

Readfield Messenger

Town of Readfield : www.readfield.govoffice.com

The lead story is ELECTIONS of course!



Special Holiday Hours for the Transfer Station and Town Office:

- November 11th-CLOSED for Veteran's Day
- November 23rd-special hours 8:30-12.
- November 24th & 25th CLOSED

- ◇ 464 Absentee Ballots issued as of today, 10/28 , with 310 re-turned. Absentees are due back by 8pm on Election Day (11/08).
- ◇ Last day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, November 3rd. That is a closed day for the office but someone will be here to conduct absentee voting if you can't get here before 11/3.
- ◇ Polls will be open 8am to 8pm
- ◇ Second floor of the Town Office building, ASA Gile Hall.

While at the polls

Don't forget

1.) Take a tag from the Giving Tree during the Election & at the Town Office after the election. Return all unwrapped gifts by December 16th.

2.) Bring a dry good for the food bank to help out with the Thanksgiving baskets.

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SPECIAL VETERANS' DAY EVENT

Readfield History Walk #38

Friends, Family, One and All are Welcome!
Help Honor our Veterans, who are encouraged
to attend all or any part of this event!!

Friday, November 11th 10am-12noon

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| 10am | Meet at Readfield Corner Cemetery |
| 10:00-10:30am | Tour of some Veterans' Graves |
| 10:30 ** | Walk Church Rd. & Main St. to Gile Hall |
| 11-11:15am | Tribute to Veterans at Gile Hall |
| 11:15-12noon | Soup & Bread luncheon at Gile Hall
Provided by Torsey Church (RUMC) |

Parking is available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot on Church Road.
From there walk to the Cemetery Trail or along Church Road to the
Readfield Corner Cemetery to gather by ***no later than 10am***. Drivers will be
available to chauffeur walkers back to the Old Fairgrounds parking lot from
Gile Hall if desired.

***** Those who do not wish to walk are welcome to drive to Gile Hall***



MCHS & KHS Students Volunteer for Readfield Trails and Conservation Commission by Greg Durgin

On September 21, 2016, Patrick Forgue and his 8 member advisee group participated in Maranacook's annual fall Advisee Day Out by volunteering to help repair and provide upkeep for Readfield's trail system. They hauled wheelbarrows filled with blue stone and upgraded about 200 feet of trail. This was no small feat as the blue stone had to be hauled, unloaded, and then raked to a depth of 4 inches over a 6 ft wide base layer. Thank you to Maranacook's Sara Chisholm, this year's coordinator for Advisee Day Out and to Patrick and his advisees for their generous help.

Maranacook's Advisee Day Out, held every September since 1976, provides the four communities with students from the junior class who support their communities by of-

fering their services to both the RSU # 38 towns and individuals who can use their help. Readfield's Trails Committee and Conservation Commission usually request a group or two to help with town projects. Members of both town groups work side by side with the students and advisor for the day.

In October, Kents Hill School offers groups of students to Readfield for their day of community service. This year Tamara Stockwell coordinated the program. On October 4, 10 students and two of their teachers, Steve Bell and R.J. Jenkins, picked up where the Maranacook students left off hauling the blue stone and continued to improve another 200 feet of trail until the blue stone supply ran out. Many of the KHS students and their staff members were just getting to know one another but their

work ethic and camaraderie were infectious. Great effort and results from both schools. Thank you!

KHS actually does a second day in the spring and last April 21 students and staff along with Conservation Commission members dug a drainage ditch and seeded it in a Fairgrounds field area alongside a trail that had washed out a couple of times in the past. In all three situations with students from both schools, the volunteers' energy and enthusiasm were much appreciated. Our town certainly is fortunate to have the help from both schools. We look forward to their continued support.

There are currently three openings on the Trails Committee. Apply and be part of this energetic group working to make Readfield an enjoyable and healthy place to live.

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Photo caption: Readfield Civil War Veterans at a Memorial Day parade in 1920. Left to right: unknown, unknown, unknown, Zink Kimball, John M. Williams, William Hackett, George Russell, George Armstrong and William Laughton. There are 48 Civil War Veterans buried in Readfield - though not all were living in Readfield at their time of enlistment. Photo courtesy of Joanne Fogg Fournierg and William Laughton.

