



The Reading Informer

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Fourth Annual
Reading Holiday Craft Fair

December 7, 2019

9am to 2pm

**Reading Town Hall
799 VT Route 106**

Local, handmade quality crafts

- * Woodworking * Jewelry**
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Breakfast and lunch available for purchase

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Tickets available for purchase at the Reading Town office or from Historical Society members.

Hand crafted table by Jim Bennett. Reclaimed butter nut wood from the Hunt Family mill. Rustic style and high function. 33” long x 19” wide x 18” high.

Drawing will be at the Reading Historical Society Craft Fair on December 7, 2019.



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Select board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2019
UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Jim, Peplau, Gordy Eastman, Calista Brennan and Adam Kozlowski.

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. There were no changes.

Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Selectboard's minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 10/31/19, Expenses were \$93,094.48, Revenue was \$1,643,375.52, and the balance in Mascoma is \$2,072,524.60. Delinquent taxes for 2017, 2018 and 2019 are \$96,883.68. Jim moved to approve and Gordy seconded. Report is accepted. Calista reported that the break down for delinquent taxes are 1 for 2017, 4 for 2018 and 35 for 2019, with some of 2019 being paid in full and a few payment plans set up.

Action Items:

Weld Cemetery Access: Adam was here to ask if anything could be done about the ditch so that access would be easier for the lawn care company and any visitors. Bob and Glen had met at the site and don't think that a culvert can be installed due to ledge. They think that getting rid of the turnout just north of the cemetery entrance would help and using that area as the entrance would work. Adam gave a brief summary of what the commissioners had done this past year.

Highways: Glen was not present. Bob reported that the highway crew had been cleaning ditches of brush and downed trees from the storm on Halloween. Jim stated that there are still a few ditches that need to be dug out.

Driveway Permit – Shawn Fahan: The permit was signed with conditions.

2021 Better Roads Grant – Spear Cemetery Road Ditch: Bob stated that he was working with SWCRPC on a grant to stone line that ditch near the West Windsor Town line.

Liquor License – Keepers: The board signed the license.

2020/2021 Budgets: A note has been sent to Town groups requesting budget information to the Select board be submitted by Dec 6th.

Other: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Next Select board meeting will be on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan, Town Clerk



HOLIDAY CHEER
from the READING GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Wreath Sale
December 7th 10 AM-1 PM

You may have noticed that Puddledock Park has gotten a face lift recently. It has been leveled and the concrete slab has been covered with topsoil ready for seeding and planting next spring. Many thanks to Gordy Eastman for his time, expertise, and equipment as well as Glen Towne, Road Foreman for delivering 2 truckloads of dirt to act as cover and base for the topsoil.

Our committee is hosting a fundraising WREATH SALE for Puddledock Park on December 7th from 10 AM -1 PM. Come by the park – we will be set up in front of the Library steps with holiday wreaths. We will have plain (for those crafty types) and decorated wreaths to get you geared up just in time for the holidays.

Come on over before or after you visit the Reading Craft Fair being held the same day at the Town Hall. That evening is the annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Lots of fun last year so be sure to make this fun outing this year!

We look forward to seeing you all at the fun events in town on December 7th.

Happy Holidays!

Annie Rubright (Chair) and the Reading Green Spaces Committee



Librarian's Note

As of this writing, the response to our annual fundraising letter has been strong. I'd like to thank all the folks who are giving. Your ongoing support for the library really means a lot. If you would like to make a donation to this annual campaign please mail a check to: The Reading Public Library; PO Box 7: Reading, Vermont 05062.

The Board of Trustees meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. We want to remind folks that the meetings are open to anyone who wants to sit in. There is an opportunity during meetings for visitors to speak about concerns they may have or to offer suggestions; we encourage either, or both.

Libraries provide the human touch. They offer not only online resources, but also personal assistance in making the most of those resources. There is no quality control online—anything goes. Librarians can help you untangle the Web, clearing the path and pointing you toward accurate and timely information. Google can cough up a hundred different answers, but librarians can help you determine the right answer for you.

