03/16 on the budgets presented to date was included in the packet information along with the Revenue Summary 02/03/16. This shows the \$203,067 additional state subsidy that was provided to RSU #38 after the FY16 budget was passed, as a balance forward figure in the 2016-2017 column. The sheet includes the required local dollar match, the local only debt, and the additional local dollars figures.

On February 24, 2016 administrators and directors will present original request budgets in the areas of Co and Extra Curricular, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, Adult Education, Food Service, Health, Professional Development/Curriculum, Systems Administration, and Debt Service. There will be a time for citizen comment as well as Board discussion. I urge you to attend the remaining budget meetings on February 24, and every Wednesday in March. Budget meetings begin at 6:30 in the student center at Maranacook Community High School. The Board welcomes your input. If you are unable to attend the meetings they can be viewed on the link at the top of this page.

Sincerely,

Donna H. Wolfrom, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of School



## RSU #38 UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 2nd: Regular Business Meeting; Joint Meeting with Local Select Boards re: draft FY17 budget.

March 16th: Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making.

March 23rd: Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making.

April 6th: Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making.

April 13th: Regular Business Meeting, Vote on Budget.

May 18th: Budget Annual Meeting, HS gymnasium at 7:00 pm.

June 14th: Budget Validation Referendum at the polls from 8am to 8pm.



# Readfield Community Library

## Library Hours

Monday: 6-8  
 Wednesday: 2-8  
 Thursday: 10-12  
 Saturday: 10-4

**“I believe there is something of interest for everyone at the Readfield Community Library. Come sign up for your library card and start borrowing today.”**

## Check out our newest Titles

February Book Order

Adult Fiction

Cometh the Hour by Jeffery Archer

Sins of the Father by Jeffery Archer

Those Who Leave and Those Who stay by

Elena Ferrante

The Shock and the Fall by Nathan Filer

The Bitter Season by Tami Hoag

The Forgotten Room by Karen White

Adult Mystery

The Ex by Alafair Burke

Obsession Falls by Christina Dodd

Find her by Lisa Gardner

The Silence of the Library by Miranda James

Breakdown by Jonathan Kellerman

NYPD Red by James Patterson

Blackout by David Rosenfelt

No Shred of Evidence by Charles Todd (in transit)

Adult Nonfiction

The Little Free Library Book by Margret Aldrich

The Name of God is Mercy by Pope Francis

Adult Biography

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Tough as They Come by Travis Mills

## Adult Audio

The Road to Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson (in transit)

Rock with Wings by Anne Hillerman (in transit)

Spider Woman's Daughter by Anne Hillerman (in transit)

My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout (in transit)

## Adult DVD

Bridge of Spies

Downton Abbey: Season 6

The Intern

Spectre

Straight Outta Compton (in transit)

Teen

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schiltz

Junior Fiction

The War that Saved by Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics by Chris Grabenstein

Junior Graphic Novels

Claudia and Mean Janine by Ann M. Martin and Raina Telgemeier

Mary Anne Saves the Day by Ann M. Martin and Raina Telgemeier

## Junior DVD

Goosebumps

Picture Books

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena

Murphy in the City by Alice Provensen

## What's Readfield Reading

What's the best book you've read during the past year? What's the title you wish more people would discover? What are your kid's favorite books to read before bed?

Last year, your library compiled a list of recommended books from the people of Readfield, and it worked so well, we're doing it again! So if you'd like to recommend a great book, please let us know! You can list up to three books. If you would like your recommendations to be anonymous, please indicate that in your reply. Email me at librarian@readfield.lib.me.us.

The full list will be available in March.

# Readfield Community Library Continued

## Late Winter Craft Project



On March 16th, we will be hosting a craft program here at the library. Learn how to make a reusable tote bag (like the one pictured above) out of disposable plastic bags. We'll provide the plarn (plastic yarn), and you create the bag. The program will begin at 6:30 and run for about an hour. This is a straightforward project, open to both crafty, and not so crafty people. Let the librarian know if you have any questions! My email is [librarian@readfield.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@readfield.lib.me.us), and the library phone number is 685-4089.

Supplies needed:

One size K crochet hook

The library will prepare some plarn (plastic yarn) in advance. You will also learn to make plarn in order to complete the project at home.