VETERANS' DAY HISTORY WALK IN READFIELD

Veterans, family, friends, one and all are welcome and encouraged to attend a special Readfield History Walk on November 11th. Participants should gather at Readfield Corner Cemetery on Church Road by 10am where walkers will be guided through part of the cemetery to learn about some of the Veterans buried there. Following this, walkers will follow Church Road and Main Street to Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road, to join in a tribute to Veterans starting at 11:00 a.m. After the tribute a soup and bread luncheon will be provided by Torsey Church (RUMC), starting at 11:15, upstairs at Gile Hall.

Parking is available at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot on Church Road. Those who do not wish to walk to Gile Hall are welcome to drive there. Drivers will be available to chauffeur walkers back to the Old Fairground's parking lot from Gile Hall if desired. Veterans and all others are encouraged to attend all or any part of this event.

This Veterans' Day event is a collaborative effort by members of the Readfield History Walkers, Town of Readfield Select Board, Readfield Heritage Days Committee, Readfield Cemetery Committee and Torsey Memorial Church (RUMC). The objectives of Readfield History Walks are for participants to learn more about the surrounding area - both current and historical - while enjoying the beauty and invigoration of the outdoors. According to where the Walks are held, various organizations, town committees, schools, churches, businesses and homeowners are included in the planning and in leading the tours. In most cases background information and research is provided through written material. FMI visit readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com or email crossings4u@gmail.com.

Select Board's Corner

Dear Neighbors;

Two important messages that you hear from your Select Board are about volunteers serving the town in various capacities. One message is of thanks and appreciation for their service helping to make Readfield the best community it can be. The other message is encouraging citizens to be involved on committees, volunteering at events, and participating in town government.

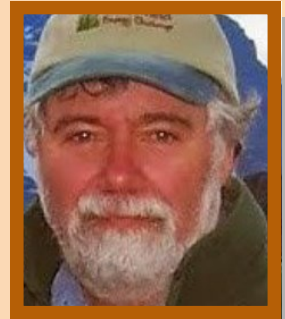
Your town officials have been working hard in preparation of an event that I hope every Readfield voter will take part in: the 2016 election for President, Congress, State and County positions, and Maine ballot referendum questions. Please know your participation is encouraged and appreciated because it is also our town's input into this vital exercise of democracy and representation.

I hope you'll join me in voting and making our turnout a large one. Election Day is also a great opportunity to chat with neighbors, check out the bulletin board and notices at town hall, and even talk to those you recognize as volunteers on various committees about any interest you may have in serving Readfield.

With Appreciation;

Bruce Bourgoine

Select Board Chair



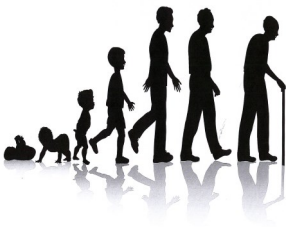
Speaking of volunteers and community service. A big thank you goes out to Dr. Peter Davis for making our Rabies Clinic a big success. Dr. Davis and a staff member vaccinated 66 animals that might not of received their vaccinations if the Town of Readfield didn't hold our Annual Rabies Clinic.

In addition to Dr. Davis and his staff I would also like to thank Kristin Parks, Teresa Shaw, Anna Carll and Kathleen Ross, our Animal Control Officer, for their assistance in the Clinic.

Town of Wayne will be hold a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 8am to 11am at the North Wayne Fire Station. Cost is \$15.00 for each vaccination and it is a "CASH ONLY" clinic. Please bring proof of a prior vaccination to get a three year vaccination.



Age Friendly Committee News



We have had an excellent response to the survey with over 110 persons responding. Should anyone have a survey they need to complete please return it as soon as possible. The deadline has passed but there is still a little time to include a last minute returned survey. We want to hear from as many people as possible.

We have started the analysis of the data. We plan to hold a Community Meeting at the Town Office on November 17 to share the results and to begin a discussion. The meeting will begin at 6:30

Following this meeting we plan to hold focus groups to discuss in depth some of the responses. These focus groups will be held with the Board of the Library, members of the Guys and Gals Club, the Senior Café and with members of the Cemetery Committee. If any community member wants to participate in a focus group, please inform the Clerk at the Town Office. Dates of these meetings will be publicly announced.

Romaine Turyn, Chair



Mount Vernon Food Bank

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is open every Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Betty White at 480-1525, Helen Wilkey at 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh at 293-2308.

