



Readfield Messenger

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New Town Web Site: www.readfieldmaine.org is now Live!!!!



The new web site is still a work in progress so please, if you find something that isn't working or that is missing, let us know by clicking on the [Comments & Questions button](#) to send us a message so we can correct it.

The big advancement on this web site is the [Subscribe to E-Alerts button](#). Click on that button and pick what you would like to be notified about. You will get an alert when things are posted to those areas you picked.

Lastly, we are looking for you to send some pictures of the town so that we can use them in a slide show in many different areas of the new web site.

Thank you!

Last Chance Rabies Clinic

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018
4:30 - 5:30 pm at the Town Office
Prepayment and appointments are
required by calling: 685-4939
\$15.00 per vaccination
Both dogs & cats are welcome



"Furever Friends" Bracelets are available while supplies last at the Town Office. A \$5.00 donation for the bracelets will help pay for rabies vaccinations for those residents who may not afford to bring their dogs in for a rabies vaccination. Large and small sizes are available. Thank you in advance for making our animals, family and community safer!

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If your dog is not licensed because he/she needs a rabies shot, please give me a call and we can set you up at the Rabies clinic to get your dog a free rabies shot. The Rabies clinic information is above. Please call Robin at 685-1816.

Readfield Blizzard Busters

Hope everyone has enjoyed the end of 2017 holidays with as much enthusiasm and gratitude for the community of Readfield as we have. Having lived elsewhere, we much appreciate the kindness, generosity and outgoing friendliness displayed in this small Maine community. Enough of the sippy sap talk, and to the trails we go. Since we

have recently been blessed with several good snowfalls, here come the winter activities! The lake is not solidly frozen yet, however this morning's minus 16 degree temps will soon prove the desired result – a frozen solid Marancook! It should be a snow-filled January and February and maybe March, so lets get out there and enjoy our thirty miles of well-



groomed trails. If you see us, please say hi and enjoy those sleds, cross-country skis, snowshoes or whatever!

Marge Livingston

Readfield Blizzard Busters
Snowmobile Club

Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Our three towns, Readfield, Wayne & Fayette spend over

\$280,000

to dispose of trash each year



What's wasted in our trash?

Paper/cardboard	Food	Plastic	Textiles	Yard	Metal
21%	18%	16%	6%	4%	3%

We're too **GOOD** for the trash



**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**

Readfield Trails, Conservation Committee, and Readfield Historical Society News (Three for the price of one! Such a deal, eh?)

Readfield Trails had a stellar fall by any standard! We had three new members join with the last one being Greg Leimbach about two weeks ago. We are pretty much at full complement for members but we would probably never turn anyone away. We also have a volunteer list for work sessions and I would be glad to put anyone on that list. All the fun of building trails and community without the monthly meetings!

Members and volunteers from Readfield Trails joined forces and completed a new trail at the transfer station starting along the fence on the left hand side of the transfer road. RSU #38 has given us permission to park on their property near the gate so no need to enter the transfer station with a vehicle to access the new trail. The trail is marked with orange and pink ties. It is wide enough to ski and snowshoe and ends up 1.1 miles from the beginning out on the esker. Some beautiful woods and scenery. Go and enjoy!

The Conservation Commission and the Historical Society have been busy this fall working with Trails. In November, a week before the first measurable snowfall, 14 members from the three groups and town volunteers spread wood chips along the edge of the dam up along Bob Bittar's property for the trail he and Helen granted an easement to the town for use by the public. The trail winds to the top of the hill ending at the beautiful chestnut tree and the stunning view across the stream towards Old Kents Hill Road. The Sunday work session took about 3 ½ hours. This endeavor was made possible by Readfield's Gerard Poulin & Sons Logging. They graciously donated all the wood chips AND let us use a company truck and trailer to haul the massive amount of wood chips. A great donation that saved the Mill Stream Project over \$500. Thank you Poulin & Sons.