We subscribe to *Consumer Reports* magazine, which rates everything from cars to cell phones. Because there are no ads in the magazine, they are beholden to no one but consumers. The library keeps a year's worth of issues for perusal or for loan. *Consumer Reports* has an extensive website, as well, but charges an annual fee to use it fully. The library has access. If you'd like to see about a product that hasn't been covered in the magazine recently, drop in and I'll get you onto the site free.

Cordially,
Tony

Reading Public Library. Tues. 12-3:30 p.m. & 4-7; Thurs. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 2-5; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mail: P.O. Box 7, Reading, VT 05062. Tel. 802-484-5588. E-mail: reading.public.library@comcast.net. Web: www.readinglibrary.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AND CAROLS South Reading Stone Church DECEMBER 24th 5:00 P.M.

**Rev. Christian Huebner will do the service.
Music by the Bowen Family.
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**Happy Holidays
Hazel King**



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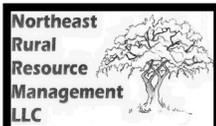
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**3rd Annual
Reading Holiday Tree Lighting
Puddledock Park
December 7, 2019 6:30pm**

Join us as we light the town tree, sing carols, enjoy hot drinks and cookies, and have a visit from Santa Claus!

This event is free and sponsored by the Reading Recreation Commission and the Reading Public Library.

Reading Giving Project

The Reading Giving Tree sponsored by the Reading/Brownsville Food Shelf was set up at the Reading Town Hall and all of the cards have been taken. Thank you to everyone that stopped and picked up a card. Now it's time to get the gifts returned to the Town Office.



**Please return all unwrapped gifts to the
Town Office by December 3rd.**

You may also help by making out a check to "Reading Seniors", writing "Giving Project" in the memo section of the check, and mailing it to Reading Town Clerk, PO Box 72, Reading, VT 05062.

Thank you

Sarah Norcross and the Reading/Brownsville Food Shelf

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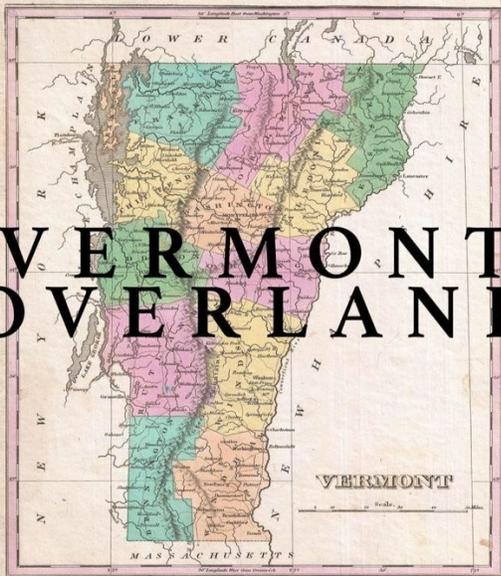
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Meeting Schedule

Board of Select board

Second Monday
6:00 PM at Town Office

Cemetery Commission

Fourth Wednesday
6:00 PM at Town Office

EC Fiber

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

Fire & Rescue Dept.

First Tuesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

Fire Dept. Auxiliary

First Monday
6:30 PM at Fire Station

Library Trustees

Last Tuesday
6:00 PM at Library

Parent Teacher Org

First Tuesday
5:30 PM at Reading School

Planning Commission & Zoning Board

First Monday
7:00 PM at Town Hall

R.A.T.S

2nd Wednesday
7:00 PM at Fire Station

WCMUUSD School Board

Second Monday
6:00 PM Locations Vary

Snowmobile Club, Little Ascutney

Second Thursday at 7PM
Sept-April, at Fire Station

Recreation Commission

2nd Wednesday
6:00 PM at Library

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Fire and Ambulance 911

State Police 802-234-9933

**Domestic/Sexual Violence Hotline
866-348-WISE (9473)**

Town Contact Information

Town Clerk/Treasure Office

484-7250

Mon, Tues, Wed, 8 am—4 pm

Thursday 7:30 am—3:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month by appointment