PLEASE help by dropping a donation at the voting polls for Thanksgiving Baskets.
Thank You!

Oil and Water

by the Town Manager



Oil and water - two things we can't seem to live without. However, they can both create challenges for our residents.

Getting rid of an old oil tank isn't easy but it can be done at the Readfield and Wayne Transfer Station for FREE! Oil tanks must be empty prior to disposal. To ensure that no oil or sludge remains, whole tanks delivered to the transfer station must have large diameter holes drilled in the bottom. They can also be delivered cut into pieces with any sludge removed. The Transfer Station also accepts used motor and cooking oils at no cost! If you have questions about oil tanks or waste oils please ask at the Transfer Station or call Glen or Mike at 685-3144.

We've had some rain recently but many waterbodies are still low, as is the groundwater table. If you have experienced changes in the quantity or quality of your well water there are many resources available to help:

- Contact 2-1-1 to report a dry well.
- Contact a well driller to discuss your options. You can find licensed drillers through the Maine Well Driller's Commission.
- Look into the Maine State Housing Home Repair Program and the USDA's Single Family Housing Loans and Grants to see if you qualify.
- Call the free wellcare® Hotline at 888-395-1033 Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Emergency General Assistance benefits may be available through the Town of Readfield.

Support is also available for farmers and small business owners affected by the drought conditions. They can access many of the resources listed above as well as the USDA Farm Service Agency's Disaster Assistance Program and SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans. For more information on any of these resources please visit the Town Website or contact me via email at readfield.tmgr@roadrunner.com or at 685-4939.

Thanks and be well,

Eric Dyer, Town Manager



Readfield
9:18 AM

Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL
September

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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	5,706,026.00	200.44	62,580.40	4,782,193.81	923,832.19	83.81
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,875.00	0.00	59.06	16,202.95	13,672.05	54.24
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	19,201.00	2,247.50	640.00	4,175.00	15,026.00	21.74
40 - PROTECTION	5,580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,580.00	0.00
60 - Roads & Drainage	41,435.00	0.00	2,247.50	2,247.50	39,187.50	5.42
70 - SOLID WASTE	183,308.00	14,433.87	30,351.91	46,841.32	136,466.68	25.55
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	21,489.00	0.00	25,711.06	26,522.16	-5,033.16	123.42
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,355.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,355.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	16,881.81	121,589.93	4,878,182.74	1,131,086.26	81.18

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9:17 AM

Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
September

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	473,471.00	28,978.19	1,116.63	102,682.40	370,788.60	21.69
15 - BOARDS & COM	5,360.00	291.31	0.00	428.31	4,931.69	7.99
20 - TOWN BLDG	34,674.00	1,198.08	0.00	4,861.88	29,812.12	14.02
25 - COMM SERVICE	59,621.00	5,077.61	0.00	18,628.95	40,992.05	31.25
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	26,668.00	1,140.96	0.00	6,940.15	19,727.85	26.02
40 - PROTECTION	137,690.00	1,777.21	0.00	21,398.65	116,291.35	15.54
50 - CEMETERIES	31,906.00	4,161.52	0.00	9,411.93	22,494.07	29.50
60 - Rds & Drain	630,085.00	240.14	0.00	34,677.21	595,407.79	5.50
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	140,131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140,131.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE	296,016.00	23,886.72	0.00	65,907.70	230,108.30	22.26
75 - EDUCATION	3,442,351.00	286,862.58	0.00	860,587.78	2,581,763.22	25.00
80 - REGIONAL ORG	316,346.00	0.00	0.00	6,937.33	309,408.67	2.19
85 - DEBT SERVICE	346,302.00	0.00	0.00	278,396.77	67,905.23	80.39
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	63,938.00	750.00	0.00	40,269.00	23,669.00	62.98
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,710.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	354,364.32	1,116.63	1,451,128.06	4,558,140.94	24.15



Readfield Emporium

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

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

2016 Maranacook Youth Basketball League Registration



Grades K-6



Player Name	Town	Grade	Gender	Shirt Size
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL
			M / F	Youth / Adult S – M – L - XL

Cost: \$35.00 first child - \$20.00 second child; \$15 each additional child

Please Make Checks Payable to the TOWN OF READFIELD

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent 1 Email: _____ Parent 2 Email: _____

The success of our program is dependent on our volunteers. Please indicate if you are able to assist as:

