



# Readfield Messenger

**Special points of interest:**

- Public Hearing being held on Wednesday, February 7th regarding an application to enlarge the Village Zoning District. See page 14.
- Schedule of Budget & Town Meeting Warrant meetings coming up. Please see the schedule on page 6.
- Don't forget Valentines Day February 14th!
- Town Office Closed February 19th for Presidents Day.

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## Select Board's Corner

Dear Neighbors;

The planning for Readfield's 2018/2019 fiscal year is underway as the various departments, committees, the Town Manager, our Budget Committee, and the public begin our budget planning, review, and recommendation process. I want to particularly encourage the public to attend work sessions and meetings with their input and questions early in the process so that we can gain from your perspective and ideas.

Readfield's improved website offers excellent information about our budget work as it evolves throughout the process from now and right up to our voting on the budget itself in June. You will find meeting schedules, past years' budget information, comparison tools, and ongoing and updated budget documents as these materials are become available in real time.

Our budget is built through the hard work of many contributing individuals and groups who care deeply about our town, its services, and sense of place. I want to thank them for their efforts to make Readfield a community that we all can feel proud of everyday.

Kind Regards;

Bruce Bourgoine

Select Board Chair



Senator Shenna Bellows will be holding "Constituent Office Hours" on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:30 at the Readfield Town Office. This is your chance to ask questions directly.



## Union Meeting House



Who are they? Recently this photo was given to the Union Meeting House. On the side of the picture a note reads “vested choir-Readfield. Mrs. Clarice Smith- Director 1932”. If you recognize your mother, sister, relative, or friend please contact our Vice President/Historian, Marius Peladeau at 685-4537 or [mpeladeau@roadrunner.com](mailto:mpeladeau@roadrunner.com).

If you have either old photos of the Union Meeting House or activities that took place there, please get in touch with Mr. Peladeau. Photo copies will be made and the originals will be given back to you. All this is for a planned updated history of the famous building.

A 5-year plan for the Readfield Union Meeting House has been developed. Restoration projects and necessary fund raising efforts have been outlined in order to continue making the meeting house an integral part of the community. A review and priority adjustments will be part of this first 5-year plan.

A new Community Outreach Committee has been formed to give input on ways that the UMH can serve the community and to assist with fund raising ideas: much needed for the board's ambitious goals for the next 5 years.

Snow, cold, and rain hampered the progress of weeks 20-22 of the sanctuary floor restoration. It was colder in the crawl space than it was outside on Saturday 1/20/18. The ground is frozen, making it impossible to install new concrete footings for support beams. It is estimated that the replacement of the main carrying beams and replacement of joists is 65% completed. We are hoping that Mother Nature will be kind and allow Maine Barn Co. to continue their job in better working conditions.

Many people may have noticed the large dumpster on the north side of the building. It is being used by Safe Environmental Solutions to remove the bat guano and insulation from the attic. This project is approximately 90% complete. Once completed it will allow for an inspection of the roof framing and the development of a repair plan. It will also allow Tony Castro to assess and do some restoration work on the ceiling artwork.

Our annual membership drive is under way for 2018. We want to thank the 53 people who have already sent in renewals or new memberships. Membership dues are so important in supporting the yearly costs of maintaining our historic building. Membership levels of giving are listed below and may be sent to the Readfield Union Meeting House at PO Box 451, Readfield, ME 04355.

Student-\$5., Single-\$25., Family-\$45., Benefactor-\$100., Sponsor-\$200.

Business - \$35. and Corporate- \$200.

Upcoming-

An illustrated power point slide show on the Meeting House will be presented by board member Marius B. Peladeau at Maranacook High School at 7 p.m. on March 6th. Some new photos have come to light and more information has been gathered. If you want an update or introduction to this Readfield landmark, we'd love to see you on March 6th. The presentation is FREE, however, donations at the door will be appreciated!

# Age Friendly Committee Update



## New Member

Maggie Edmondson has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve on the Age Friendly Committee. Maggie lives in Readfield and currently serves as the pastor at the Winthrop Center Friends Church.

Welcome to Maggie!

## Handy Helper Program

The Handy Helper Program will provide help with simple home repair and home maintenance to assist older residents who are living in their own homes. We are ready to go! This program is offered by Readfield's Age Friendly Committee, the Readfield Lafayette lodge, or the Masons, and the Readfield Untied Methodist Church Men's Group.

