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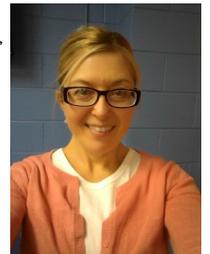
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TOWN STAFF CHANGES



For those of you who may not have heard yet, our Town Clerk Robin Lint is retiring at the end of February after 15 consecutive years of employment with the Town and several more before that. I want to publicly thank Robin for her many years of service to the community as our Town Clerk, Registrar, and invaluable role in various Deputy positions. Although they are far fewer, I want to thank her for the assistance and support she has provided to me over the past three years. There is always more work than time in municipal government and Robin has been generous in skillfully supporting the work of others while tending to her own responsibilities with dedication and precision. She has overseen dozens of Elections and Town Meetings and helped our Boards, Committees, and Commissions stay organized and find success. Her experience and unique connection to the Town of Readfield will be hard to replace. For anyone wishing to say hello, goodbye, or thank you, we will be holding a special retirement celebration for Robin at the Town Office on Friday, March 1st from 12:00-3:30pm. We will have light refreshments and hope to share some stories and appreciation for our friend and colleague.

Following a thorough hiring process I am pleased to announce Robin's replacement. She is a Certified Clerk of Maine with Deputy Clerk experience in the cities of Lewiston and Augusta. Most importantly, she served as the Collections Clerk / Deputy Clerk in Readfield for nearly seven years from 2008-2015. So this new-employee welcome is actually a welcome back - Welcome Back Deb Nichols! Deb will be in the office beginning on February 19th and working with Robin during a two-week transition period.



I have a few additional announcements to make regarding staff changes that many of you may have an interest in. Over the summer we had a maintenance position open up which was filled by Anna Carll. Anna is no longer the Cemetery Sexton but did retain her Animal Control Officer responsibilities in addition to taking on additional maintenance responsibilities. To fill Anna's position this fall we hired Ben Rodriguez, a Readfield resident who brings a tremendous amount of positivity and energy to his work. Ben is now on our maintenance team and is our new Cemetery Sexton. Congratulations to both Ben and Anna!



If you need to contact any of our new or existing employees please note that our email addresses have changed to be consistent with the town website. Email addresses are position specific and now have the "@readfieldmaine.org" suffix. For example we have:

Town Clerk Deborah Nichols - clerk@readfieldmaine.org
Animal Control Officer Anna Carll - aco@readfieldmaine.org
Cemetery Sexton Ben Rodriguez - sexton@readfieldmaine.org

For a complete staff directory and contact information visit us at:
www.readfieldmaine.org

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THANK YOU FOR ALL THE YEARS



As I get ready to retire on March 1st I find myself reflecting on all the years I have worked for the Town of Readfield.

I was hired originally in 1993 as a part time Office Clerk/Secretary by the then Town Manager, Steve Musica. Also working in the office at the time was Ernie Marriner, Grace Keene, Evelyn Potter, Irene Clark and Martha Gifford. I often wondered why they needed me, everyone was so much smarter and knew what they were doing, how could this girl who knew nothing about municipal government get this job. I felt so lucky to learn from the best.

With all the new found knowledge bestowed upon me I left Readfield in June of 1999 to run for Town Clerk in the Town of Mt.Vernon and won. As I worked in Mt.Vernon for several years, I found it hard to have to run for election every year and not be guaranteed a job every July. I was getting older and realize I needed to start thinking about health and retirement benefits which just wasn't an option in an elected clerk.

In January of 2003 I received a phone call from the Readfield Town Manager, Greg Gill, who asked if I would be interested in coming back part time to help out as their current clerk was dealing with some medical issues. I was happy to get back to where my municipal roots began even if it was for only 20 hours per week.

In September of 2003 I moved into a fulltime position when Readfield's front desk clerk moved on to new things. I loved working in Readfield and didn't think twice about taking the job as the front desk clerk when it was offered. I stayed on as the front desk for a few years.