Team Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____ Your Shirt Size _____

Please list any medical condition of your child (asthma, allergies, etc.) that must be brought to the coach's attention:

Release of Liability: The undersigned hereby releases and holds the MYBL, it's agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, suits, actions, and damages arising out of, connected with, or resulting from participation in this activity. I understand there are inherent risks and dangers in participation in these types of activities and I accept the responsibility of my child(ren).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please bring this form with your payment to the Manchester Town Office or the Readfield Town Office

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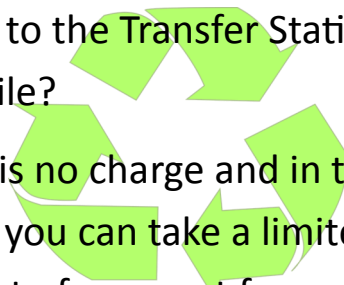
*This is a NON RSU #38 Sponsored Event

COMPOST THOSE LEAVES



Did you know you can bring your leaves to the Transfer Station Compost pile?

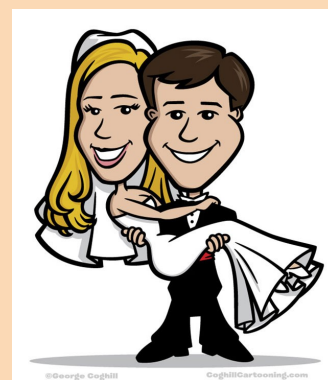
There is no charge and in the spring you can take a limited amount of compost for your gardens.



Union Meeting House Board looking for names of people married at the UMH over the years

We are compiling a list of marriages performed over the years at the Union Meeting House.

If you know of friends or family members that used the Meeting House for that purpose would you please call 685-4481 or email Nancy Durgin at durgie@roadrunner.com



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Library Hours

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

Readfield Community Library

Check out our newest Titles

Looking for something new to read? Then check out our list of acquisitions for October! We have new books by John Grisham, Elin Hilderbrand, Ian McEwan, Jodi Picoult, Nicholas Sparks, David Rosenfeld, Amy Schumacher, Rick Riordan, and Mo Willems. New movies include Independence Day Resurgence and Ice Age 5: Collision Course.

Autumn Author Talk

Join us Wednesday, November 9th at 3PM for a reading and book signing of "How Ladybug Bear Came to Maine." Yarmouth author, Laura Bantly, will share some insights and background that led to the writing of her picture book, written especially for 4 to 9 year olds.

"How Ladybug Bear Came to Maine" is a toy black bear's adventure that is hopeful, frightening, and finally fulfilling, and will resonate with any reader who has ever struggled with being different. Illustrations are beautifully done by Maine artist Thomas Block.

Snow Shoes

Library is looking for donations of modern, good condition snowshoes and ski poles. The donated snowshoes and poles will be available for patrons to check out as they would a book.

We're asking people to take a look in their garages and basements for gently worn snowshoes and ski poles that they'd like to donate. With the town's extensive trail system, we're excited that more Readfield community members will have the chance to enjoy being active during our long Maine winters.

Future Program- The Maine Humanities Council To Return!

The Maine Humanities Council will be returning to do another "Let's Talk About it" book club program in 2017. This time, the program will be "Where Am I? The Individual & the Community." Here's how the website describes the program:

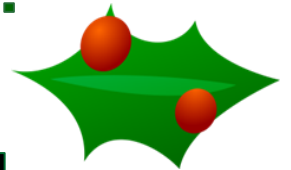
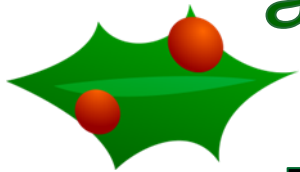
The viewpoints of people on the inside and the outside of communities depicted in these writings — whether in a small Maine town, a prison, Dublin, Newfoundland, Nigeria, or plague-stricken England — can contribute to our understanding of what is fundamental to our nature as human beings.

Time and Dates TBA



Annual Tree Lighting

Help celebrate the season
with holiday songs,
yummy treats,
and our special guest.



Friday December 2nd - 6:30 PM

Bad weather date Sunday December 4th - 4:30 PM

Readfield Community Library front lawn

Refreshments to follow at Town Hall

(Flashlight recommended for short walk)



Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17, Readfield, Me.