Work is done by volunteers who make it their mission to help people in our community. Handy Helpers are not licensed carpenters, plumbers or electricians. They are homeowners who know how to do simple home maintenance and repairs.

**For assistance, please call the Town Office at 685-1816.**

If you, male or female, would like to be a volunteer for this program, please call the number above as well.

## Sand Buckets

Winter is not over yet! Should you need a bucket of sand delivered please call the Town Office at 685-4939. Please be safe and don't slip and fall.

## Tax Assistance

It is not too early to be thinking about doing your taxes. Tax assistance is offered by a trained AARP volunteer. Assistance is offered 4 days a week at 2 locations, all free. We hope some of you can take advantage of this. Book an appointment soon as the time slots fill up quickly.

## Manchester Fire Station

Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9 AM-1:30 PM. Call the Cohen Center (626-7777) to set up an appointment for February-April. (Note the location has changed from the Cohen Center)

**Buker Center** (near the Augusta Armory), Mondays & Fridays from 9 AM-1:30 PM. Call 582-3053 to set up an appointment for February-April.

# Age Friendly Committee Update Continued

## Programs offered at the Senior Café- Maranacook Middle School Monday mornings

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Long Term Care Financing and Insurance – Kerry Peabody

- What is long term care?
- How much do LTC services cost?
- How do Medicare & Medicaid pay for long term care?
- Paying with your own money

New insurance options that can help pay for LTC services

## February

5<sup>th</sup> - To be determined

12<sup>th</sup> - **Holocaust and Human Rights Center - Broken Glass**

19<sup>th</sup> – February Vacation (No Programming)

26<sup>th</sup> – **“Rescheduled” The Day Readfield Corner Burned** - Readfield Corner was once a bustling business center where groceries, shoes, clothing, millinery, hardware, carriages and even coffins and grave-stones could be purchased. Readfield Telephone Company was also located at Readfield Corner as well as a hotel, tavern and livery. In this presentation you will learn more about this industrious village of long ago and about the day that it all changed forever. – Dale Potter Clark Presenting

## March

5<sup>th</sup> – **Tim Caverly (Allagash Trails)**

12<sup>th</sup> – **Senior Nutrition** -- Trish Jackson



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

*On behalf of the Town, School, Church and Food Bank, we would like to thank everyone who donated to the Giving Tree, Food Bank and the Fuel Assistance programs. If it wasn't for all the generous donations we could not have helped so many families during the holidays. Thank you again!*



## Readfield Handy Helpers

Readfield Handy Helpers is a service provided by members of the Lafayette Masonic Lodge #48 AF&AM and the Readfield United Methodist Church Men's Group and would welcome other community members that would be willing to help us make life a little easier for older residents and persons with disabilities.

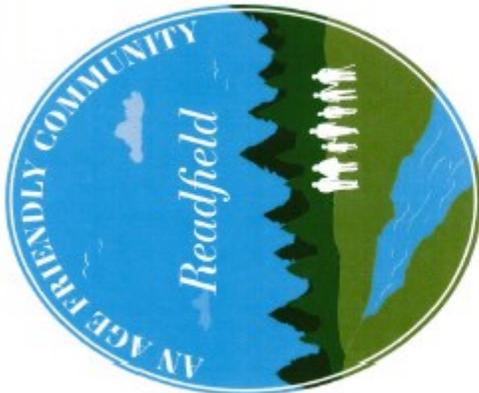


Photo: "Bikes for Books" sponsored by Lafayette Lodge #48 AF&AM

The task of changing a light bulb, replacing moving furniture, or taking things down from high shelves can be daunting. That's what the Handy Helpers are here for.

If you need help, call Handy Helpers at:

**(207) 685-1816**



# Readfield's

# Handy Helpers

Contact Readfield Town Office  
 Phone: (207) 685-1816  
 E-mail: [readfield.clerk@roadrunner.com](mailto:readfield.clerk@roadrunner.com)  
 Web Site: [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)

## What the Handy Helpers Do

- ⇒ **Minor Home Repair.** We provide help with minor home repair and home maintenance services, including:
  - \* Change light bulbs;
  - \* Replace furnace or water filters;
  - \* Install padlocks;
  - \* Repair or replace door locks, handles, springs and closers;
  - \* Help with weatherization.