In December of 2005, Martha (Gifford) Winter-Vinning, Readfield's current Town Clerk retired. I applied for the position and got the job. I was very honored to fill Martha's shoes and knew it wasn't going to be an easy job but I wanted to prove I was worthy of the position.

A couple of years later, in 2007, I became Readfield's first Certified Town Clerk. Getting my certification took several years of dedication and training. Receiving the certification gave me that sense of pride knowing that with the continued support of the town and town staff I was able to accomplish this milestone. During this time I also sat on the Maine Town and City Clerks Association Promotion Board from 2006 through 2010.

And now here I am, 2019, getting ready to do the same thing that my mentor Martha Winter-Vining did by retiring from the Town of Readfield after many years of service. Like Martha I can leave knowing I was a dedicated, trustworthy and honest employee. I look forward to working with your next clerk, Debbie Nichols, as I transition out.

Thank you for your support throughout the years.

Robin L. Lint

Town Clerk, Registrar, FOAA Officer and now Volunteer

AGE FRIENDLY UPDATE

In November and early December, the Age Friendly Committee collaborated with the Red Cross and the Handy Helpers to install new smoke alarms in approximately 25 households. Many existing smoke alarms were replaced and additional alarms were added to some homes. The Red Cross provided the smoke alarms at no charge to any Readfield resident and trained volunteers on proper installation. While the alarms were being installed in each home, another volunteer helped the owner develop an escape plan and reviewed other safety procedures. The Red Cross is committed to reducing deaths caused by household fires.

Picture below: Handy Helpers, Community and Age Friendly Committee members being trained by the Red Cross



Above picture: with red cross workers and John Lord and Ed Dodge.

Many thanks to the Red Cross and the Handy Helpers for making residents of Readfield a bit safer. The Age Friendly Committee hopes to make this an annual event each November.

Sand Buckets. Winter is not over. The rain on the snow and ice makes it treacherous out. If you want a sand bucket delivered to your door, please contact the Town Office at 685-4939.

CAT LITTER BOXES NEEDED

The Handy Helper of the Age Friendly Committee need your help in acquiring cat litter buckets so we can help the elderly or disabled residents who may need a sand bucket for the walkways and driveway.

Please leave you bucket with the guys at the Transfer Station and let them know they are for the Handy Helpers.



NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE TRAILS COMMITTEE

The somewhat uncommon weather in December and January has not seemed to deter hardy Readfield residents from getting out and using Readfield's trail system. Several days saw vehicles parked at the Readfield Fairgrounds with snowshoe, ski, and boot tracks leading the way into the woods on both the North and McDougald Trails. However, not only are skiers etc. using them but deer, rabbit, and fox tracks have also been noted. Skiers and hikers have also been using the newly opened trail system located on the Rosmarin / Saunders property now under the auspices of the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT). This trail can be accessed at the parking area on Nickerson Hill Road on the left hand side heading up past Saunders Manufacturing.

The Trails Committee met in late January and gave final approval for a new and improved Readfield Trails map. Last summer the committee decided to update the current map to be more inclusive of not only town trails, but also to show KLT trails and properties within Readfield. The new map is double sided in a trifold brochure format. It is multi colored and has an easy to understand legend with roads and landmarks clearly delineated. One side of the map gives a much larger overview of the Fairgrounds network of trails as well as Torsey & Echo Lake trails. A side bar on the page includes accurate directions and parking suggestions for the 7 trails locations. Much effort and time went into the new map undertaking and we believe Readfield residents and visitors to Readfield will use and enjoy the new map. It should be available soon (at no cost) at the town office. This project would not have come to fruition without the dedication and help from committee members, a resident volunteer, and town office staff. A huge "Thank You" for a job well done goes out to Ken Clark, Nancy Buker, Holly Rahmlow, Rob Peale, and Henry Whittemore from the Trails Committee, resident volunteer Don Rahmlow, and town office staff member Robin Lint. The new map is a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and volunteer commitment.

