

Readfield Messenger

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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!!!



Another Very Successful Year for the Giving Tree!

Last Chance Rabies Clinic!

The Town of Readfield will be holding a “Last Chance Rabies Clinic” on January 27th from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. All rabies vaccinations will cost \$15.00 each. All shots will be a one year vaccination unless you bring proof of a previous rabies vaccination, then the vaccination can be for a three year period.

Readfield residents will have the chance to license their dogs at the same time thus avoiding the \$25.00 licensing late fee that will go into effect on February 1st.

Cost for licensing your dogs will be \$6.00 for dogs unable to produce young and \$11.00 for those who are not altered.

This clinic is open to all surrounding towns.

Thank you once again Dr. Peter Davis for volunteering your time and resources to hold these Rabies Clinic twice a year.



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Thank you Dave!

Thank you goes out to Dave Linton for making sure the Town Office tree lights were working and ready for the Library Tree Lighting event as well as the Holiday Season.

History Walkers



LEFT: Kents Hill School campus was the focal point of a History Walk at Kents Hill village last spring. Cindy McInerney, school archivist and headmaster's wife, extended a welcome into the Blethen House - home of Kents Hill School headmasters and their families since 1883. Seated is Dotty Macomber, whose family lived at Kents Hill for more than 110 years. At left is Nancy Russell, whose great-great-great-grandfather Luther Sampson founded the School in 1821. Sampson's wife was a Foord (Ford)– one of three families that settled Kents Hill before 1790.

RIGHT: Readfield History Walkers enjoyed seeing the inside of Sampson Hall at Kents Hill School last year. More than 60 people attended that walk – seven were alumni but most had never been on campus. More of Kents Hill village will be toured this spring in two separate History Walks. Stay tuned for details.



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 are looking for nominees for the 2016 Spirit of America Award and the Unsung Hero Award. If you wish to nominate an individual or a group for either award, nominations must be in writing and received at the Readfield Town Office by February 24th, 2016. Please be sure to include an explanation in your nomination of why the nominee deserves the award.



KENTS HILL: STILL MORE BUILDINGS, OLD HOUSES AND SOME PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE

When and how did Kents Hill village change from remote back-country to a cultural and educational center?

By Dale Potter-Clark, Wednesday, April 27th

Before 1775 there were very few people living on “Kent’s Hill, so called, on the road from Hallowell” – the Packards, Foords and Kents were the first to stake their claims and buildings began to appear. The Packard men were housewrights so many were built by them. After the Revolutionary War others came. The most influential with a long lasting effect was Luther Sampson. From 1790 until 1824 a meeting house and parsonage, grammar school, store, cemetery and Methodist Seminary were established and the hilltop called Kents Hill evolved from a handful of family farms to a thriving cultural and educational center. In this class you will learn more about that evolution, hear more about those buildings and houses, and some of the people who lived there. *On the evening of the class booklets that contain house bios and photos from this section of town will be available for \$5 each. Proceeds from registration fees will be applied towards creating a “Museum in the Streets® in Readfield.”* **NOTE:** All are welcome to attend two Readfield History Walks at various parts of Kents Hill village on Friday, April 29th and Friday, May 13th.

READFIELD HISTORY ON THE MARCH...

Spring 2016 dates and subjects have been set for three Readfield History Walks and two Maranacook Adult and Community Education (MACE) classes. Read more about them below and mark your calendars.

To register for MACE classes call 207-685-4923 x 1065 or visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>.

There is no registration fee for Readfield History Walks, but donations to Readfield Historical Society for the Readfield “Museum in the Streets®” project are gratefully received. FMI call Dale Potter-Clark at 441-9184 or visit www.readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com.

Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm – MACE

Friday, April 15, 10:00 am-12:00 noon History Walk at Readfield Depot

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm - MACE

Friday, April 29, 10:00 am-12:00 noon History Walk at Kents Hill Village (Part I)

Friday, May 13, 10:00 am-12:00 noon History Walk at Kents Hill Village (Part II)

READFIELD DEPOT: MORE BUILDINGS, OLD HOUSES THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE

The rise and fall of Readfield Depot. When and why was it a buzzing community center?

By Dale Potter-Clark, Wednesday, March 30th

This class will include information about the old homes and buildings, past and present, in and around Readfield Depot; the evolution of Readfield Depot; some people who have lived there; and how the symbiotic relationship between Readfield Depot and summer residents helped boost Readfield’s economy and overall lakeside development.