A second evening, March 30<sup>th</sup>, will be scheduled for anyone needing help to complete their project.

Maine Humanities Council Book Series "Refreshing the Whodunit" starts March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call Nancy or check our webpage for full details.

Kindles, Tablets etc. Did you get a new kindle, tablet, or Smartphone over the Holidays? Then you can use your library card right from the comfort of your own home. Thousands of free EBooks and downloadable audio book can be found on the Overdrive app. Just sign in using your Readfield Library card. If you need a little help getting set up, let the librarian know and an appointment can be arranged.

## Highlights from the Library Board of Trustees

February 3, 2016 meeting

- January minutes were approved and on their way to the town office
- Treasurer report: Budget is right on target.
- Bruce Chandler made a walkthrough of the Library building and is making a list of his concerns.
- Annual report is complete and submitted to the Maine State Library.
- What's Readfield Reading is an ongoing project, still looking for submissions.
- Nancy will speak at the Senior Café on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- "Refreshing the Whodunit" book series presented by the Maine Humanities Council will begin on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- purchased 8 foot collapsible table for book sales and other library projects
- Craft program idea developed. Upcycle your plastic grocery bags into a crochet tote bag
- Trail sign was installed by Bruce Chandler for the trails committee beneath the existing library sign
- Little Free Library: The scout involved has not yet reported back but is working on the process of having the project approved by his scout leaders.
- Approved Nancy's interest in attending a professional development day in Portland sometime in April called Reading Roundup.
- Approved the purchase of books for prizes for the summer reading program if we don't get enough quality children's books donated. They were very popular last summer.
- Developing a theme around the upcoming summer Olympics to kick off the summer reading program.
- Generating ideas on how to disperse left over books from the summer book sale. Looking for volunteers to pick up boxes of books after the sale to be delivered to prearranged drop off locations such as good will, PALS, doctors offices, hospitals etc. Our goal is to drastically reduce the number of books going to the recycling center.
- Notified members whose terms will expire in June.

# Nomination Papers & Town Meeting

If you are interested in representing your Town and being part of the process that oversees the Town and RSU 38 budgets and functions then come get your Nomination Papers which will be available starting March 21, 2016.

The positions available will be two, three year Select Board positions, two RSU 38 positions with one expiring in 2017 and one in 2019. Also, there are two Local School Board positions with one expiring in 2018 and one in 2019. If you have any questions about these positions and their terms, please feel free to contact the Town Office for more information.

Nomination papers require that the nominee be a qualified Readfield resident by the time they take office. They also require 25 signatures of Readfield registered voters.

Nomination papers are due back at the Town Office on April 29, 2016 at 4:30 pm. This date assures the nominee's name will be placed on the Town Meeting Ballot being voted June 14, 2016.

Other important dates are March 29th for the Public Informational Meeting on the draft Town Meeting Warrant and May 25th is the date set for the official public hearing on the Warrant. These dates are all in preparation of the Town Meeting vote on June 14th, 2016.



**NEW HOURS:** Monday and Tuesday 8:30-4:30,  
Wednesday 12-6 and Friday 7:30-3:30.

## 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 480-1525, Helen Wilkey at 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh at 293-2308.**

# 2016 CABIN FEVER OPEN MIC

## READFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Open Mic Nights every Wednesday until March 30<sup>th</sup>.  
6-9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Singers and musicians, soloists or small combos, are invited to showcase their talents. Both originals and covers are acceptable, and all musical genres are encouraged, but please keep lyrics appropriate. Refreshments will be offered, with proceeds going to local charities.

For more information contact hosts John Twitchell at 685-4170; [drjohnnyt@yahoo.com](mailto:drjohnnyt@yahoo.com), or Rick Smith at 860-2794; [macsuist117@yahoo.com](mailto:macsuist117@yahoo.com).

### *Sewing dresses for Haiti!*

Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 9 am - 2 pm  
Saturday March 19, 2016 9am-2 pm  
Light Lunch will be provided



Can you help? We need:

- Lots of helpers! Join us!
- Portable sewing machines to borrow
- Material, 100% cotton fabric, notions, thread, elastic, ribbon
- Monetary donations accepted to purchase needed supplies!