In January the Trails Committee regrettably had to accept the resignation of member Ben McIntosh. Ben has moved out of state for work but while he was a member he added much youthful enthusiasm and ability helping to create the Esker Trail as well as the renovation of the Mill Stream Dam area. We wish Ben the best in his new adventure.

The recent rainy / icy weather played some havoc with the trails. As some of our residents probably learned first hand, the heavy rains caused some aggravation and damage to their properties as it did to the Fairgrounds trails. Although it is too early to assess the damage due to the ice and snow cover, the area below the culvert near the intersection of the McDougald and Connector Trails had an overflow of rainwater that has left an icy traverse for trail users in that area. Another section that flooded was on the North Trail near the ball field backstop / first base dugout. Please use caution in these areas. Volunteers from the Trails Committee will be assessing the areas and doing repairs once warmer weather allows.

As always, we welcome new members to the committee with an application available on line at readfieldmaine.org as well as volunteers for specific projects regarding trail work. Contact the town office or Greg Durgin at durgie@roadrunner.com or 685-4481. Hope to see many of you on our trails!



HERITAGE DAYS WANTS YOU!

Readfield Heritage Days are coming! On August 9th and 10th join us as we celebrate our town with a full day of activities, music, food, and fun!

Currently, the planning committee is forming and you can help! If you'd like to support your town and our celebration, stop by Giles Hall and pick up a volunteer form. It's easy, engaging, and the meetings aren't that bad...we promise...there may even be snacks...refreshments...etc.



We are looking for 6-10 folks to join us and bring ideas and energy to this town-wide celebration!

If you'd like to know more, contact Dennis Price at dprice@readfieldmaine.org

Thank you!

Dennis Price

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September 2018 

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The budget process is in full swing. The Committee is about half way through the Town accounts and has had good and productive meetings with representatives from a number of boards and committees. Our excellent secretary, Ellen Jane Schneider, provides excellent minutes that are posted on the

Town website after approval. Our schedule, and what we're reviewing at each meeting, is also posted there, and we welcome citizen involvement and feedback during the process. Meetings are also posted on the Town's calendar.

The Town is looking at an essentially level local (non-school) budget, including

considering a facilities bond to address needs at the Library, Town Office, and Fire Station. The Town is also considering proposals for a Solar Array at the Transfer Station to provide for municipal power needs. We anticipate further discussions and refinement of these proposals, and will provide input to the Selectboard concerning them.

SELECT BOARD CORNER

Dear Neighbors;

The town budget process has been well underway with town departments, committees, and strategic capital planning being preliminarily submitted or discussed. I would like to commend the budget committee for the very thorough and detailed work and review they perform on our behalf.

It is hard to believe but this budget is our Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20) marking another decade fast approaching! The revenues and expenses in this budget are for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The town's budget at this point is essentially flat representing a deliberate effort to achieve that goal. The town's budget is what we control in our budget process and does not include the work of the two separate taxing authorities, the school district and the county. Those entities, RSU 38 and Kennebec County, have their own budget governance processes and I urge you to connect with them on budgetary matters.

On the state front, we are hopeful that we will see a restoration of more revenue sharing which has declined for years. You pay sales taxes in town, in nearby service centers, and online. It is reasonable to expect some of that tax collected to be returned to support the local roads and services used by the people in Readfield who paid those taxes.

As always you can find budget information and all dates of budget meetings at readfieldmaine.org. We continue to strive to keep you informed and make the budget process transparent.

Kind Regards;

Bruce Bourgoine., Select Board Chair

“WASTE NOT WANT NOT” BY DALE POTTER-CLARK

Did your grandparents ever say “Waste not, want not” when you tossed an empty glass jar into the trash, threw out a worn piece of clothing or uneaten foods into the garbage can? If so, perhaps you wondered what else you would do with them. After all, during the post WWII years it became common to throw away almost everything that was no longer used or needed because so many disposables items had been created – including plastics.