If you have been down by the Mill Stream Dam you probably noticed some changes. The invasive growth on top of the dam has been removed. The loose rocks that posed a safety hazard have been cemented in place by volunteers saving the project masonry costs. The DEP permit we secured for the project allowed us to flag specific trees for removal. Project members Ben McIntosh and Bob Harris carefully felled the trees, sawed them up into workable pieces, and took the wood to the transfer station to help with Readfield's heating assistance program. For more info on how to secure needed hardwood, contact Eric Dyer at the Town Office. The volunteer work and the chain saw donated by Milt Wright again saved money so our Mill Stream Project account of donated, grant, and fund raising monies probably has enough to get some contracted work done this coming spring: work that needs big equipment and skilled operators to complete.

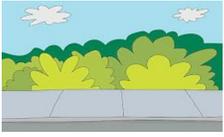
This article would not be complete without mentioning the volunteer efforts put forth after the October mega wind storm that kept us in the dark for several days. The trails at the fairgrounds, the Fogg Farm McPhedran Trail, and the Readfield Town Farm property sustained varying amounts of blow down and uprooted trees over trails. Thank you to Jerry Bley, Howard and Brenda Lake, Bob & Jeanne Harris, Milt Wright, and Don Witherall for your help.



Submitted by Greg Durgin



'Closing the Loop: Proposed Church Street Sidewalk'



The Town has submitted an application for an MDOT grant to build a sidewalk on Church Road. This is just the first step of many in the process of moving the project forward. We will provide information each month here in the Messenger to give you information about what the project is, why we have a need for the project, and how the process will unfold. Be assured that the decision to actually build the sidewalk rests with the town residents at a future town meeting vote.

If you would like more information prior to the monthly articles being published please contact Chris Sammons or Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Select Board members.

Information from our application:

Schools nearby

5-E. Is this project located within 2 miles of a primary or middle school (Grades K – 8)?

If yes, please elaborate on how this proposed project improves or creates a “Safe Route to School.”

This farthest extent of the proposed project is within one mile of the Maranacook Regional Middle School, and the Fairgrounds facility abuts this school property. The private Maple Tree Community School, serving grades K-8, is located on the proposed alignment along Church Road. While these two schools vary greatly in their size they will both benefit from increased safety, connectivity to the village center, increased transportation options, and linkage to an existing sidewalk completed through the Safe Routes to School program. The Maple Tree

Community School will certainly benefit because it is disconnected from the Fairgrounds facility without traveling along Church Road.

Details

5-F. Please identify all the physical or social challenges and obstacles that the proposed project will face as it moves toward completion. For each challenge and obstacle identified, elaborate on how the town will address and resolve these concerns.

The town of Readfield has documented the **Right of Way** (ROW) for Church Road at four rods, which equals 66', or (approximately) 33' from the centerline of the road. While the paved section of the road may not fall perfectly on center, many buildings and stone walls indicate that the location of the road is fairly true to its original alignment. The road is quite straight in the project area. The paved road surface is less than 22' at its widest, or 11' from center to the road edge. While more research is need to fully document the ROW, there is approximately 22' of ROW on each side of the paved surface to complete work in. These factors minimize the risk of work being performed outside of the ROW.

The **public process** has been underway for over a decade, as evidenced through past planning efforts and public discourse on the subject. Moving forward the public process will be accelerated and focused to educate and receive feedback from residents and users of the Church Road corridor, Fairgrounds, and Readfield Corner Village. While broad community input will be solicited through open public meetings and outreach efforts, a premium will be placed on hearing from those directly affected by the proposed project. A “neighborhood meeting” will be held for this group, and they will receive direct communication whenever possible. The Town website will include relevant project information and updates.