Ms. Susan Baker will be leading a medical mission trip to Haiti in April and will take dresses for little girls. Join us Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to help us sew simple dresses for Haiti. Sewing machines, patterns, material, and notions provided - just come and sew!

We will also be putting together Layette Kits and Health Kits. **There are lots of help needed if you do not sew you can cut out patterns or iron! Everyone welcome!**

**Holy Week**  
**Readfield United Methodist Church**  
**Rte 17, Readfield, Me. 207-685-4211**

March 20<sup>th</sup> -Palm Sunday-10:00 a.m.

March 24<sup>th</sup>-Maundy Thursday with Wayne Community Church at Torsey

March 25<sup>th</sup>-Good Friday Prayer and Meditation Stations that follow the 7 last words of Christ- 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

March 27<sup>th</sup> EASTER

6:00 am. Sunrise at the Jesse Lee Meeting House, move out to greet the morning.

10:00 am Torsey Church.

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<b>10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>5,370,211.00</b>	<b>682.56</b>	<b>48,260.01</b>	<b>4,820,993.73</b>	<b>549,217.27</b>	<b>89.77</b>
1011 - REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	4,293,829.00	0.00	0.00	4,295,460.93	-1,631.93	100.04
1012 - PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	36,855.00	0.00	0.00	36,855.03	-0.03	100.00
1013 - STATE REVENUE SHARING	110,000.00	0.00	11,598.30	80,914.44	29,085.56	73.56
1014 - INTEREST ON TAXES	16,000.00	0.00	3,454.97	14,628.74	1,371.26	91.43
1021 - INVESTMENT INCOME	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,591.56	908.44	63.66
1031 - VETERANS EXEMPTION	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,284.00	-284.00	109.47
1032 - HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	70,783.00	0.00	0.00	73,154.00	-2,371.00	103.35
1033 - TREE GROWTH REIMBURSEMENT	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,892.48	-1,892.48	121.03
1034 - BETE REIMBURSEMENT	7,746.00	0.00	0.00	7,746.00	0.00	100.00
1051 - BOAT EXCISE TAXES	6,000.00	0.00	138.00	1,473.10	4,526.90	24.55
1052 - MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	420,000.00	82.56	31,277.24	276,783.58	143,216.42	65.90
1053 - AGENT FEE	8,600.00	0.00	889.00	5,926.50	2,673.50	68.91
1054 - NEWSLETTER ADS	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
1060 - LICENSE FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	-10.00	----
1065 - CERTIFIED COPY FEES	1,250.00	0.00	58.60	1,010.00	240.00	80.80
1080 - REFLECTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.50	-3.50	----
1090 - OTHER INCOME	2,000.00	600.00	606.50	2,745.42	-745.42	137.27
1095 - Heating Assistance	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	500.05	999.95	33.34
3010 - PLUMBING FEES	3,000.00	0.00	180.00	3,215.00	-215.00	107.17
3020 - LAND USE FEES	3,000.00	0.00	57.40	4,699.40	-1,699.40	156.65
5000 - Use of Undesignated Funds	300,183.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,183.00	0.00
5001 - Use of Carry Forward	74,865.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	74,865.00	0.00
<b>15 - BOARDS &amp; COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>	<b>-2,700.00</b>	<b>----</b>
3050 - Trails Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	-2,700.00	----
<b>25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b>29,575.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,822.90</b>	<b>31,081.79</b>	<b>-1,506.79</b>	<b>105.09</b>
1010 - ANIMAL CONTROL DOG LICENSE FEE	3,500.00	0.00	369.00	931.00	2,569.00	26.60
4005 - LIBRARY DONATIONS	700.00	0.00	50.00	2,479.99	-1,779.99	354.28
4010 - LIBRARY SALE PROCEEDS	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,218.36	-218.36	121.84
4015 - Library Front Desk Contributio	375.00	0.00	58.62	336.28	38.72	89.67
4020 - Library Non Res Patrons	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	----
5010 - CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEES	24,000.00	0.00	13,345.28	26,066.16	-2,066.16	108.61
<b>30 - RECREATION, PARKS,&amp; ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>20,766.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,421.30</b>	<b>11,344.70</b>	<b>45.37</b>
1010 - BEACH INCOME	9,060.00	0.00	0.00	3,034.00	6,026.00	33.49
1020 - Beach Playground	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.80	-7.80	----
2021 - REC BOARD - BASEBALL	2,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,426.00	0.00
2022 - REC BOARD - SOCCER	1,850.00	0.00	0.00	2,082.50	-232.50	112.57
2023 - REC BOARD - SWIMMING	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00
2024 - REC BOARD - Basketball	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	2,890.00	-1,140.00	165.14
2025 - REC BOARD - OTHER RECREATION	600.00	0.00	0.00	142.00	458.00	23.67
2026 - Rec Board - Softball	1,130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,130.00	0.00
2073 - HD - MERCHANDISE SALES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,265.00	-1,265.00	----
7010 - Trails	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00
<b>40 - PROTECTION</b>	<b>5,580.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>838.00</b>	<b>8,637.21</b>	<b>-3,057.21</b>	<b>154.79</b>
1010 - FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.84	-25.84	----
1025 - Adm Asst Regional Employee	5,580.00	0.00	0.00	5,773.37	-193.37	103.47
1035 - FD Burn Permits online	0.00	0.00	238.00	238.00	-238.00	----
3500 - Tower Sites	0.00	0.00	600.00	2,600.00	-2,600.00	----
<b>50 - CEMETERIES</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37.20</b>	<b>6,962.80</b>	<b>0.53</b>