That was not so in your grandparents’ day when food was grown, harvested or slaughtered and preserved rather than purchased. Meats were salted, smoked or processed and sealed in jars; fruits and vegetables were canned or dried; bread, pies and cakes were cooked in the woodstove or fireplace bake oven weekly then stored in the pantry. “Perfectly good” glass jars were re-used for canning. Empty bottles were topped with rubber nipples for feeding the babies. Patchwork quilts were made with clothing that had become too worn to wear, went into the rag bag and used for cleaning or sold to the rag man who took them to the paper factory. A pail sat near the kitchen sink for gathering scraps that were fed to the pig.

In spite of those efforts some things did get thrown away – like pans that had sprung a leak or broken tools, pottery or china. Each residence had their own dump located in the woods, at the edge of their pasture or piled outside a shed or barn. By the early 1930s a town dump had been established on leased land off the North Road.

Town historian, Evelyn Potter, was born and raised at Readfield Depot and remembers the days, starting in her early childhood, when the dump was “burned over” and the smoke and smells permeated the entire village. She also recalls that kids were allowed to go there at appointed times with their bee-bee guns to shoot rats; and in the spring children from the neighborhood were allowed to collect pollywogs from the pond at the dump. This writer grew up near Kents Hill in the 1950s and 60s and recalls the same things were still happening then.

The 1949 town report tells us that Readfield spent \$135.50 for maintaining the dump that year. Town reports also reveal that a transition occurred in 1982 when Steve Musica, the town manager at that time, first referred to the dump as the “Town Sanitary Landfill”. Burning the dump would soon be a thing of the past, when all the plastic, glass, newspapers, old clothing and who knows what would be buried there instead. Readfield was still leasing the same area they had been since the 1930s and town officials were estimating that in less than five years that location could not be used any longer. Readfield did not own land for a dump so a search ensued for an area that would also meet the specifications of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It was hoped the new area could be used for the operation of a full service landfill. Musica reported that an easy, inexpensive method for disposing of wastes was becoming an extinct practice. Voters approved \$13,350 for the town landfill that year - \$2,000 of it was for leasing the land.

The next big transition took place in 1986 when Musica reminded townspeople they were still operating on leased property as a non-compliant but grandfathered landfill. “You bury your refuse over a sand-gravel aquifer, not the most ideal location” Musica wrote. A gravel and sand pit was located in proximity to the town dump that had been mined for decades. The DEP still licensed the landfill each year but time was running out. Musica explained that within a couple of years the existing site would be shaped, capped off with clay, seeded down, and monitoring wells drilled on the perimeter. After that the town waste depository would be moved to a different location. He related that a new area should include a holding area for wood, metals and other non-rubbish items; and a transfer station would be designed and constructed. Where and what would happen would soon be put up for consideration by the townspeople in public hearings. Musica encouraged them to attend. That year, town voters raised and appropriated \$18,875 for the management and maintenance of the sanitary landfill; \$10,000 for closing the old sanitary landfill, formerly known as the town dump; and \$2,000 towards a study to identify a new solid waste site.

WASTE NOT WANT NOT" CONT.

The following year a Solid Waste Committee was formed, a site recommended, a facility designed and plans to cap off the landfill were set in motion. Two years later, in 1989, a new site was purchased for \$18,000 - it was 60 acres that surrounded the old landfill. Everett Mace was hired to cover and maintain the existing landfill for another year until the new area was ready to open. In 1990 the town voted to borrow \$325,000 to construct a solid waste transfer & recycling center; \$100,000 of that was used to put up a town salt and storage building on the newly acquired land. The old landfill was officially discontinued May 2, 1993 and the recycling center opened the following weekend. The town of Wayne had joined in a co-operative agreement and split operating costs. Since then the town of Fayette has joined the co-operative. In January, 2018 it was reported that the three towns "spend over \$280,000 to dispose of trash each year". A far cry from the \$135.50 reported in 1949.