- ⇒ **Simple Home chores.** We provide help with routine home chores, such as:
  - \* Move furniture;
  - \* Secure carpets;
  - \* Remove/install window air conditioners or screens for the season;
  - \* Hang pictures or mirrors;
  - \* Help hauling trash or clearing clutter.

## Information and Referral.

- \* Explain what is needed to complete a task that is beyond the expertise of the Handy Helper, such as building a ramp or replacing a roof;

## The Handy Helpers Does Not

- ⇒ Provide emergency service;
- ⇒ Help with outdoor work, painting, tiling, appliance repairs, major carpentry, wiring, or plumbing;
- ⇒ Complete any installation that involves Code (e.g. install stair railings or new stove vent)
- ⇒ Repairs for apartment dwellers are limited to personal items only. Other repairs are the responsibility of the landlord.

# 2018-19 (FY19) Budget & Warrant Schedule

<b>2018-2019 (FY 19) BUDGET &amp; WARRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE*</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>
10/16/17	Select Board Meeting - Budget process review	6:30 PM
10/27/17	Budget process memo sent to Depts., Boards, & Committees - To include PY & YTD #s	N/A
11/13/17	Select Board Meeting - Board goals & warrant discussion	6:30 PM
11/29/17	Budget Committee Meeting - Organizational meeting and budget goals	6:30 PM
12/29/17	Preliminary Dept., Board & Committee budget #s & goals due	N/A
01/04/18	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments I	6:30 PM
01/08/18	Select Board Meeting - First Budget Draft	6:30 PM
01/18/18	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments II	6:30 PM
02/05/18	Select Board Meeting - Second Budget Draft	6:30 PM
02/15/18	Budget Committee Meeting - Departments III	6:30 PM
02/22/18	<b>Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting - Capital Investment Plan Review</b>	6:30 PM
03/02/18	100 days before vote - Nomination Papers available (actually 102 as the 4th is a Sunday)	N/A
03/05/18	Select Board Meeting - Third Budget Draft	6:30 PM
03/07/18	School Committee meeting with Select Boards - school budget	6:30 PM
03/09/18	Deadline for warrant article and ordinance submissions	N/A
03/15/18	Budget Committee Meeting - Budget review	6:30 PM
03/19/18	Select Board Meeting - Budget & Warrant Review	6:30 PM
03/28/18	Deadline for legal review of the proposed warrant	N/A
03/29/18	<b>Joint Budget Committee &amp; Select Board Meeting - Public Budget Meeting</b>	6:30 PM
04/02/18	Select Board Meeting - Final budget & Warrant review and approval	6:30 PM
04/06/18	Draft annotated Warrant due	N/A
04/12/18	Budget Committee Meeting - Final budget review and approval	6:30 PM
04/13/18	60 days before voting - Nomination papers & Referendum questions due	3:30 PM
04/19/18	<b>Joint Budget Committee &amp; Select Board Meeting - Public Budget Meeting / Hearing</b>	6:30 PM
06/02/18	10 days before voting - Last day to hold referendum question hearings	N/A
06/05/18	7 days before voting - Town Meeting Warrant posted (absolute deadline)	N/A
06/12/18	<b>Town Meeting - State Primary</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>