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Readfield Community Library



Check out our newest Titles

Happy new year from the Readfield Community Library. If you're looking for something new to read, please check out our most recent book order. New titles include *The Magic Strings of Frankie Preston* by Mitch Albom, *The Guilty* by David Baldacci, *All Dressed in White* by Mary Higgins Clark, *The Crossing* by Michael Connelly, *Tricky Twenty-Two* by Janet Evanovich, *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* by Stephen King, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* by Jeff Kinney. Our newest movies include *Ant-Man*, *Mission Impossible 5: Rogue Nation*, *Trainwreck*, *Minions*, and *Shaun the Sheep*.

Pinterest

Did you know that the library is now on pinterest? [Check out our board](#), it will be updated on a monthly basis, including new titles, activities, highlights from our collection etc. [Follow us on pinterest for more!](#)

Book Group

Thank you to everyone who attended book club throughout the fall months. Book club will be taking a brief hiatus over the winter, and will return in the spring. If you have any questions about book club, or suggestions of books you'd like to read as part of the club, please contact the librarian at librarian@readfield.lib.me.us.

Late Winter Book Sale

Our annual winter booksale is fast approaching! Keep an eye on our website, email list, facebook, or the messenger for the date. We've gotten a record number of donations this year, so expect to see more than just one table of books this year. Make sure you make plenty of space on your shelves!

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 audiobook can be found on the Overdrive ap. 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.

Library Hours

The library will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr day on Monday, January 18th. If you'd like information on closures due to the weather, please visit our website (readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com) or like us on facebook.

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.”

THE BOSTON POST CANE

The Cane was a gift from the Boston Post distributed to most New England towns with the exception of Vermont which only received a few and Connecticut which did not receive any, totaling 431 or 600 canes depending on whether you accept Boston Post accounts of 1909 or 1954.

Initially the canes were intended for the oldest male resident, but after protests in the 1930's the Boston Post relaxed its requirements to allow women to hold the cane.

The cane itself is "affine one", according to the Boston Post in its 1909 letter to selectmen. It was manufactured by J.F. Fradley Company of New York of carefully selected ebony from the Congo in Africa, with a head of 14-carat gold, elaborately decorated and engraved to identify itself as presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of a particular town "to be transmitted".

Maine has the most canes still being passed, according to Eleanor Burnes, a Massachusetts woman who tries to keep tabs on the canes. Her efforts have uncovered more than 300 towns where the tradition flourishes.

Though some potential recipients don't want it, many towns in Maine and elsewhere in new England continue to honor their oldest citizen with a curious remnant from the long gone newspaper the Boston Post.

In 1900, Kennebec County had a population of 59,117 and in 1909 there were four cities: Augusta, Gardiner, Hallowell and Waterville, and 25 towns. In 2000, there was no change except the population had increased to 117, 114.

The following towns received Boston Post Canes but where are they now?

Albion: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Belgrade: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Benton: They have the **original cane** and present it but it is displayed at the Town Office.

Chelsea: Chelsea's Boston Post Cane is **missing**. The cane was lost sometime between 1938 and 1940.

China: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Clinton: They have the **original cane** and give a plaque to the oldest resident and the cane is displayed in the town office.

Farmingdale: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Hallowell: They give out a cane, but it is **not a Boston Post cane**.

Litchfield: It was reported in 2002 that Litchfield's original Boston Post cane had been **missing** between 20 and 30 years.

Manchester: Manchester's Boston Post cane has been **missing** for many years.



THE BOSTON POST CANE continued

Monmouth: They have the **original cane** and give a certificate to the oldest resident but display the Cane at the town office.

Mount Vernon: Mount Vernon's Boston Post cane is **missing**, stolen off the display several years ago at the town office.

Oakland: As of 2002 Oakland's Post cane has been **missing** for 22 years.

Pittston: Pittston's Boston Post cane is **missing** but the town still honors its oldest resident with a picture displayed at the town office.

Randolph: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Readfield: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Sidney: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Vassalborough: The original cane was lost many years ago. A few years later the town got a call from a man in California saying he had the cane. He wanted \$500 or he would melt it down for the gold. The town didn't have the money so Elizabeth Taylor paid the money and the original cane was returned to her. She lends the cane to the historical society and will give it to them eventually.