The ways people dispose of trash and the cost for doing so have certainly changed a great deal since our grandmother's day as have ways that townspeople now entertain themselves at "the dump". Nearby is a new "esker trail" that was created by the Readfield Trails Committee on part of that 60 acres owned by the town. The route starts adjacent to the transfer station's access road then leads to and follows the esker along the western margin of Quimby Bog. Hikers, photographers, bird watchers, snow shoers and cross country skiers can enjoy the scenery and sights and sounds of the woods there – with no smoke filled air or rodents on the run from bee-bee gunshots to contend with.

The Readfield History Walkers are planning a trek on the new esker trail in 2019. Visit <http://readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com> for updates.



READFIELD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Come show your team and school spirit and purchase a hat at the Town Office for \$20.00 each while supplies last!



Winter Fun Day is being planned. Please watch our Facebook page for dates, times and other information.

Readfield Rec Facebook

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



This picture of Dows Store and the post office in Kents Hill village is an example of the vintage photos that will be shown during the RHS program on March 16th. Most will be shown publically for the first time.

PROGRAM MARCH 16TH - VINTAGE PHOTOS OF READFIELD

READFIELD, THE POSTCARD VIEW: Selections from Eastern Illustrating & Publishing Company (EIPC) will be the program on March 16th at the RHS annual meeting. Kevin Johnson, photo archivist for the Penobscot Marine Museum (PMM) in Searsport, will present. Johnson will tell the story of the EIPC and present a slideshow of historical views of Readfield in addition to the neighboring towns of Winthrop, Wayne, Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Vienna, Belgrade and Manchester. The EIPC was founded in 1909 in Belfast by Rudolph Herman Cassens. He photographed small towns and rural areas from Maine to New York, producing "real photo" postcards that were used for promoting tourism. Cassens' company produced over 50,000 glass plate negatives between 1909 and 1947 including some of businesses, houses, local landmarks and lakeside scenes in Readfield and the immediate area. Viewers will be taken back in time to when the roads were not yet paved, horse drawn carriages outnumbered cars, lakesides were less developed and elms lined the streets. The program will follow a brief annual meeting and will be held at Asa Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road on Saturday March 16th at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served. There is no fee. All are welcome so please invite friends from neighboring towns to join you!

RHS RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

Two \$500 grants were recently received by RHS. One will be used for maintaining and operating our museum and archives. The second grant is dedicated towards helping to fund the historical site markers project. Plans are underway for the first of the historical site markers to be created and installed in 2019. Stay tuned for details.

RHS 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

We are now preparing our 2018 annual report which will be mailed to members in February. Join RHS in time to receive your copy – you will enjoy the photos and updates. Dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for seniors, \$100 for a lifetime. Readfield Historical Society is a non-profit 501 C3 organization. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Mail: RHS PO Box 354 Readfield, ME 04355. FMI (207) 377-2299 or email readfieldhistorical@gmail.com.

READFIELD BLIZZARD BUSTERS



Well.....The Blizzard Busters got what we wished for – snow, snow and more snow! We have been led to believe winter is finally here and here to stay. I'll feel more confident when it begins to stay cold. We can hear the sound of snowmobilers buzzing up and down the lake going to their ice shed for a bit of ice fishing, enjoying The Weathervane for an appetizer or two, or simply connecting with one of the many miles of Readfield's groomed trails. It is such a pleasant sight to see so many people of all ages out-of-doors enjoying Readfield's many cold weather activities.

As far as a trail report, trails are currently in great shape with a nice solid base and few, if any, water holes. Disclaimer – currently meaning today as I write this article! The newest trail (36S) through Augusta Water District property that connects with Hillandalers (Winthrop) trails is open and beautiful. The newly reopened trail to Wayne unfortunately has been closed, due to a landowner revoking permission to access their property, thereby closing the nice loop. The Thirty Mile River Snowmobile Club (Wayne) is looking at possibly rerouting access. Have fun traversing either a new or old trail and please recognize that the Readfield Blizzard Buster Snowmobile Club volunteers are doing their very best to keep the trails safe, groomed, well-marked and clear of any debris.