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<b>50 - CEMETERIES CONT'D</b>						
5010 - Fuel Tax Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.20	-37.20	----
5020 - Donations	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
<b>60 - Roads &amp; Drainage</b>	37,388.00	0.00	0.00	44,493.70	-7,105.70	119.01
2010 - LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,524.00	-524.00	101.50
7010 - Interlocal	2,388.00	0.00	0.00	8,969.70	-6,581.70	375.62
<b>65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00
6570 - Transfer Station	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00
<b>70 - SOLID WASTE</b>	145,598.00	0.00	14,096.23	89,678.31	55,919.69	61.59
7010 - TRANSFER STATION FEES	25,000.00	0.00	663.00	18,522.50	6,477.50	74.09
7020 - TS REDEMPTIONS	1,800.00	0.00	92.05	1,050.25	749.75	58.35
7023 - TS RECYCLABLES - METAL	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,815.80	5,184.20	48.16
7025 - TS RECYCLABLES - OTHER	500.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	484.00	3.20
7030 - TS BACKHOE	0.00	0.00	0.00	933.75	-933.75	----
7040 - Commercial Haulers Permits	300.00	0.00	300.00	375.00	-75.00	125.00
7090 - TS REVENUES - WAYNES SHARE	107,998.00	0.00	13,041.18	63,965.01	44,032.99	59.23
<b>90 - UNCLASSIFIED</b>	20,936.00	0.00	1,678.05	8,205.72	12,730.28	39.19
1250 - First Park Revenue	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	0.00
3010 - Snowmobile Fees	1,436.00	0.00	1,489.50	1,489.50	-53.50	103.73
4010 - Readfield Enterprise Fund	10,000.00	0.00	188.55	6,716.22	3,283.78	67.16
<b>95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	0.00
1010 - GENERAL ASSIST-STATE REIMBURSE	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	0.00
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>5,658,154.00</b>	<b>682.56</b>	<b>78,695.19</b>	<b>5,015,248.96</b>	<b>642,905.04</b>	<b>88.64</b>