**Come join us for a
Breakfast Honoring our Veterans**



Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17, Readfield, Me.

207-685-4211

November 24th 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Home cooked dinner of Turkey & Ham with all the fixings, All day dessert bar,
Board games & cribbage ! Come for dinner or just dessert and games!



Readfield United Methodist Church

Cleaning out your closet?

The United Methodist Women is having a community wide children's shopping day on December 10th from 9-11 am. Children from the age of 5-12 will be able to come do their Christmas Shopping for their family. This is a community event and we need your help. Please take a look around your home and if you might have an item you do not use or have never used please drop them off. Examples would be ties, unused candles, new soaps, jewelry, children's books, toys etc. that might make a little one happy to give to a loved one. We will ask for a \$1.00 donation for an item and all proceeds from these sales will be donated to a children's fund. The office is open from 8:00-12:00 Tuesday –Thursday or you can call us at 685-4211 or email office@readfieldumc.org. Please have the items at the church prior to December 1st.

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Readfield United Methodist Church

Christmas Wreaths will be available before our annual Christmas Fair. The decorated wreaths will be available after November 23rd.

LAFAYETTE MASONIC LODGE IN READFIELD GETS A FACELIFT

By Dale Potter-Clark

In driving through Readfield Corner these days one cannot help but notice a change taking place. The green exterior of the “Masonic block” has disappeared and is being replaced by new gray siding. “I do not recall it being any other color but green” said Evelyn Adell Potter, 86, lifetime resident and Readfield Historian. A surprise discovery was made when it was removed - the original brown clapboards, added in 1921 when the building was constructed, are still in place. Ed Dodge of Readfield, Mason and treasurer for 50+ years, said “They don’t look too bad but maintenance of the wooden clapboards would create too much labor and expense.” He and the lodge secretary John Lord both shared that Readfield Masons are able to install the new siding, and they’ve also repaired the roof, because of a bequest from Readfield native Thomas Adell, who died in February of 2013. He was a member of the lodge for more than 50 years and the Post Master at Readfield Corner Post Office for nearly 30 years, which is located on the first floor of the building. “He loved the Masons and did a lot for them through the years” said Potter, his niece.

The Masons have existed in Readfield for 190 years but, as a “secret society”, their ceremonies and the services they provide have been conducted more discreetly than this building project. In 1909 a comprehensive history of their Lafayette Lodge No. 48 was compiled. The book gives details of various members including support extended to some Masons in need, their surviving widows and children and community events. For instance, when they found one fellow Mason’s widow was “feeble in health and destitute of funds...” not only did they help her at that moment but they supported her for the following twenty-six years.

The first record of the Mason’s presence in this town was in 1817 when Temple Lodge in Winthrop invited some Readfield men to join them. Over the next few years ten men joined the Winthrop group and in 1825 they petitioned for their own charter. Purportedly they chose “Lafayette Lodge” as the name because of the Marquis de Lafayette’s visit to Maine that same year. The charter was granted on January 13, 1826 and the first three meetings were held in homes at Readfield Corner. Almost immediately arrangements were made to construct a hall on the second floor of a store on the north side of Main Street. Concurrently the new lodge members made plans to lay a cornerstone for the Union Meeting House (UMH) and help with its construction. Many of the UMH founders were also Masons and over the years they held a number of events and ceremonies there.

Meetings were held regularly until the “Dark Days of Masonry” - a national movement against the Masons that arose following a scandal in New York. Meetings ceased in Readfield from 1832 until September of 1849 when a few members came back together after seventeen years of silence. The revived order leased the second floor of a building on the south side of Main Street; steady growth ensued to eventually reach an active membership of 156, according to Lord. Lafayette Lodge expanded their space to include the third floor and in 1917 they purchased the entire building.

On June 11, 1921 lightning struck a kerosene barrel in the store adjacent to the Masonic Lodge. With that, a fire started that destroyed most of the buildings at Readfield Corner. According to an account by the late Roy Giles, he and another Mason were able to save an armful of record books, papers and the secretary’s desk from the Masonic Lodge but all other contents were destroyed. The Masons rebuilt on the original foundation but plans for a larger structure required additional land so an adjoining lot was purchased. Three months after the fire a ceremonial setting of the cornerstone was held. They took out a mortgage to rebuild which was not discharged until 1969 when, interestingly enough, Thomas Adell was Master of the lodge.