Vienna: They give out a cane to its oldest resident but it is not an original cane.

Wayne: Wayne has retired its cane. It has not been given out for many years, yet is kept in the town vault as it has been damaged.

West Gardiner: They have the **original cane** and give it to the oldest resident.

Windsor: Windsor's cane was lost between 1938 and 1940 when it was **burned in a house fire**.

Winslow: Winslow's cane has been **missing** since the 1980's.

Winthrop: Winthrop has the **original cane** but gives a certificate to its cane holder and displays the cane in a glass case in the town office with the picture of the oldest resident.

Readfield's Boston Post cane has been sitting in the town's vault for a few years and we would like to honor our oldest citizen as is the tradition of the Post cane. If you are or know of a resident who was born in 1919 or before please let us know. You may contact the Town Office at 685-4939 and ask for Robin or you may e-mail her at readfield.clerk@roadrunner.com.

Readfield Trails Committee

Just when Readfield Trails Committee (RTC) members thought it is time to put the tractors away along with the hand tools, surprise, the weather was not like any we had seen for this time of year during the 9 years we have been building trails. This special weather allowed us to complete trail work we thought would have to wait till next spring. This season was by far the most labor intensive of any previous work we had done. A special thanks for all the RTC members along with our very extensive volunteers from the community. The photo of the Kents Hill School kids working on the blue stone pile at the end of the right field line at the ball park is one reason why we were able to get so much accomplished this season. Also joining us for a large amount of manual labor was a group of students from Maranacook School. As in the past seasons RTC worked to improve the trail system to provide a dry surface for all users. A dry surface all weather trail system gives the opportunity for everyone of all abilities to access the trails after a heavy downpour or spring run offs. If you feel that you would like to participate in our work days please contact us.



In preparing our budget for 2016-17 we have incorporated your suggestions for an enhanced experience at the Fairgrounds Park. We look forward to working with the Budget Committee for the upcoming season. The number of users on the trails continues to grow with an enthusiastic and diverse group. We are seeing more little ones on bicycles along with adults and others on mountain bikes. Walkers and joggers abound.

Perhaps you have heard about the Mill Stream Dam project that is planned for the Spring. Three Readfield residents: Jerry Bley, Greg Durgin and Bob Harris have stepped up to coordinate this all volunteer effort of the Conservation and Trails committees. The Mill Stream will be accessed either by driving directly to the parking area at the dam or walking from the Town Office parking lot. Because of the amount of people that have begun to check out this area, there are a number of paths that that have been worn which offer a chance to see all the possibilities. Considering the uniqueness of this area and adjacent trails on private property owners land, we hope that many of you will volunteer to work on the team. Of course your thoughts and ideas are welcome.

While writing this article just before the Holidays I am reminded that with friends and loved ones visiting I hope you will have the opportunity to visit with them at both the Fairgrounds Park and The Mill Stream. Both locations offer not just a recreation opportunity but a wonderful place [if the weather cooperates], to just sit and talk while taking in all that you have made possible.