It is a good time to remind riders to stay on the marked trails, or risk trail shut downs. It is due to individual landowner generosity that we are all able to enjoy Readfield's winter activities.

If you are enjoying the trails, please consider supporting the club with an annual \$27.00 family membership. Details can be found on facebook. Have fun – we only have one winter of 2019!

MT. VERNON FOOD BANK

As 2018 has come to a close, all the volunteers at the First Baptist Church Mt. Vernon Food Bank would like to thank the Town of Readfield and Readfield Community Library for working with us by collecting donations from our community. We would also like to thank all those who have contributed to our food bank through the Town Office and Library. Because of your donations you are helping us support those in our community who are in need. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank services the towns of Mt. Vernon, Vienna, Readfield, and Fayette. In 2018 we helped 104 families. At Thanksgiving and Christmas we distributed 71 food baskets.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Mt. Vernon Food Bank Volunteers



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Don't forget you may drop your donations off at the Readfield Town Office and we will get them to the food bank! Thank you

REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

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Revenue Summary Report

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,842,432.00	124.81	75,474.03	5,242,958.36	599,473.64	89.74
12 - Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.41	-118.41	----
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	30,517.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,517.00	0.00
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	34,925.00	0.00	25,718.01	51,195.67	-16,270.67	146.59
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	27,370.00	0.00	135.00	8,380.62	18,989.38	30.62
40 - PROTECTION	2,600.00	0.00	2,340.00	2,743.38	-143.38	105.51
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	-300.00	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,612.00	-612.00	101.75
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	186,022.00	0.00	344.00	164,265.94	21,756.06	88.30
70 - SOLID WASTE	193,829.00	0.00	23,445.26	103,163.12	90,665.88	53.22
80 - REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,112.00	-15,112.00	----
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	11,377.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,377.00	0.00
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,366,322.00	124.81	127,456.30	5,623,849.50	742,472.50	88.34

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Expense Summary Report

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December

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	481,206.00	47,210.94	288.07	251,637.24	229,568.76	52.29
12 - Maintenance	127,415.00	8,650.84	0.00	47,025.87	80,389.13	36.91
15 - BOARDS & COM	42,112.00	0.00	0.00	30,256.20	11,855.80	71.85
25 - COMM SERVICE	55,961.00	4,909.13	0.00	36,399.05	19,561.95	65.04
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	38,708.00	1,500.19	0.00	18,460.02	20,247.98	47.69
40 - PROTECTION	132,725.00	17,513.34	0.00	66,757.52	65,967.48	50.30
50 - CEMETERIES	16,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,140.91	15,359.09	6.91
60 - Rds & Drain	407,930.00	29,899.25	0.00	233,184.05	174,745.95	57.16
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	451,614.00	5,736.12	0.00	111,515.49	340,098.51	24.69
70 - SOLID WASTE	303,686.00	17,669.98	0.00	144,083.49	159,602.51	47.44
75 - EDUCATION	3,564,799.00	296,413.34	0.00	1,778,479.96	1,786,319.04	49.89
80 - REGIONAL ORG	48,000.00	12,048.73	0.00	26,768.07	21,231.93	55.77
81 - COUNTY TAX	270,000.00	0.00	0.00	266,694.13	3,305.87	98.78
85 - DEBT SERVICE	327,956.00	0.00	0.00	320,227.12	7,728.88	97.64
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	130,413.00	0.00	0.00	23,389.52	107,023.48	17.93
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,500.00	682.34	0.00	682.34	3,817.66	15.16
Final Totals	6,403,525.00	442,234.20	288.07	3,356,700.98	3,046,824.02	52.42



KENNEBEC LAND TRUST

Winter Events & News

Maine Cabin Masters comes to West Gardiner

This past fall, KLT renovated two historic cabins at the Trust's Wakefield Wildlife Sanctuary in West Gardiner. We are thrilled to announce that we were selected by and contracted with Maine Cabin Masters for the renovations. Kennebec Land Trust's Wakefield Wildlife Sanctuary and our newly restored cabins will be featured on an episode of Cabin Masters on the DIY Channel, airing on February 25.