LAFAYETTE MASONIC LODGE IN READFIELD GETS A FACELIFT CONT.

In 1974 the Masons bought property on the east side of the Masonic Hall, tore down the deteriorating house and turned the vacant lot into a parking area. The Lafayette Lodge has rented their first floor to several entities since 1921 including merchants, insurance agents, a radio and TV repairman, beauticians, gift shops, bakeries, the Readfield Telephone and Telegraph Company and, since 1963, the U.S. Post Office. Lodge membership has dwindled to sixty-five, according to Lord, but dedicated members continue to meet on a regular basis. The Temple Masonic Lodge and Abenaki Eastern Star from Winthrop meet at Lafayette Lodge now as well.

Thanks to Adell's bequest roof repairs have been completed and the installation of new siding is well underway. "This is an expensive project" said Dodge. "Adell's bequest gave an excellent kick-start but we do need to raise more funds to completely finance the job." Dodge explained that a longtime member has pledged \$20,000 if Lafayette Lodge can raise an equal amount. Letters have gone out to members and contributions have come in from some of them. Several townspeople and family members of Masons have given as well. "We appreciate any help people are willing to give towards reaching the \$20,000 match. The results of these efforts will last through our lifetimes and we hope for a long time into the future." Contributions can be sent to Lafayette Building Corp. PO Box 243 Readfield, ME 04355. Those with interest in joining the Masons can contact any member they know, or can call John Lord at 685-4266.

As for future projects, Lord and Dodge shared that Lafayette Lodge #48 wants to meld the past with the present by establishing an area of recognition and memoriam inside the Masonic Lodge. "Family members sometimes contact us to offer memorabilia from Readfield Masons who have passed" said Dodge. We would like to create a place of honor and remembrance for them."

Dale Potter-Clark is a local author, founding member and consultant for Readfield Historical Society and organizes "Readfield History Walks". FMI readfieldmaine.blogspot.com



Above: In 1969 members of the Lafayette Masonic Lodge paid off their 48 year old mortgage and held a ceremonial burning of it. Pictured left to right: Royal Cleaves, Melvin Prescott, the Master Thomas Adell, Lee Gordon, Roy Giles, and the treasurer Edward Dodge.



Above: The Masonic Hall prior to the fire of Jun 11, 1921 when nearly every building at Readfield Corner was destroyed.

Below: New siding is being installed at Lafayette Masonic Lodge #48 in Readfield thanks to a bequest from Thomas Adell.



Left: The laying of the cornerstone ceremony in September 1921 after a devastating fire at Readfield Corner.



Work underway at Union Meeting House

Local folks have noted a trailer the UMH in the last couple of weeks. The crew from Maine Barn Co., the contractor hired to replace the floor undercarriage, has arrived and begun the preliminary steps necessary to do this major project. Phase I will focus on the narthex, the front third of the building that contains the entrances, stairways, closet, choir and the steeple. The entire front of the building within the brick walls must be jacked up so as to insert new beams and joists to halt further settling of the building's floor. (Phase II in 2017 will attack problems in the flooring substructure under the sanctuary.)

The specs and working drawings drawn up by Preservation Timber Framing of Berwick put great emphasis on proceeding in a manner that does not damage the interior plaster walls with the famous Charles Schumacher murals. The work will be slow and methodical so as to respect the historical value and importance of the murals. Phase I is being funded with grants from the Davis Family Foundation and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, together with monies the UMH has saved through the years.

Phase II poses a different challenge. Sufficient funds are not on hand at this time to proceed and funds are now being actively sought. A hard-working fund-raising committee within the Board has developed a pledge campaign seeking the involvement of Readfield citizens and other friends of the Meeting House. This is an ambitious move and more will be forthcoming in upcoming *Messenger* columns. In brief, however, the UMH is merely trying to involve the town's citizens in preserving the town's most famous landmark.

From the fund-raising committee comes this report: It has fashioned a packet of material for the purpose of attracting donors and/board members. Help outside the Readfield area was graciously provided by the following people. Don Shook of FinePoint Communications in Las Vegas, a public relations man, who donated his time and expertise to edit the text, and Kurt Breeding, a software specialist from Kansas City, Mo, who donated his time and talent to arrange the photographs and fit them into the text. The materials will be used as members of the UMH Board speak with potential donors about helping the restoration efforts, and with potential board members about joining the team.