Regards, Gary Keilty

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	459,076.00	26,096.44	486.78	172,733.03	286,342.97	37.63
10 - Admin	299,370.00	22,182.84	26.07	109,979.74	189,390.26	36.74
12 - Insurance	24,650.00	0.00	460.71	20,242.28	4,407.72	82.12
15 - Office Equip	3,505.00	161.41	0.00	2,439.55	1,065.45	69.60
20 - Assessing	21,400.00	833.33	0.00	10,603.09	10,796.91	49.55
30 - Code Enforce	28,746.00	2,168.68	0.00	11,545.59	17,200.41	40.16
40 - Boundries	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
50 - MUNI MAINT	74,905.00	750.18	0.00	17,922.78	56,982.22	23.93
60 - Grant/Plan	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
70 - Heating Ast	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
15 - BOARDS & COM	7,545.00	388.23	0.00	1,211.22	6,333.78	16.05
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	523.79	3,841.21	12.00
40 - Planning Brd	2,773.00	388.23	0.00	687.43	2,085.57	24.79
20 - TOWN BLDG	35,708.00	1,283.47	0.00	7,163.97	28,544.03	20.06
10 - Fire Station	10,700.00	202.84	0.00	1,799.64	8,900.36	16.82
20 - Gile Hall	18,122.00	834.02	0.00	4,495.34	13,626.66	24.81
30 - Library	5,386.00	246.61	0.00	868.99	4,517.01	16.13
40 - Maint Blding	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
25 - COMM SERVICE	59,122.00	3,001.45	0.00	23,099.17	36,022.83	39.07
10 - Animal Cntrl	16,622.00	282.90	0.00	4,280.98	12,341.02	25.75
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	2,225.68	0.00	10,406.56	16,031.44	39.36
50 - Readfield TV	5,717.00	0.00	0.00	1,738.22	3,978.78	30.40
60 - Street Light	5,500.00	492.87	0.00	2,348.41	3,151.59	42.70
90 - Maran Dam	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	31,072.00	740.92	0.00	19,078.95	11,993.05	61.40
10 - BEACH	9,060.00	27.81	0.00	6,082.64	2,977.36	67.14
20 - REC BOARD	9,006.00	85.00	0.00	1,487.00	7,519.00	16.51
25 - HERITAGE DAY	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,102.48	-102.48	101.02
60 - Comm Park	306.00	57.17	0.00	220.59	85.41	72.09
70 - Trails	2,700.00	570.94	0.00	1,186.24	1,513.76	43.93
40 - PROTECTION	153,165.00	11,853.12	0.00	60,061.36	93,103.64	39.21
10 - FIRE DEPART	84,790.00	871.19	0.00	22,120.79	62,669.21	26.09
15 - FIRE EQUIP	13,500.00	6,500.00	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	15.13	484.87	3.03
35 - Tower Sites	2,000.00	58.50	0.00	256.83	1,743.17	12.84
40 - Dispatching	28,000.00	4,423.43	0.00	16,701.86	11,298.14	59.65
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	1,506.80	0.00	15,551.68	20,558.32	43.07
10 - CEMETERIES	29,110.00	1,506.80	0.00	12,831.68	16,278.32	44.08
20 - Living Fence	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,720.00	4,280.00	38.86
60 - Rds & Drain	528,838.00	102,322.52	0.00	309,212.87	219,625.13	58.47
10 - Road Maint	247,950.00	19,837.31	0.00	221,067.60	26,882.40	89.16
40 - Winter Maint	260,500.00	82,350.83	0.00	82,410.83	178,089.17	31.64
60 - Vehicle Mnt	18,000.00	134.38	0.00	443.23	17,556.77	2.46
70 - Interlocal	2,388.00	0.00	0.00	5,291.21	-2,903.21	221.57
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	81,845.00	8,285.00	0.00	8,285.00	73,560.00	10.12

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65 - CAPITAL IMPR CONT'D						
25 - Ballfield	8,645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,645.00	0.00
65 - Equipment	7,200.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,200.00	55.56
70 - Transfer Sta	38,000.00	4,285.00	0.00	4,285.00	33,715.00	11.28
90 - Maran Dam	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE						
10 - TRANSFER STA	256,195.00	15,717.94	0.00	97,291.57	158,903.43	37.98
50 - BACKHOE	253,595.00	15,717.94	0.00	95,504.44	158,090.56	37.66
	2,600.00	0.00	0.00	1,787.13	812.87	68.74
75 - EDUCATION						
10 - RSU#38	3,325,546.00	277,037.59	0.00	1,385,187.87	1,940,358.13	41.65
50 - ELEM SCHOOL	3,324,451.00	277,037.59	0.00	1,385,187.87	1,939,263.13	41.67
	1,095.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,095.00	0.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG						
10 - COBBOSSEE WD	305,930.00	275,275.37	0.00	281,882.37	24,047.63	92.14
20 - KENNEBEC CTY	19,825.00	6,607.00	0.00	13,214.00	6,611.00	66.65
40 - First Park	260,000.00	256,103.35	0.00	256,103.35	3,896.65	98.50
	26,105.00	12,565.02	0.00	12,565.02	13,539.98	48.13
85 - DEBT SERVICE						
25 - '13 Road Bnd	285,117.00	0.00	0.00	284,050.65	1,066.35	99.63
70 - '08 Road Bnd	109,117.00	0.00	0.00	109,116.65	0.35	100.00
	176,000.00	0.00	0.00	174,934.00	1,066.00	99.39
90 - UNCLASSIFIED						
10 - Abate/Overly	83,643.00	0.00	0.00	12,008.82	71,634.18	14.36
20 - NON-PROFIT	10,063.00	0.00	0.00	5,740.82	4,322.18	57.05
40 - Contingency	7,144.00	0.00	0.00	4,832.00	2,312.00	67.64
50 - Snowmobiling	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
60 - R Ent Fund	1,436.00	0.00	0.00	1,436.00	0.00	100.00
90 - Revaluation	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
95 - GENERAL ASST						
10 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,710.00	0.00
	4,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,710.00	0.00
Final Totals	5,653,622.00	723,508.85	486.78	2,676,818.53	2,976,803.47	47.35