This border indicates statutory deadlines

<b>Notes:</b>
<b>Involvement</b> - Although not addressed directly it is expected that the Town Manager, Finance Officer, and Residents of the Town of Readfield will have ongoing roles in nearly all aspects of the budget process.
<b>Select Board Attendance</b> - Joint meetings and regular Select Board meetings will have full Select Board attendance any budget meetings may have three or more members of the Select Board in attendance.
<b>Public Budget Meetings</b> - These meetings are intended to provide opportunity for extensive public comment, feedback, and recommendations on the draft budget and budget process in conjunction with budget presentations.
<b>Departments I</b> - Includes the following: <b>General Government</b> (Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, Code Enforcement, Boundaries, Maintenance, Grant writing / Planning, Heating Assistance), <b>Boards &amp; Commissions</b> (Appeals Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board), <b>Buildings</b> (Fire Station, Giles Hall, Library, Building Maintenance)
<b>Departments II</b> - Includes the following: <b>Community Services</b> (Animal Control, Kennebec Land Trust, Library, Public Access TV, Street Lights, Town Farm), <b>Protection</b> (Fire Department, Ambulance, Water Holes, Dispatching, Personal Protection Gear Replacement), <b>Cemeteries</b> (Cemeteries), <b>Regional Assessments</b> (Cobbossee Watershed, Kennebec County, KVCOG, First Park, Debt Service)
<b>Departments III</b> - Includes the following: <b>Recreation</b> (Beach, Recreation, Heritage Days, Open Space, Trails, Community Park), <b>Roads &amp; Drainage</b> (Roads & Drainage), <b>Capital Improvements</b> (Admin Technology, Fire Station Addition, Gile Hall, Ball Field, Library, Transfer Station, Maranacook Lake Dam), <b>Solid Waste</b> (Transfer Station, Backhoe), <b>Unclassified</b> (Non-profits, Snowmobiling, Enterprise Fund, Revaluation, General Assistance)

\* As Amended December 12, 2017



## READFIELD TRAILS NEWS AND NOTES

Under all that snow, crusted cover, and perhaps a little ice, lie our Readfield trails. Obviously no maintenance or building of new trails takes place in Readfield during Maine's winter, but Readfield Trails Committee meets monthly to work on our strategic plan, our goals and plans for the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

One project under way is developing a protocol for an avenue that will allow our community more input and involvement into designing and building new trails to serve our community. The document is currently in a second draft stage and eventually will be put into the proper channel for approval.

Another part of our committee work is developing a budget for the next fiscal year that is practical, efficient, and responsible. Our budget proposal submitted in December is less than last year but we believe sufficient to keep us in sync with our mission statement. The trails committee presents our budget to the budget committee on February 15 at 6:30. As a reminder, all budget meetings are posted and the public is encouraged to attend.

One of the ways we are able to keep our trails budget low is the amount of donated labor and equipment we receive. Since July 1, our log of volunteers, hours worked, and dollar savings shows we have had 45 volunteers working long hours on the trails providing maintenance to current trails and building the new esker trail at the transfer station at a savings of \$2,520. Additionally, the Mill Stream Dam project led by the historical society, conservation commission, and trails committee has accumulated through volunteer effort and equipment \$945 worth of savings. Readfield Trails recently welcomed Greg Leimback to our committee and Jason Morgan to our list of volunteers. If you would like to be added to our volunteer list, contact Greg Durgin at 685-4481 or [durgie@roadrunner.com](mailto:durgie@roadrunner.com) I look forward to hearing from you!

### READFIELD TRAILS MISSION STATEMENT

*The Readfield Trails Committee will plan and coordinate the development of environmentally acceptable trails within the Town of Readfield. The committee will promote safe, functional connections between various activity centers of the town and provide linkage, where possible, between recreational trails within the town and adjacent towns.*

*Adopted 10/2/07*

**PHOTO CAPTION:** This Kents Hill house, built by one Aaron Winslow circa 1790 was located on the corner of “the road that leads from Fayette through Readfield and the road leading to Nathaniel Foord’s”. Wondering where that was? Come to Dale Potter-Clark’s presentation Kents Hill: From Farmland to Village, on February 15<sup>th</sup> and find the answer to that question and much more! *Photo courtesy of Dorothy Macomber*



## READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RHS)

Things have been quiet at RHS for the month of January, while some of our snowbird executive committee members are enjoying warmer weather in the south. But, we will be back at it in February and March. Do mark your calendars and plan to join us for some or all of the following...

### RHS ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00p.m.**

All are welcome to attend our brief annual meeting and election of officers. A special program will follow and as always there will be delicious treats to enjoy. More information will be coming in the March Messenger about the program, which we believe will be a pleasant and interesting offering. Got you curious? Good – be sure to watch for details coming soon...

Dale Potter-Clark presentations at Maranacook Adult and Community Ed (MACE) and Senior Café:

#### 1.) KENTS HILL: FROM FARMLAND TO VILLAGE

**Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:30-8:30pm (snow date March 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Before 1790 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 began to evolve from a handful of family farms to a thriving cultural and educational center. In this presentation you will learn about that evolution, hear more about the buildings and houses, past and present, and some of the people who lived in Kents Hill village.