Brian Kent

When landowner Kendra Wakefield Shaw donated her 115-acre family property on Cobbossee Stream to KLT, the bequest included a small fund for the maintenance of her family's 100 year old cabins. KLT's cabins will be available to the general public as rentals, with a discount for KLT members. The cabins will also be used for KLT programming including future workshops with guest artists and writers. Our hope is that income from the cabin rentals will support future stewardship of the Wakefield Wildlife Sanctuary and cabin maintenance.

Please join us to celebrate Kendra's legacy and KLT's new cabins on Monday, February 25 at The Depot Pub in Gardiner. The episode airs at 9 PM. We hope you can be there to see our work featured on television!

KLT's Upcoming Winter Programs:

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

Saturday, February 9, 2018, 10 am - 12 pm

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.



Brian Kent

Kennebec Land Trust

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Do we have a deal for you? Yes indeed! The Readfield Union Meeting House (RUMH) is having a fund raising dinner at the Weathervane Restaurant on Sunday February 17th from 12:00 noon to 4pm. You can treat your Valentine to a fabulous dinner and at the same time support a local non-profit right here in Readfield. For \$20, tax and gratuity included, you will have a choice of 4 entrees: Baked Haddock, Pork Roast, Beef Tips or a Vegetarian Dish. The meal will include a house salad, roll, coffee or tea, and a homemade dessert. Meals will be available for children under 8 for \$10. If this sounds familiar, the RUMH held this fund raiser in March last year and received rave reviews about the meals. Call the Weathervane - 685-9410 directly to purchase a ticket or call Marianne Perry 695-3531 or Nancy Durgin 685-4481

With the start of the new year, the RUMH Board has restructured some of its standing committees. Fundraising members are John Perry, Marius Peladeau, Nancy Durgin, and Amy Black. On the Events Committee are Jim Tukey, Flo Drake, Bonnie Harris, and Rick Wilson. The Building Committee consists of Jim Tukey, John Perry, Marius Peladeau and Bill Drake. Membership Committee members are Nancy Durgin, Joan Wiebe, Rick Wilson, Amy Black.

A new Ad Hoc Summer Series Committee has been hard at work finalizing music, lectures, social, and childrens events that will run from June 4th through August 27th. Members of this group are Jim and Linda Tukey, John and Marianne Perry, Bonnie Harris, Rick Wilson, Cricket Blouin, Nancy Durgin and Dennis Price.

Grant writing efforts continue as we are always looking for sources of money for your Readfield historic meeting house. Call our President Jim Tukey at 215-5180 if you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who might like to help. Projects that are listed for 2019 in our 5 Year Plan are 2 phases of ceiling restoration, exterior repairs (eaves, attic window, trim, & masonry) drainage on north side of building, and architectural/engineering study for tower restoration. Obtaining grants will play an important part to project completions.

A reminder that 2019 membership dues should be sent to RUMH – Membership, PO Box 451 Readfield ME 04355. Thank you to all who have already done this. If you need to check on whether you are up to date, call Nancy at 685-4481 or email her at durgie@roadrunner.com.

Hope to see you on 2/17/19 at the Weathervane. Again- a great opportunity for a Valentine dinner for the whole family.



Readfield United Methodist Church

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME



Phone number: 207-685-4211

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Website: readfieldchurch.org

Visit our website or email the office for more information about all events.

Free Community Supper

February 16th 5-6 PM

Soups, chowders, chili, breads and desserts

All donations from this supper will go to fuel assistance

Coats, hats, mittens available free for anyone.

Worship with us!