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10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,365,679.00	1,607.28	67,050.71	4,717,413.79	648,265.21	87.92
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	25.00	0.00	2,700.00	-2,700.00	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,575.00	0.00	1,224.53	16,557.85	13,017.15	55.99
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	20,766.00	0.00	2,730.00	9,133.80	11,632.20	43.98
40 - PROTECTION	5,580.00	0.00	0.00	3,480.46	2,099.54	62.37
50 - CEMETERIES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	37.20	6,962.80	0.53
60 - Roads & Drainage	37,388.00	0.00	1,487.50	8,969.70	28,418.30	23.99
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE	145,598.00	0.00	13,682.70	66,819.46	78,778.54	45.89
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	20,936.00	0.00	1,688.88	5,833.27	15,102.73	27.86
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	0.00
Final Totals	5,653,622.00	1,632.28	87,864.32	4,830,945.53	822,676.47	85.45

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES

By Flo Drake

A new year and time to get busy on 2016 tasks. This might be a good time to see where we are first, before deciding what to do next.

Well, our building is in good shape, inside and out. Thanks to the heat not being used very much, we still have propane in our big tank out back. Thanks to Ron Violette, we have running water, with a backup plan in place in case his property changes hands suddenly. Other than the porch needing to be painted (again) and the handicap ramp needing a rebuild, our facility is good.

Programs involving the community are running well. We have the third graders coming every spring for their Day in a Rural Schoolhouse. The Kents Hill students help us once or twice a year during their Community Service Day. The Internship Program attracts students from both Kents Hill School and Maranacook, allowing the young people not only to be paid for their work, but teaching them proper archival and museum practices while giving them the freedom to create displays, develop computer programs, and write brochures.

Our archives hold a huge amount of information on every aspect of Readfield. Photographs of old Readfield and its inhabitants, as well as more recent photographs of people very much alive today are available for perusal by the public. We have an extensive collection of newspaper clipping scrapbooks.

So, what's to do this year?

- 1.) We desperately need a better filing system. Is there anybody out there who would create one for us?
- 2.) We need to get our scrapbook subject file under control. BIG job, but the current one is frustrating to use. Often the references don't lead to the desired clipping. HELP!
- 3.) Wouldn't it be nice to have a clear (Lucite or similar?) display case for the Fogg wedding dress? Who can make one? In the catalogs those cases cost a few thousand, so we would need a non-catalog plan.

This is all I could think of, so far. For sure, other things will bubble up as the year develops.

The Readfield Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held on Sat., Feb. 6th, upstairs in the Town Office. As always, the business meeting will begin at 1:00 PM, followed by yummy refreshments. At 2:00 PM, Steven Garret, a docent at the Joshua Chamberlain Museum in Pejepscot, will present a program on Dr. Abner Shaw, General Chamberlain's physician from the time of his wounding at Petersburg (VA) until his death on Feb. 24, 1914. Dr. Shaw helped save the General's life in 1864 and was the doctor who signed his death certificate in 1914. From Mr. Garret's research, it appears that Dr. Shaw was born in Kents Hill, even though most of his career was spent in Portland. Heck, if he was born in Kents Hill, that's good enough for Readfield to be able to claim him as a native. Come hear about Mr. Garret's research. The non-member public is enthusiastically invited. Who knows, you might just want to cough up the \$10 for a membership. And the cookies are good, too.

That's all for now. We hope to see you on Feb. 6th. Stay warm, stay safe, and stay healthy.