Some **community resistance** is known from residents on Church Road concerned about impacts to their property. Many neighbors on Church Road have expressed support for the project however. It will be important to hear concerns and criticism and balance any negative impacts against the positive. Every reasonable effort should be made to remove or minimize negative impacts, for example from the crossing of driveways, placement of snow from winter maintenance, or drainage. Some residents object to the cost of project construction and long-term maintenance. However, a majority of voting residents support the project in principle and voted in June of 2017 to authorize the appropriation of matching funds and pursuit of this funding opportunity. Once a more complete project cost and scope are known the voters will again be asked to confirm their support for moving the project forward.

Many **properties in the area are historic**, including the Readfield Union Meeting House which is on the National Register of Historic Places. As noted earlier however, there is a wide ROW and all buildings are well outside this limit. Further, Church Road has historically had walking paths up both sides of the road. We will need to work collaboratively with the UMH to ensure any requisite construction criteria are met.

The **project will be administered by** Town Manager Eric Dyer, with the support of other town staff, the select board, and multiple interested committees. These include the Road Committee, Conservation Commission, and Trails Committee. Town committees are a valuable and knowledgeable resource in Readfield. They also provide additional means of communicating with the public.

Readfield Historical Society

Plans are underway and all are welcome to attend the RHS annual meeting on Saturday, March 17th at 1pm. A special program will follow the brief meeting and election of officers, and as always there will be delicious treats to enjoy. More details will be coming in the February Messenger.

Dale Potter-Clark is offering these four classes at Maranacook Adult and Community Ed (MACE) starting in February:

1. KENTS HILL: FROM FARMLAND TO VILLAGE

Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:30-8:30pm (snow date March 1st)

Before 1775 there were very few people living on Kent's Hill – the Packards and Kents were two of the first to stake their claims and buildings began to appear. The Packard men were housewrights so they built many of them. After the Revolutionary War others came – the most influential, who had 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 Kent's Hill evolved from a handful of family farms to a thriving cultural and educational center. In this class you will learn about that evolution, hear more about the buildings and houses, and some of the people who lived in Kents Hill village.

2. LOCAL ARTISTS LOST WITH TIME: WHO WERE THEY AND WHAT WERE THEIR CLAIMS TO FAME?

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 6:30-8:30pm (snow date March 22nd)

This immediate area has produced many artists, with various talents, including the famed artist Wallace Nutting of Manchester; Robert Vance of Readfield who was one of the earliest daguerreotypists in the U.S.; sculpturer Ellsworth Crosby of Wayne; and famed violin maker Franklin Richardson of Mt. Vernon. You will learn about them and others in this presentation.

3. READFIELD PATRIOTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR: "JOHNNY HAS GONE FOR A SOLDIER"

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30-8:30pm

Soon after the first shot was fired at Lexington, exactly 243 years ago, nineteen men from Winthrop, ages 14 to 46, picked up arms and marched off to fight for independence. Some had also fought in the French & Indian War. Several of them were living in the part of Winthrop that later became Readfield (1791) and North Manchester (1850). Over the years more than ninety Patriots lived in Readfield and many are buried here. In this presentation you will hear some of their stories.

4. THE CIVIL WAR: WHO WERE SOME OF OUR CIVIL WAR VETERANS?

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 6:30-8:30pm

Between 1861 and 1865 the small town of Readfield bid farewell to one-hundred sixty men as they bravely left Readfield to serve in the Civil War. Twenty-seven of them were killed or wounded. In this presentation you will hear some of their stories and also about some of the War's impact on Readfield. What better time to honor them in this way than during Memorial Day week?

Then, at SENIOR CAFÉ two historical presentations are slated for Feb. and April. If you are unable to attend the MACE classes listed above perhaps you'd have interest in these. Dale Potter-Clark is offering both which will be held on Monday mornings 9:30-11am 1) February 26, 2018, "*The Day Readfield Corner Burned*"; 2) April 23, 2018, "*Early Religion in Readfield*". Senior Café is a program for people 55 and older that meets every Monday morning at the Maranacook Middle School Cafeteria when school is in session. Attendees are welcome to come for coffee, muffins and social time from 9-9:30 before the program begins, which is sponsored by MACE. There is no fee required to participate. If school is cancelled due to weather the presentations are rescheduled for a later date.