Everyone is Welcome to join us. Come as you are.

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Nursery provided.

Sunday School classes for Kindergarden-12th grade

The church is handicap accessible

RSU 38 MARANACOOK ADULT ED NEWS

Lots of new classes starting soon!!
HiSET/Diploma Classes Ongoing Year-round

Class Name	Start Date
Soap Making with Essential Oils	2/5/2019
Intermediate Water Color	2/18/2019
Traditional Goju Ryu Karate	3/4/2019
AED/CPR and First Aid: American Heart Association	3/4/2019
Cooking with Essential Oils	3/5/2019
First Aid	3/5/2019
Acrylic Pouring-Beginners Art	3/5/2019
Reiki Level One	3/6/2019
Upholstery Basics	3/7/2019
Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's	3/7/2019
Travel Series: Around the Country in 49 Days	3/7/2019
Tree of Life: Gem Tree	3/7/2019
Ceramics: Beginning/ Intermediate	3/7/2019
Beginner Beekeeping	3/9/2019

To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:

<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>

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

PLAYGROUP PLANS VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

Toddlers and preschoolers will make Valentines when the Readfield Playgroup meets at the Readfield Community Library Thursday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. The group meets there the first Thursday of the month. Books and snack are also heart and friendship-themed said Pat Clark, Story time reader. All children five and under and their caregivers are invited to attend at the library or at Readfield Elementary where the group meets the other Thursdays that are not holidays.

Also scheduled in February is the Library Book Club on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Members will discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn, an innovative and suspenseful tale describing the true story of female spies during World War I. The Alice Network, the real name of the all-woman spies in occupied France, integrates history with mystery as two women search for someone lost in France during World War II.



February 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Town Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday: 8:30-4:30 Wednesday: 12:00-6:00, CLOSED Thursdays, Friday: 7:30-3:30</p> <p>Transfer Station Hours: CLOSED Sunday and Monday Tuesday & Wednesday 11:00-6:00, Thursday-Commercial Haulers Friday 11:00-6:00 and Saturday 8:00-4:00</p>				<p>31 Dog Late Fees of \$25 per dog start Feb. 1st!</p> 	<p>1 Assessor In!</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:30 Select Brd. Mtg.</p> 	<p>5 6:30 Conser- vation Mtg.</p> 	<p>6 6:30 Library Brd. 5:30 SWRC-in Wayne</p>  	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12-Golden Guys & Gals 6:30 Budget Com. Mtg.</p> 	<p>13 9-Age Friendly 6:30 Plan. Brd.</p>  	<p>14 6-Road Com</p>  	<p>15 Assessor In!</p> 	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 Town Closed for:</p> 	<p>19 6:30 Select Brd. Mtg.</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Union Mtg. House</p> 	<p>22 Automatic Foreclosure on 2016 un- paid taxes.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Messenger Articles due for March's addition.</p>	<p>26 6:30 Trails Com.</p> 	<p>27 6:30 Plan. Brd.</p>  <p>2nd Half of Taxes Due</p>	<p>28 6:30 Select and Budget Com. Mtg.</p>  		



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THE TOWN IS SEEKING VOLUNTEER MEMBERS FOR:

- Cobbossee Watershed Dist: 1 Rep. (2019) & 1 Alt. Rep. (2021)
- Cemetery Committee: 1 Member (2021)
- Conservation Commission: 1 member (2021) & 1 Alt. member (2019)
- Heritage Day Committee Members: Multi members needed for the 2019 year
- Local School Board: 1 member (2019), 1 member (2020) & 1 member (2021)
- Planning Board: two Alt. members (2019 & 2023)
- Readfield Enterprise Committee: 1 CPA or financial specialist (2021)
- Road Committee: 1 member (2019)
- Trails Committee: 1 member for each year (2019, 2020, 2021) 1 Alt. (2020)

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please complete the Appointment Application on our Web Site, www.readfieldmaine.org, or stop by the Town Office and make it out there.