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<b>10 - GENERAL GOVT</b>	459,076.00	30,715.77	6,970.08	242,072.15	217,003.85	52.73
10 - Admin	299,370.00	19,207.50	6,069.09	154,978.18	144,391.82	51.77
12 - Insurance	24,650.00	0.00	900.99	26,281.90	-1,631.90	106.62
15 - Office Equip	3,505.00	232.66	0.00	2,833.62	671.38	80.85
20 - Assessing	21,400.00	833.33	0.00	12,280.37	9,119.63	57.38
30 - Code Enforce	28,746.00	2,344.81	0.00	17,960.57	10,785.43	62.48
40 - Boundries	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
50 - MUNI MAINT	74,905.00	7,726.47	0.00	27,366.51	47,538.49	36.53
60 - Grant/Plan	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
70 - Heating Ast	1,500.00	371.00	0.00	371.00	1,129.00	24.73
<b>15 - BOARDS &amp; COM</b>	7,545.00	45.24	0.00	1,310.83	6,234.17	17.37
10 - Appeals Brd	407.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	407.00	0.00
30 - Consvr Comm	4,365.00	0.00	0.00	527.19	3,837.81	12.08
40 - Planning Brd	2,773.00	45.24	0.00	783.64	1,989.36	28.26
<b>20 - TOWN BLDG</b>	35,708.00	3,133.53	0.00	13,280.08	22,427.92	37.19
10 - Fire Station	10,700.00	1,393.28	0.00	4,580.05	6,119.95	42.80
20 - Gile Hall	18,122.00	1,358.11	0.00	7,056.67	11,065.33	38.94
30 - Library	5,386.00	382.14	0.00	1,643.36	3,742.64	30.51
40 - Maint Bldg	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00

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25 - COMM SERVICE	59,122.00	6,006.66	0.00	34,698.22	24,423.78	58.69
10 - Animal Cntrl	16,622.00	2,153.24	0.00	7,825.00	8,797.00	47.08
20 - K Land Trust	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
25 - KVCOG	4,345.00	0.00	0.00	4,325.00	20.00	99.54
40 - Library	26,438.00	2,531.21	0.00	15,802.61	10,635.39	59.77
50 - Readfield TV	5,717.00	820.98	0.00	3,402.05	2,314.95	59.51
60 - Street Light	5,500.00	501.23	0.00	3,343.56	2,156.44	60.79
90 - Maran Dam	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	31,072.00	843.28	0.00	20,707.50	10,364.50	66.64
10 - BEACH	9,060.00	15.00	0.00	6,119.43	2,940.57	67.54
20 - REC BOARD	9,006.00	819.32	0.00	2,657.42	6,348.58	29.51
25 - HERITAGE DAY	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,106.85	-106.85	101.07
60 - Comm Park	306.00	0.00	0.00	245.06	60.94	80.08
70 - Trails	2,700.00	8.96	0.00	1,578.74	1,121.26	58.47
40 - PROTECTION	153,165.00	3,736.26	2,116.82	78,984.40	74,180.60	51.57
10 - FIRE DEPART	84,790.00	3,677.88	2,116.82	38,505.14	46,284.86	45.41
15 - FIRE EQUIP	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	7,000.00	48.15
20 - AMBULANCE	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,716.75	11,283.25	48.71
30 - WATER HOLES	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
35 - Tower Sites	2,000.00	58.38	0.00	415.65	1,584.35	20.78
40 - Dispatching	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	19,096.86	8,903.14	68.20
50 - Physicals	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
60 - PPG Replace	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	-1,750.00	187.50
70 - Emerg Ops	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
50 - CEMETERIES	36,110.00	4,616.58	1,949.92	20,746.58	15,363.42	57.45
10 - CEMETERIES	29,110.00	4,616.58	1,949.92	18,026.58	11,083.42	61.93
20 - Living Fence	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,720.00	4,280.00	38.86
60 - Rds & Drain	528,838.00	33,182.31	0.00	372,834.69	156,003.31	70.50
10 - Road Maint	247,950.00	2,790.00	0.00	223,867.79	24,082.21	90.29
40 - Winter Maint	260,500.00	30,348.33	0.00	143,107.49	117,392.51	54.94
60 - Vehicle Mnt	18,000.00	43.98	0.00	568.20	17,431.80	3.16
70 - Interlocal	2,388.00	0.00	0.00	5,291.21	-2,903.21	221.57
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	81,845.00	0.00	0.00	12,016.00	69,829.00	14.68
25 - Ballfield	8,645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,645.00	0.00
65 - Equipment	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,200.00	55.56
70 - Transfer Sta	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,285.00	33,715.00	11.28
90 - Maran Dam	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,731.00	24,269.00	13.33
70 - SOLID WASTE	256,195.00	20,248.32	0.00	145,748.15	110,446.85	56.89
10 - TRANSFER STA	253,595.00	19,656.45	0.00	143,337.45	110,257.55	56.52
50 - BACKHOE	2,600.00	591.87	0.00	2,410.70	189.30	92.72
75 - EDUCATION	3,325,546.00	277,037.59	0.00	1,939,263.05	1,386,282.95	58.31
10 - RSU#38	3,324,451.00	277,037.59	0.00	1,939,263.05	1,385,187.95	58.33
50 - ELEM SCHOOL	1,095.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,095.00	0.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG	305,930.00	0.00	0.00	281,882.37	24,047.63	92.14
10 - COBBOSSEE WD	19,825.00	0.00	0.00	13,214.00	6,611.00	66.65
20 - KENNEBEC CTY	260,000.00	0.00	0.00	256,103.35	3,896.65	98.50
40 - First Park	26,105.00	0.00	0.00	12,565.02	13,539.98	48.13
85 - DEBT SERVICE	285,117.00	0.00	0.00	284,050.65	1,066.35	99.63
25 - '13 Road Bnd	109,117.00	0.00	0.00	109,116.65	0.35	100.00
70 - '08 Road Bnd	176,000.00	0.00	0.00	174,934.00	1,066.00	99.39