#### 2.) THE DAY READFIELD CORNER BURNED

**Monday, February 26, 2018 9:30-11:00am**

Readfield Corner was once a bustling business center where groceries, shoes, clothing, millinery, hardware, carriages and even coffins and gravestones could be purchased. Readfield Telephone Company was also located at Readfield Corner as well as a hotel, tavern and livery. In this presentation you will learn more about this industrious village of long ago and about the day that it all changed forever.

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.

#### 3.) 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 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

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 Klir Beck plus famed violin maker Franklin Richardson of Mt. Vernon. You will learn about them and others in this presentation.

Readfield Historical Society (RHS) was founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield and its people. RHS is a 501C3 non-profit 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](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com) or 685-4225.



## Readfield Community Library

Thank you to all the Readfield residents that dropped in January 10th to meet and welcome Maureen Kinder the Readfield Community Library's newly hired Librarian.

The Board would also like to thank Lori Clark for acting as interim librarian and the many wonderful volunteers who stepped in to man the desk and keep the library open and running during a very busy time of year. We have resumed our regularly scheduled hours and have resumed accepting book donations.

Winter is a great time to visit the library and borrow a book, movie, magazine, puzzle, audio book or even snowshoes. **Snowshoes** are once again available to check out! We currently have six pairs available with sizes ranging from child to adult. Once you check them out, you may use them for one full week! Thank you again to those who generously donated to make this offering happen! Anyone wishing to donate new or gently used snowshoes, we are happy to add to the collection.

**Cribbage club** has restarted. First Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 and third Wednesdays from 6:30 to closing. Bring a board, a friend and join the fun. For all ages and experience.

Mark your calendars for March 3rd 10:00 to 1:00 at the Library for our **Winter Book Sale**. Gently used children's and adult books, and other offerings will be available.

The Library is looking for people with a particular hobby, interest or passion that would like to share their knowledge or experience with others. If you know of such a person or are that person please contact the Librarian, Maureen Kinder at 685-4089 about making a presentation.

Follow the Library on Facebook or checkout the Library's website at [readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com](http://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com)

Library Hours: Monday 6:00 to 8:00; Wednesday 2:00 to 8:00; Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 4:00

Readfield  
9:16 AM**Revenue Summary Report**Department(s): ALL  
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,763,517.44	99.89	69,298.16	5,130,937.28	632,580.16	89.02
12 - Maintenance	0.00	0.00	212.35	212.35	-212.35	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,580.00	0.00	438.11	17,508.36	12,071.64	59.19
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,782.00	0.00	288.64	11,454.14	10,327.86	52.59
40 - PROTECTION	25,000.00	0.00	41.43	15,041.43	9,958.57	60.17
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.12	-21.12	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,024.00	8,976.00	80.05
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	10,975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,975.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE	181,636.00	0.00	16,386.59	107,170.71	74,465.29	59.00
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	20,940.00	0.00	0.00	388.85	20,551.15	1.86
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,325.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,100,755.44	99.89	86,665.28	5,318,758.24	781,997.20	87.18

Readfield  
9:14 AM**Expense Summary Report**ALL Departments  
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	458,085.00	31,748.36	315.18	213,561.93	244,523.07	46.62
12 - Maintenance	169,895.00	9,636.23	0.00	57,900.34	111,994.66	34.08
15 - BOARDS & COM	9,300.00	206.67	0.00	851.25	8,448.75	9.15
25 - COMM SERVICE	57,135.00	3,214.06	0.00	28,724.71	28,410.29	50.28
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	40,486.00	1,911.94	0.00	18,693.08	21,792.92	46.17
40 - PROTECTION	180,875.00	19,348.84	0.00	60,483.15	120,391.85	33.44
50 - CEMETERIES	16,050.00	131.84	0.00	1,075.89	14,974.11	6.70
60 - Rds & Drain	373,950.00	26,811.70	0.00	130,635.87	243,314.13	34.93
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	260,812.00	0.00	0.00	9,355.81	251,456.19	3.59
70 - SOLID WASTE	282,576.00	20,008.64	0.00	136,420.06	146,155.94	48.28
75 - EDUCATION	3,527,596.00	293,966.33	0.00	1,763,798.02	1,763,797.98	50.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG	317,600.00	12,224.27	0.00	286,491.49	31,108.51	90.21
85 - DEBT SERVICE	328,824.00	0.00	0.00	326,197.10	2,626.90	99.20
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	72,921.44	1,500.00	0.00	25,237.31	47,684.13	34.61
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,650.00	785.00	0.00	785.00	3,865.00	16.88
Final Totals	6,100,755.44	421,493.88	315.18	3,060,211.01	3,040,544.43	50.16

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

9:00am Brunch Sat. &amp; Sun.