Readfield Historical Society Notes by Bob Harris, Acting President

On October 12th at the Readfield Historical Society fall meeting, our “Fearless Leader” Flo Drake retired. The growth and success of RHS over the past 13 years has been due to her dedication and commitment. Flo was instrumental in starting our wonderful museum.

The Historical Society presented Flo with a plaque and an LL Bean gift certificate in appreciation of her service. We will all appreciate her even more when we try to fill the void she will leave.

RHS would also like to thank Flo’s husband Bill Drake who has been a silent but very active member. No matter what needed to be done, Bill was always there to help. We wish you both a happy, healthy and warm winter in Williamsburg.

We have added some new board members this fall. I will be acting president until our annual meeting which will take place In March next year. Our board now includes Dale Potter-Clark, Doreen Crocker, Nicole Danielson, Jeanne Harris, Mary Jernigan, and Andy Tolman. We are excited to have Dale Potter-Clark, our local historian, back on the board. We look forward to working together to continue the growth and success of RHS.

We put the museum to sleep for the winter on October 18th. Bill and I shut off the water and drained the pipes. Flo, Mary and Jeanne put the Fogg album collection in the vault along with the dress collection that is stored in acid free boxes. The quilts were stored as well as anything mice might find interesting if they decide to visit this winter. We set our new security system and closed the building for the winter.

If you would like to contact me for any information, my phone number is 377-2299. Until next time, take care and stay safe.



RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News

Lots of new classes starting in November/December!!

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round






Class Name	Start Date
Driver's Ed	11/7/2016
Advanced Dog Obedience	11/1/2016
Fly Tying, Intermediate	11/3/2016
My Money 101	11/8/2016
Legal Dos and Don'ts for People over 65	11/8/2016
Great Singer Songwriters	11/10/2016
OSHA Construction	11/10/2016
ServSafe Food Certification	11/11/2016
Divination Techniques - Intro	11/15/2016
Planning/Paying for Elder Care	11/15/2016
Make Natural Healthy Soda	11/17/2016
Divination Techniques Course	11/22/2016
CDL Class B Career Night	12/1/2016
Weight Loss Workshop	12/1/2016
Meet the Unuversal Guides	12/6/2016
Snowmobile Safety Class	12/6/2016
Understanding Karma	12/13/2016
Hi-SET Info Night	12/12/2016

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

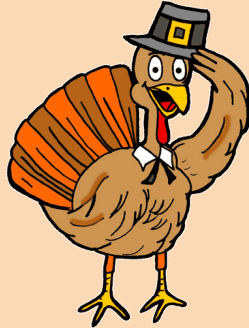
November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Town Off:	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	12-6PM	CLOSED	7:30-3:30	CLOSED
30	31 	1	2 5pm-SWRC 6:30 RSU#38 6:45 Library 7:00 Blizzard Busters	3 6:00-Select Brd. on CIP	4	5
6	7	8 8am-8pm VOTE TODAY 	9 6:30 Planning Brd	10	11 Veterans Day  Town Office and Transfer Station is Closed!!!!	12
13	14 6:30-Select Brd.	15 6:30-Conservation	16	17 Age Friendly Community Mtg. at 5:30pm RSU#38 6:45	18	19
20	21	22	23 Town Off. & Transfer Station Special Hours: 8:30-12 noon.	24 Happy Thanksgiving  Town Office and Transfer Station is Closed!!!!	25 Sorry We're Closed  Town Office and Transfer Station is Closed!!!!	26
27	28 6:30-Select Brd.	29	30	Dec 1	2	3

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

Appeals Board: 1 member (2017)

Age Friendly Adhoc Committee: 1 member (1 year)

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

Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. member (2019), 1 member (2017)

Heritage Days Committee members: Looking for any volunteers

Library Building Committee: 1 resident building contractor

Local School Board 10/14: 1 member (2018), 1 member (2019)

Planning Board: 3 alt. members (2017)(2018)(2019)

Readfield Enterprise Committee 10/18: 1 Select Board Member, 1 CPA or finance specialist, 1 attorney of legal professional, 1 Readfield Resident

Recreation Committee: 1 member (2019)

Road Committee: 1 member (2018)

Trails Committee: 2 members (2019), 1 Alt. (2017)

30 Mile River Board 10/14: 1 resident appointed yearly

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.