A Caring School Community Dedicated To Excellence

RSU No. 38 – FY 17 Budget Workshops
Maranacook Community High School
Student Center (unless otherwise noted)
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

January 6* Regular Business Meeting and Budget Overview/Goals

January 20 Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools

February 3* Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – Technology, Special Education, English Language Learners (ELLs), Gifted & Talented; Auditor Ron Smith

February 24 Co and Extra Curricular, Operations & Maintenance, Transportation, Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Education, Food Service, Health, Professional Development/ Curriculum, Systems Administration, Debt Service)

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

March 16 Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

March 23 Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

April 6 Budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making

April 13* Regular Business Meeting, Vote on Budget

May 18 Budget Annual Meeting, HS gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

June 14 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

Maranacook Adult Education - Readfield

Look for our new Winter/Spring catalog in your mail the 1st week in January!!

HiSet Preparation

Ongoing

CDL Class B Dump Truck Class

Begins 2/25/2016

Classes online now: <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

For details or to register, please visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>.

For more information, email us at adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, x1065.

Readfield United Methodist Church

Invites you to Sunday School for all ages

9:00 a.m. -9:45

10:00 a.m. Worship

Nursery provided(9-11)

Beach party Sunday School for K-5th grade.

Surfin Through the Scriptures

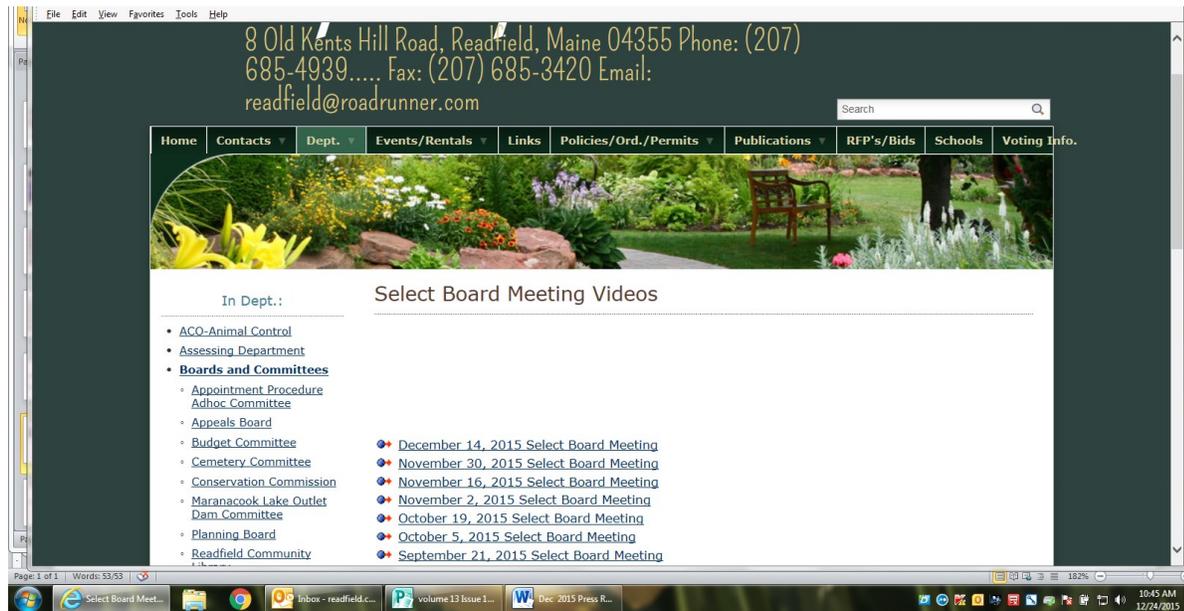


Starts January 3rd.

Call 685-4211 for more information

Did you know? If you don't have cable you can watch the Select Board Meetings by clicking on the Town's Web Site at: www.readfield.govoffice.com, then click on Dept., then Boards and Committees, then Select Board and look for the Select Board meeting video button. There is also a short cut on the home page. You will be able to view the meetings approximately 48 hours after the meeting.

Please let us know what you think and if there is anything else you would like to see.



Select Board's Corner by Val Pomerleau, Chair

Well we can be thankful that January 2016 is not as white as January 2015 was. We have definitely saved some money since we have not had to plow or sand the municipal buildings nor the sidewalk so far. (At least not at the time this article was written.)

We have started the budget process for the 2016 fiscal year. With the anticipated cuts in revenue sharing and the high cost of education we really need to look at every dollar we are asking the taxpayers to raise and make sure that it is truly necessary. Last year we were able to take \$175,000 that we were reimbursed for the sidewalk and use it to help reduce the tax burden – we will not have that option this year.