685-7348



## News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

### Now Hiring

We are seeking applicants for seasonal positions to support our mission protecting lakes in the watershed. Seasonal positions include Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Crew Members and Courtesy Boat Inspectors. These field positions offer the opportunity to perform meaningful work in beautiful, lakeside settings. For more information, visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).

### Save the Dates

**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *Classical Meets Pop* concert and fireworks will take place at the Mount Vernon Community Center featuring alumni musicians from NPR's *From the Top*. More details to come.

**Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle Trek!** This 15-mile guided paddle through various connected lakes and streams in our watershed begins in Mount Vernon Village and ends in Wayne Village. Participants may join for all or part of the trip. More details to come.

### Time to get your project requests in for the 2018 YCC Season

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 landowner 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](http://www.30mileriver.org).

**For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association or to make a tax-deductible donation visit [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org).**

## Readfield Blizzard Busters

Let it snow – Let it snow – Let it snow!!!!

As I sat by the window overlooking Maranacook Lake today, my friend from away, kept repeating, "It is so beautiful here." Sometimes, we simply fail to notice the obvious. On the snow-covered lake, snowmobiles were whizzing by – probably either paying a visit to the Weather-vane Restaurant and Lounge, checking their ice holes for recently snagged fish or maybe connecting to one of Readfield's many trails for a leisurely ride. Some, on the lake were towing kids for an exhilarating thrill ride behind a sled. Everyone appeared to be thoroughly enjoying the beautiful Maine outdoors. The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club stays quite busy, almost year round, keeping our trails well-groomed and free of fallen debris. I think our club volunteers do a pretty darn good job. A group from the club enjoyed the trails yesterday and while out came across several others enjoying the trails as well. No matter what the season, Readfield is a beautiful town that has much to offer its visitors and residents. Hope you are enjoying Readfield's beautiful outdoors.



Marge Livingston

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club Secretary

## 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.

Tel: 685-4064



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## Thank you from Kennebec Land Trust

Dear KLT Members,

Thank you for supporting the Kennebec Land Trust!

Together we are conserving beautiful places in Maine, protecting water quality and wildlife habitat, building trails, offering programs for all ages about the natural world, and promoting sustainable forestry, local economies, and farming.

Please contact us if you have any questions about your membership or year-end charitable giving options. If you have not sent your annual gift, we hope you will consider a donation to KLT today.

All the best for the New Year ahead,

Theresa, Jean-Luc, Kirsten, Mary Denison, President, and the KLT Board of Directors



Perkins Woods Conservation Area

*Cynthia Pelliccia*

### **Renew your membership now**

#### **KLT by the Numbers**

Acres Conserved: 6,019

Miles of Trails: 43

Members: 1,095

### **KLT Summer Internship Positions**

Since 2003, KLT has hosted twenty-six student interns from eighteen different colleges and universities.

We are currently accepting applications for our 2018 summer internship program. Please call our office for additional information – we look forward to talking to you!



Winter Family Fun Day,  
Curtis Homestead, Leeds.

### **Annual Family Winter Fun Day at Curtis Homestead Conservation Area, Leeds**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Bring your cross-country skis or snowshoes and spend the afternoon exploring this wonderful 360-acre conservation property! Hot chocolate and snacks will be served around a bonfire in the field. Location: Bog Road in Leeds.