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90 - UNCLASSIFIED	88,175.00	1,472.00	0.00	20,124.55	68,050.45	22.82
10 - Abate/Overly	14,595.00	1,472.00	0.00	12,544.55	2,050.45	85.95
20 - NON-PROFIT	7,144.00	0.00	0.00	6,144.00	1,000.00	86.00
40 - Contingency	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
50 - Snowmobiling	1,436.00	0.00	0.00	1,436.00	0.00	100.00
60 - R Ent Fund	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
90 - Revaluation	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.97	4,709.03	0.02
10 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.97	4,709.03	0.02
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>5,658,154.00</b>	<b>381,037.54</b>	<b>11,036.82</b>	<b>3,467,720.19</b>	<b>2,190,433.81</b>	<b>61.29</b>

## Budget Committee News Submitted by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair

The Budget Committee has concluded reviewing requests made by all Boards, Committees, Commissions and Departments. Our Town Finance Officer, Teresa Shaw, and our Town Manager, Eric Dyer, have presented explanations for all questions we had and have revised all amounts that were uncertain previously. At our last meeting we began deliberation of several capital items to see how they might be funded in a reasonable manner so as not to increase our tax rate unnecessarily.

We were not prepared for the presentation of revenue figures for our last meeting but Eric and Teresa had them ready for us. This allowed for a critical analysis of the entire budget to begin, seeing how the spending requests are initially aligning with projected revenues. One large change this year is a restructuring of the Homestead Exemption amount that will have a large revenue decrease for our town. We began looking in earnest at the use of the town's undesignated fund balance, its level over a many years and how we might best utilize those funds. Ever present in our minds is an expected rise in the amount that will be requested by the school district.

The Select Board continues to review the budget progress we make each meeting and developing their budget recommendations. The town will hold a public information meeting on Tuesday March 29th where citizens can continue to provide input with the entire draft budget ready to discuss. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee will each meet after this public informational meeting to consider the input from the public, and create their final budgets.

Appreciation was conveyed to Eric, by the entire Budget Committee, and by Val Pomerleau, for the awesome job done in compiling the budget in a format that is far more usable than in the past, and to both Eric and Teresa for the great work done with income projections at this early date. This represented a tremendous amount of work and coordination of resources that has made for a much-improved presentation of the budget including graphic comparisons. Please plan to attend the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to voice your input.



# Cemetery Sexton Retires *Continued from page 1*

In a Messenger article a few years ago, Karen wrote profoundly about her learning from a woman who had suddenly lost her beloved mother. Karen highlighted the realization for sensitivity she must have to help this person balance the “ practical needs while coming to grips with the paralyzing loss of a loved one”. As our humble Sexton, Karen probably has no idea of how many people have been carried through some of the most difficult, grief stricken times of their lives with her sensitive, quiet philosophy on the care of those who have died. Preparing for a burial in the early morning hours before all arrive, assuring a path to the grave of a loved one in the winter, keeping a beautiful old tree alive to preserve family memories are just a few of the many ways that Karen brought unrivaled dignity to the care of all who are buried in Readfield’s cemeteries. There is no doubt that Karen’s influence on the cemeteries and our community will be carried forward for generations to come.