Readfield Historical Society (RHS) was founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people. RHS is a 501C3 nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Memberships are \$10 a year for individuals and young families; \$5 for seniors 65 and older; and \$100 for lifetime memberships. Mail: PO Box 354 Readfield 04355. The RHS building is open regularly Memorial through Labor Day weekends and by appointment as weather and temperatures allow. FMI contact RHS president Bob Harris at readfieldhistorical@gmail.com or 685-4225.

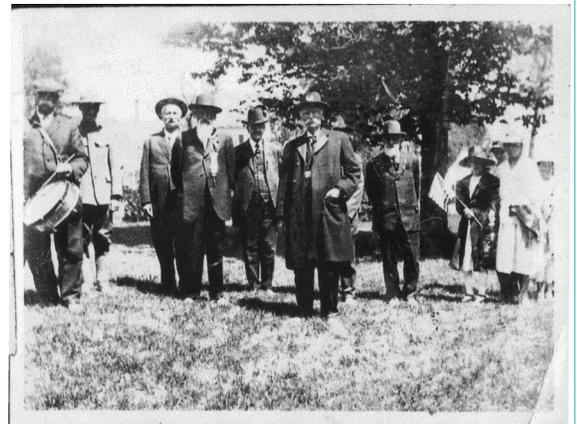


PHOTO CAPTION: Readfield Civil War veterans pose as they participate in a Memorial Day parade about 1920, as some onlookers stand close by. This photo, taken at Readfield Corner Cemetery, is courtesy of Rose Laliberte of Mt. Vernon.



THE UNION MEETING HOUSE

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

22 Church Road

The Union Meeting House Board wants to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2018. We are so grateful for all the support members, friends, and visitors gave this past year to the renovation projects and events that the RUMH sponsored. We hope for your continued support.

Members, donors, and pledge givers should have received "the State of The Union Meeting House"

newsletter in December. It contained wonderful letters by our new president, John Perry and past president, Marius Peladeau. Outlined in the newsletter were the repairs and restoration plans for 2018.

Also included in the newsletter were 6 colorful pictures and one ad showing some fun activities that were held at the Meeting House or nearby in our community.

January 2018 starts off our yearly membership drive. Membership forms and return envelopes were in the annual newsletter. If you did not

receive the form you can go online for the information or contact Nancy Durgin, Membership Chair at 685-4481 or email - durgie@roadrunner.com

The RUMH Board is reaching out to interested community members to become part of a Community Outreach Committee (COC). This 4-8 member committee will be asked to provide recommendations for community centered functions that should be provided at the RUMH. The COC will also be asked to advise the Board on income producing events/activities that will help generate much needed funds as we continue to fully restore the Meeting House. The RUMH Board hopes to have this committee begin meeting mid to late January. If interested in becoming a member of this committee please call or email one of the following two people:

John Perry- ph. 685-3531

email- jmpgmp@myfairpoint.net

Marius Peladeau- ph. 685-4537

email- mpeladeau@roadrunner.com

Readfield Community Library



Open House at the Library to meet the new Librarian

On January 10th from 2:00 to 7:30 please drop in to meet and welcome Maureen Kinder, the RCL's new librarian. Refreshments will be served.

Cribbage Club January 3rd

Cribbage club will resume the first Wednesday's of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 bring a board, a friend and join the fun. For all ages, beginners and experienced players welcome.

Readfield Community Library Hours

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



News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

Thank you!

As we look into the New Year, we are truly grateful for your support in our efforts to preserve and protect the 30 Mile River Watershed. This year we again look forward to providing water quality monitoring, courtesy boat inspections, and erosion control projects through our Youth Conservation Corps. Our lake protection programs would not be possible without the generous support of individuals like you. If you are interested in learning more about our programs or making a donation, please check out our website!