Our Fire Association raises money with their public breakfast and bean hole supper as well as donation drives. The Recreation Committee will accept will donations as well. I have attended a couple of Maranacook's breakfasts at the Weathervane this year that were put on by the kids to raise money for football and ice hockey. Not only are these great fundraisers but they are good social events where we get to see people we don't normally run into in our busy lives.

There are lots of ways to raise money that do not involve raising taxes – pot luck suppers, family game night, have a scavenger hunt on the trails - are just a few of the possibilities.

I hope 2016 finds us all working together better as a community and for the good of all our neighbors.

2016 CABIN FEVER OPEN MIC

READFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WILL BE HOSTING

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 6-9 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

JANUARY 6

JANUARY 13

JANUARY 20

JANUARY 27

FEBRUARY 3

FEBRUARY 10 (NO OPEN MIC DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 17

FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 2

MARCH 9

MARCH 16

MARCH 23

MARCH 30

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; drjohn-nyt@yahoo.com, OR RICK SMITH AT 860-2794; macsuist117@yahoo.com.

From the Town Manager's Desk by Eric Dyer, Town Manager

Greetings,

The past three months have been a valuable learning experience for me as I familiarize myself with the operations of the Town and expectations of the Town Manager position. One of the greatest rewards (and challenges) has been hearing the many different perspectives that exist in Town on the important issues facing our community. We have many, they are all valuable, and the discussion and debate of these differences is at the core of the democratic process. If the debate happens well it can result in forward progress and community building. If it happens poorly it can result in frustration and a feeling of division and disenfranchisement. One of my primary goals for the Town of Readfield in the New Year, and one I believe is shared by the Board of Selectmen, is to promote a fair and open public process that maximizes the positives and minimizes the negatives. Outcomes determined by the residents of Readfield and their elected officials will be better with a better process. I hope to see this reflected in the ongoing budget development, the review of the secret ballot, and even in how we all communicate.

One of the more recent debates has been over window hours at the Town Office. This discussion is influenced by a number of factors including the need for flexibility with a small staff, training and management needs, the establishment of a new union contract, and of course the expectations and needs of the residents. The Town currently offers 38 open window hours, with opportunities to meet with certain staff by appointment. That number can no longer be met with the current staff arrangement however, so a few different proposals have been put forward that would amend these hours to between 30 and 34 per week with the caveat being that any hours over 30 will cost the Town more money than we are expending currently but will also provide more total staff hours. So the question the Board has asked is what hours the residents of Readfield are interested in and at what cost. Please visit the Town Website and Town Office for opportunities to give your feedback.

In closing I want to thank the community for their welcome to me and my family, and encourage you all to participate in some way to make Readfield as strong and vibrant as it can be. Happy New Year!

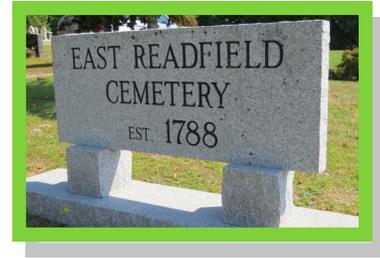
Snow Plowing Ordinance

Enacted: March 12, 1977 Article 46

- A. No person shall plow, or push in any manner, snow or ice across any public way within the Town of Readfield, unless such plowing or pushing is done in such a manner as to:
1. Leave no ridge, lump or other trace of snow or ice within the traveled portion of such public way; and
 2. Create no bulge or other protuberance in the banks along such public way.
- B. As used in this Ordinance, "public way" means any public highway or sidewalk, private way laid out under authority of statute, way dedicated to public use, or way upon which the public has a right of access or has access as invitees or licensees.
- C. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 for each offense.

Notes from the Cemetery Sexton

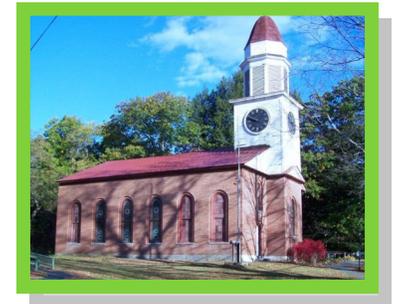
by Karen Peterson, Cemetery Sexton



The “gates” to our Town cemeteries have been closed since last week. The practically balmy weather conditions through most of December kept the access roads in good shape so vehicles could go over them and not muck them up. Once the road surfaces started freezing and thawing, which happened before Christmas, vehicle access had to be stopped. As always, people are encouraged to walk into any of the cemeteries.