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**Please visit our website at [www.tklt.org](http://www.tklt.org)**



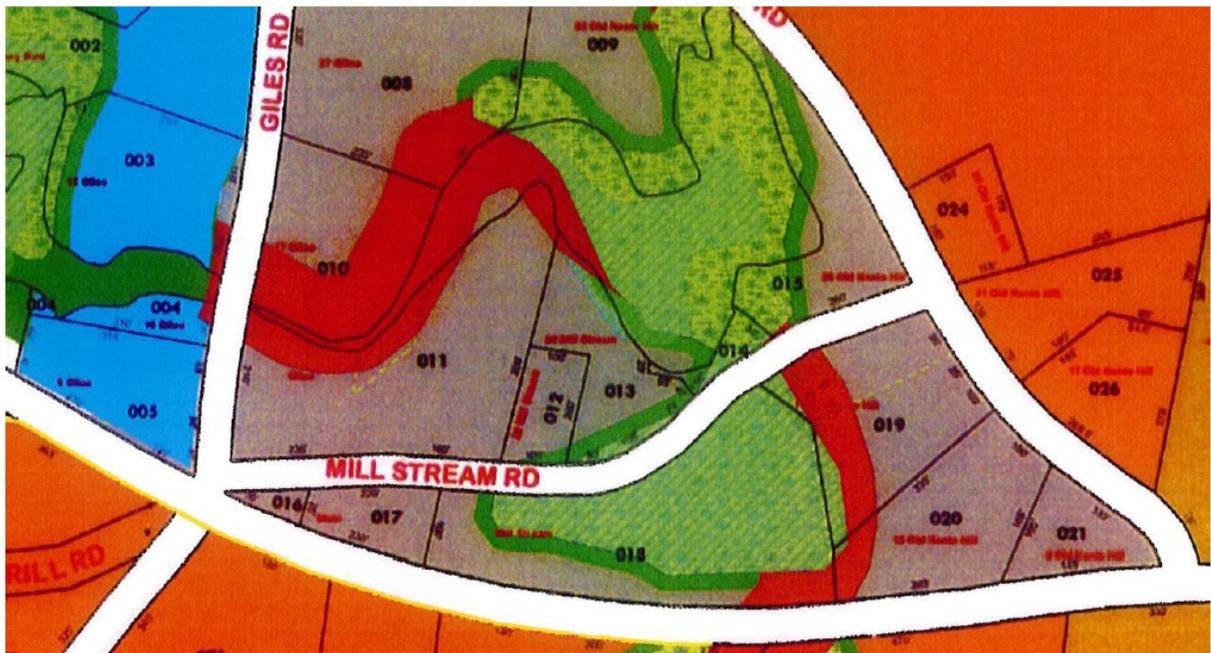
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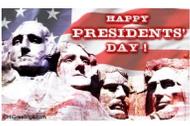
# Notice of Public Hearing

## Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Readfield Planning Board will conduct a public hearing at the Town Office, 8 Old Kents Hill Road beginning at 6:30 PM. The purpose is to receive comments regarding an application to enlarge the Village Zoning District, which would include properties northerly of Route #17 from the Town Office to Giles Road and those on Mill Stream Road - (5,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,20,21). The application can be reviewed at the town office. Please contact the Code Officer with any questions, 685-3290.



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Town Office Closed	Town Office 8:30-4:30	Town Office 8:30-4:30	Town Office 12-6:00	Town Office Closed	Town Office 7:30-3:30	Town Office Closed
Jan 28	29	30 	31 \$25 Late Fee on dogs licensed after this date!	Feb 1	2 Assessor in Today 	3
4	5 6:30 Select Brd. 	6	7 6:45 Library Brd 	8 6pm-Road Com. 	9	10
11	12	13 12 Golden Guys & Gals 6:30 Conserv. Commission 	14  9-Age Friendly Com. 6pm-Plan. Brd. 	15 6:30 Budget Com 	16 Assessor in Today 	17
18	19  Town Office Closed!	20 6:30 Select Brd. 	21 1pm-Cemetery Com. 	22 6:30 Select Brd & Budget Com 	23	24
25	26	27 6-Trails Com. 	28 6:30 Plan. Brd. 	Mar 1	2 Assessor in Today  Nomination Papers Available starting today!	3



## NEW WEB SITE:

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

Age Friendly Community Com.: 1 member (2019)

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 alt. Representative

Cemetery Committee: 1 member (2018)

Conservation Commission: 1 alt (2019), 1 assoc. (2019)

Heritage Days Committee: Need several for 2019 year

Local School Board: 3 members 1 each for (2018,19, 20)

Planning Board: 3 alt 1 each for (2018, 19, 22)

Readfield Enterprise Committee: several members

Trails Committee: 1 member (2019), 2 (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](mailto:readfield@roadrunner.com) for an application for appointment.

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