30MRWA Welcomes AmeriCorps Member Marissa Rossi

We are pleased to announce the addition of Marissa Rossi to the 30MRWA team! Marissa will be joining us as an Environmental Steward through the Maine Conservation Corps, a program offered through AmeriCorps. She will be coordinating the water quality monitoring and Youth Conservation Corps programs and brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for preserving and protecting our environment. We are thrilled to have her on board.

To learn more about Marissa and the other staff and directors at 30MRWA, check out our [website](#).

Now Accepting Project Requests for the 2018 YCC Season

While it may feel like lightyears away, it's not too soon to start thinking about summer! Do you have a sloped driveway, patches of bare soil, or an eroding pathway on your lakefront property? If so, you likely qualify for your own **reduced cost** project through our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program! Contact us today to submit a site visit request to line up your project for this coming season. Projects may include: shoreline plantings, rain gardens, infiltration steps (above right), open-top culverts, and more. All projects are designed in partnership between the land-owner and experienced technical program staff. Here are some great examples of work done last season:



For more information on our erosion control YCC program, or to submit a site visit request, see our YCC page on our [website](#).

Happy New Year from all of us at the 30 Mile River Watershed Association!

For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association or to make a tax-deductible donation visit www.30mileriver.org.

Tel: 685-4064



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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 9:30am 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 or Helen Wilkey at 293-2351.

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RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News
Lots of new classes starting soon!!

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round

Class Name	Start Date
CDL Class B: Dump Truck or Bus	1/04/2018
Odysseyware Learning Lab	1/09/2018
Guitar/Mandolin Lessons - New!	1/22/2018
Homemade Stock and Soups - NEW!	1/22/2018
History of the United States of America	1/22/2018
Driver Education at Maranacook Community High School	1/22/2018
Basic Small Engine Repair	1/23/2018
Sing!	1/23/2018
Brazilian Portuguese & Culture: Part One - New!	1/24/2018
Usui Reiki Master Teacher – NEW!	1/25/2018
Psychic Development NEW!	1/30/2018

To register, or for more details and to view
<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for
 more info

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17

Readfield, Me 04355

Invites you to Worship with us every Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Nursery provided.

Everyone is Welcome to join us.

Sunday School for ages 5-12

Come as you are.

The church is handicap accessible

www.readfieldchurch.org

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year! Town Office Closed	2	3 6:45-Library 	4 6:30 Budget Com. Mtg 	5	6
7	8 6:30 Select Brd 	9 6:30-Conserv. 	10 9-Age Friendly 6:30-Plan. Brd. 	11 5-Road Com. 	12	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING Town Office Closed	16	17 1-Cem. Com. 4:30-5:30 by Appt. Rabies Clinic 	18 6:30 Budget Com. Mtg 	19	20
21	22 6:30 Select Brd 	23	24 6:30-Plan. Brd. 	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Last Day to License your dogs. \$25 late fee starts 2/1 	Feb. 1	2	3

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We are looking for volunteer Members for the following Boards and Committees:

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 alt. Representative

Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. member (2019) and 1 Assoc.

Heritage Days Members: Multi needed for the 2019 year.

Library Building Committee: Looking for any volunteers

Local School Board: 1 member (2018), 1 member (2019), 1 member (2020)

Planning Board: 3 alt. members (2018)(2019)(2022)

Readfield Enterprise Committee: 1 Select Board Member, 1 CPA or finance specialist, 1 attorney of legal professional, 1 Readfield Resident (suggested composition)

Trails Committee: 1 members (2019), 1 members (2020), 1 Alt. (2020)

If you are 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.

Last updated 12/12/2017

Readfield Emporium

Gourmet pizzas, entrees, eat in & take out, wine & beer
Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish

9:00am Brunch Sat. & Sun.
685-7348