Recently, the Town Forester, Harold Burnett, and I went to the itty bitty Whittier Cemetery to look at the ENORMOUS maple tree whose limbs hover over the Dead. Come to think of it, this tree’s roots must also be intertwined with the Dead. Maybe this above and below ground connection is why some residents believe such trees are absolutely a part of the cemeteries. Mr. Burnett did not go there to talk about philosophy or beliefs about Death.... He went to give his scientifically based advice on what, if anything, to do about the tree because it has some rot and decay problems evident. According to Mr. Burnett, the tree is not so unhealthy it has to be cut down. Instead, some careful cabling of its main structure and trimming to “lighten its load” should take place. These activities will be arranged for during this fiscal year and the tree should continue hovering over Whittier Cemetery for a long, long time.

Union Meeting House begins its 2016 membership year



The Union Meeting House asks residents to renew their membership for the coming year. If you are not already a member, we ask that you join the more than 100 current members who are supporting restoration of this historic building. Annual membership cost is \$25 for an individual, and a family membership is \$45. Your membership support goes entirely into expenses of operation or restoration. Moreover, membership support is important in securing grant funds which often require a financial match. In 2015, each dollar of membership income also leveraged \$4 of grant income!

Plans for 2016 include a major project to replace sagging floor supports, start of plaster repair, and reconstruction of clock faces. The work is costly because it must comply with historic preservation standards, but it must be done to preserve this historic building and national landmark in the heart of Readfield. Can we count on your support?

For a membership application, contact John Perry at 685-3531 or email jmpgmp@myfairpoint.net.

The Readfield Union Meeting House is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization under I.R.S. rules. Donations are tax deductible.

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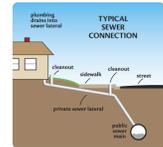
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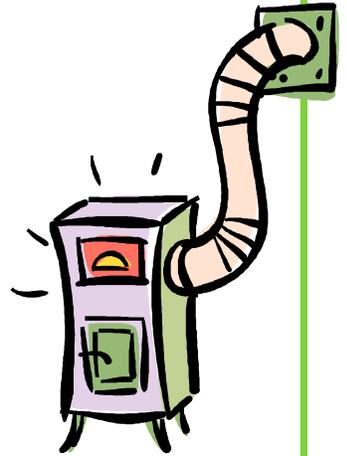
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Round-up to Warm-up

Round-up your purchase at the Town Office and donate to the Heating Assistance Fund. We will have multiple families in need looking for heating assistance this winter.

If you would like to help send your donations to the Town Office. Every little bit helps your friends, families and neighbors stay warm. Thank you in advance!



FOOD BANKS

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.

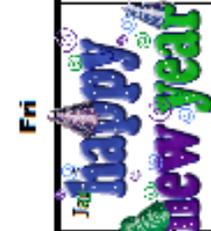
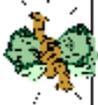
LORD'S CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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.



January 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 27	28 6:30 Select Brd. Mtg. 	29	30	31 Town Office and Transfer Stations Open 8:30-12. 	Jan 1 Happy New Year 	2
3	4 1:00 Cemetery Com. 	5 5:30 Budget Com. 	6 6:45 Library Brd. 	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 Select Brd. Mtg. 	12 6:30 Conserv. Com. 	13 6:30 Planning Brd. 	14	15	16
17	18 HOLIDAY! Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 5:30 Budget Com. 	20	21	22	23
24	25 6:30 Select Brd. Mtg. 	26 6:30 Trails Com. 	27 4:30-5:30 Kanes Clinic 6:30 Planning Brd. 	28	29	30
31	Feb. 1 \$25.00 Late Fee on all dog licenses starts today! 	2 5:30 Budget Com. 	3 6:45 Library Brd. 	4	5	6

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

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Town Volunteer Positions Open

Age Friendly Community Adho Committee: 5 members (1 year)

This committee is tasked with exploring age friendly opportunities for our community and charged with creating an inventory of possible desirable resources and services, identifying best methods to communicate the preceding to older citizens in our community, recommending future courses of action they deem desirable, and pursuing in conjunction with the town manager any grant offerings that may be available for assessment and/or implementation of age friendly resources upon approval of the Select Board.

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

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

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

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 (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.com for an application for appointment.