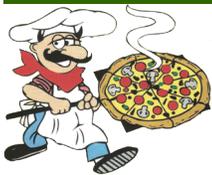
What does Karen plan do? We hear she plans to do more flying, spend more time with her husband Glen, and raise and train Gus who is her new German Shorthair Pointer puppy! Karen has promised to continue her service to the Town or Readfield as a dedicated volunteer. In addition to new projects that may interest her, Karen currently serves on the Board of the Union Meeting House and is a valued member Readfield Trails Committee. Though her departure is bittersweet, the Cemetery Committee on behalf of the residents of Readfield wish Karen the very best for a well-deserved retirement.

## April 1st is the Deadline for Exemptions on your property taxes

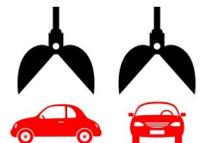
- Homestead Exemptions (apply once when you move to town and it stays on your account)
- Veterans Exemptions (you may ask for a copy of the form to see if you qualify)

Check out the Town’s Web Site for more information and applications.

[www.readfield.govoffice.com](http://www.readfield.govoffice.com)



Mention you saw these ads to the business below to assure them that the Messenger is a good place to advertise. Thank you we appreciate it!



## *Readfield Emporium*

Gourmet pizzas, entrees,  
eat in & take out, wine & beer

Fall and Winter

Wed. through Sat. 5—9

685-7348

Tel: 685-4064



Visa/Mastercard

## ***KEN’S DRAG IN AUTO INC.***

*Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine*

Used Auto and Truck Parts • Auto Repair  
Used Cars and Trucks • Buying Junk Cars

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Town Office	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	12-6:00	CLOSED	7:30-3:30	
		1 <i>5:00 Road Com. 5:30 Budget Com. &amp; Select Brd.—Review</i>	2 <i>6:30 Select Brd. At High Sch. With RSU Brd. 6:30 Plan. Brd.</i>	3	4	5 <i>Doors Open at 7:00 am Republican Party Caucus at Chelsea Elm. Sch. On Togus Rd.</i>
6 <i>Doors open at 3:00 pm Democratic Party Caucus at</i>	7 <i>9:30 Cemetery Com. 6:30 Select Brd.</i>	8 <i>6:30 Conservation Comm.</i>	9 <i>4:00 Age Friendly Adhoc Com.</i>	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16 <i>6:30 RSU Budget deliberations</i>	17 	18	19
20 	21 <i>Nomination Papers Available 6:30 Select Brd.</i>	22 <i>6:30 Trails Com.</i>	23 <i>6:30 Plan. Brd. 6:30 RSU Budget deliberations</i>	24	25 	26
27 	28	29 <i>5:30 Public Informational Meeting on Town Mtg. Ballot</i>	30	31 <i>5:30 Budget Com. Finalize their Budget Recommendations.</i>		

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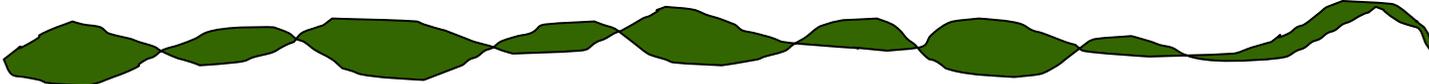
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**THE SELECT BOARD MEET EVERY OTHER MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 PM.**

## Town of Readfield

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Readfield, Maine 04355

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## Looking for Board Members for the following Boards and Committees:

**Appeals Board: 1 member for (2017) and 3 members for (2018)**

**Age Friendly Adhoc Committee: 2 members (1 year)**

**Appointment Procedure Policy Adhoc Committee: 1 member (no exp.)**

**Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 resident for an alt. Representative**

**Heritage Days Committee : Looking for any volunteers**

**Library Building Committee: 1 resident building contractor needed**

**Planning Board: 1 alt. member needed (2017) 1 alt. member for (2019)**

**Recreation Committee: 1 member for (2017)**

**Trails Committee: 1 Alt. member for (2017)**

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