Website: www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Email: readingvermont@comcast.net

Fire Warden - Fire Burning Permits

Nathan Willard 484-0094

Greg Smith 802-384-2101

Post Office Iiri Makkonen 484-5994

Retail Counter

Monday - Friday

9:30 am-12:30 pm, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm

Saturday Retail Counter

9:00 to 12:00

Lobby

Monday - Friday

8 am to 5 pm

Saturday

8am to 12pm

Library

484-5588

Tuesday 12:00 to 3:30, 4:00 to 7:00

Thursday 10:00 to 1:30, 2:00 to 5:00

Saturday 10:00 to 2:00

Listers 484-7258

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Email: rtownhall_464@comcast.net

Reading Elementary School

484-7230

Reading Planning Commission

readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com

Reading- West Windsor

Food Shelf

Website: rwwfoodshelf.org

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

Thursday 4:00 to 6:00

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Inquiries please contact

Sara Norcross 484-5097

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share with our community.

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From the PTO

Happy stick season from the PTO. As we are slowly approaching the holiday season we would like to take some time to say thank you to our wonderful community for the support that has been provided to the PTO. The donations for the recent events from the Front Porch Forum have been wonderful and we would like to give a special thanks to the community members who donated eggs, butter, milk and juice for the Leaf Peeper Breakfast, along with apples, pie crusts and containers for the PTO pie sale. These donations, despite sounding small, have made a significant impact to the support the PTO can provide to our students and community.

We have no planned events for December as so many people are spending their time with their families and friends. So, from everyone at the PTO, please have a wonderful and safe holidays.

Barbara Lord

RESCHEDULED: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — WARNING TOWN OF READING, VERMONT December 2, 2019

The Planning Commission of the Town of Reading will hold a public hearing under 24V.S.A. 4384 on **Monday December 2, 2019, 7 PM** at the Reading Town Hall in Reading, VT, to hear comments regarding the proposed Reading Town Plan.

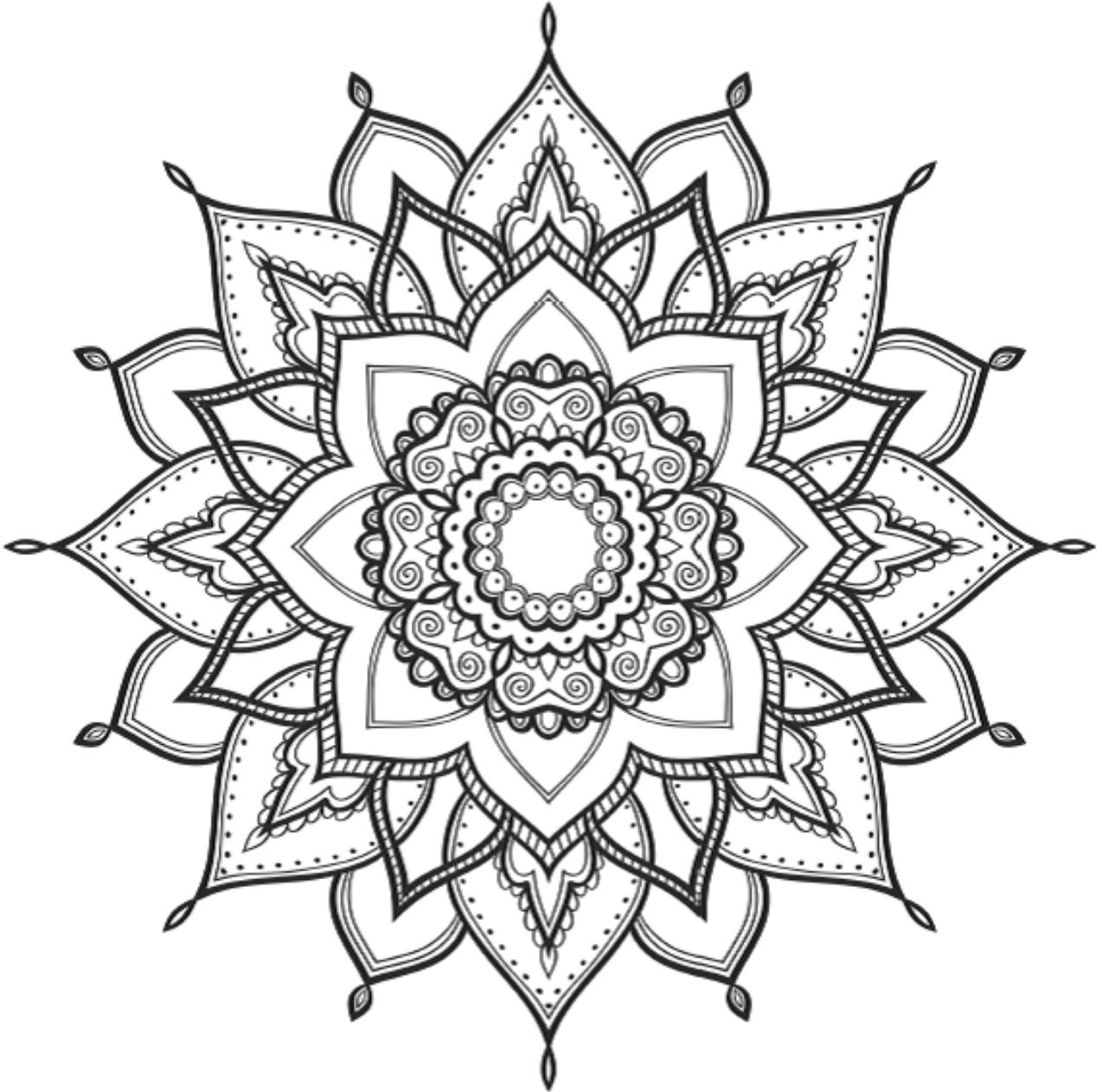
Stephen Strait, Chairman

Winter Parking Ban

Effective November 1, 2019 to April 15, 2020

Town Ordinance Article VI Winter Roads

- Section 1: No person shall shovel, dump, push or accumulate snow from adjoining premises upon any highway maintained for winter travel within the Town of Reading. It is recognized that plowing across Class 3 Highways is necessary in certain instances, however snow **MUST** be cleaned up and completely out of the Town maintained travel areas. In no case is plowing across Class 2 highways permitted. (Tyson Road, Twenty Mile Stream and all Village Streets)
- Section 2: No person shall leave a motor vehicle parked, deposited or left unattended upon a highway or in any public areas ordinarily used for parking, so as to interfere with the proper maintenance of roads, public areas or end-of-road turnarounds, within the Town. In the case of emergency or mechanical failure, vehicles must be removed within 24 hours.
- Section 3: The Town will enforce the 'No Parking' rules at all locations where the trucks turn around and all public parking lots. Vehicles left beyond the 24-hour limit will be towed at the owners expense.
- Section 4: Plow routes are set up to open major traffic routes and school bus routes first. After all school bus routes are open plowing continues until all roads are open.
- Section 5: The Town does not plow Class 4 or private roads.



Please note that the Reading Public School is closed from December 23rd to January 3rd. Classes will be back in session on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Please watch for our children in the community as they enjoy their holiday break. Thank you



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Plan Comm. 7 PM Hearing</i>	3 <i>Fire & Rescue 7 pm</i> <i>PTO 5:30 at RES</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Craft Fair- 9 Wreath Sale- 10 Tree Lighting -6:30</i>
8	9 <i>Select board Mtg. 6 pm</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>School</i>	24 <i>Break</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>				+