



# Readfield Messenger

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## CITIZEN AWARDS



Above: Mr. Raymond Siegler receives the Boston Post Cane as the oldest citizen of Readfield born 12-06-1919.

Left: Val Pomerleau, Chair of the Select Board awards Dale Potter Clark a Spirit of America Award.

Below: Ann and Gary Keilty receive the Un-sung Hero, Spirit of America Awards from Select person Christine Sammons.



Below: Select Board member Tom Dunham awards Joan Wiebe with a Spirit of America award.



Left: William Hewett receives a Spirit of America Award from Readfield's Select Person Bruce Bourgoine.



Right: Select Person Allen Curtis award Hannah Flannery the Spirit of America Award on behalf of the Town of Readfield.

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## Maine County Emergency Management Agencies donate tree to Town of Readfield

On Tuesday, May 10, a small group of people, consisting of Sean Goodwin, Director of Kennebec County Emergency Management Agency, Nick Richardson and Marianne Perry, met at the Readfield Community Park (located behind the Library) to plant a lovely flowering pear tree given to Readfield resident, Lynette Miller. The tree is a living tribute to her many years of service to the agency and to the people of Maine. (The gift to her was generated by each of the 16 County Emergency Management Agencies.) Along with the ornamental tree, a concrete bench was also given in her name. This was placed in front of the tree.

The Town of Readfield is most appreciative to be chosen as the site for placement of this "Living Memorial." We are proud of Lynette's contribution to the welfare of our state!



**Caution:** Some or all of the Readfield Town Forest/Jones Brook trails are closed during bird nesting season From April through July, Check the posting at the entrances or call KLT.



Can't think of a more perfect way to start off work projects for Readfield Trails 2016 then we had on April 28, with 21 students and staff from Kent's Hill School. With the usual high student enthusiasm in the air, the very labor intensive project was still a lot of fun. Joining the stu-

dents were 8 members of the Trails and Conservation teams - A good start to challenge last year's record of 600 man hours of volunteer labor.





## Trails Committee Continued

I always like to begin the day with a big thanks to the students and staff. Over the 10 seasons of RTC, we have had more than 1000 combined hours of student help from MCS and KHS. The work hours of these students have helped Readfield Trails financially when receiving trail grants because their labor was included as the in-kind contribution from the community. Trail member and retired MCS teacher Greg Durgin also thanked the students and told them this is the face of volunteerism in America. Ordinary people, offering to help out. Greg wished them well and hoped this Readfield experience would encourage them to participate as volunteers wherever they may find themselves in the future.

The reason the project, 8 feet x 180 took 119 man hours was that the sod had to be hand dug in 12 inch squares and placed from the work site while the banks were tapered at a less severe pitch. Special erosion control matting was then placed down with a couple hundred of 1x4 inch staples to hold it all in place. After the matting was down the team then reset the sod. For all the students this was their first actual hands on experience doing this kind of environmental work.

For those of you that have been on the trails after Tuesday, May 17 you would have seen some evidence of fresh activity on the upper trails. The reason for the work is thanks to Readfield residents who have expressed their appreciation of the trails being dry very rapidly after the worst of rain storms.

This spring we noticed the low spots that were puddling and they have been fixed. We also took out the pitch on the section of the trail from the backstop to the triangle corner. This work will make this section much more user friendly.

Speaking of user friendly. Peter Morelli AARP Portland wrote in the K.J. last week under the title HELPING MAKE MAINE FRIENDLY FOR ALL AGES wrote, "Here in Maine, we are dedicated to advancing well-designed livable communities to promote health" the response from trail users is this is what we have accomplished with our network of Readfield trails. A survey in Topsham that was reported in the Coastal Forecaster revealed that "affordable senior housing, as well as improved trail and sidewalk conditions, was frequently mentioned". In case you have not heard Readfield is forming a committee of volunteers to look in to the - Graying of Readfield- If you would like to participate contact the town office.

Adding to Readfield's trail experience, Have you checked out the wonderful job the two Lenny's did with the landscaping at the Talbot farm that is across from the town beach and Weathervane restaurant? Along the sidewalk is extensive planting of blueberry bushes and lilac trees in front of both hard wood and pine trees. This quality work will be getting many photos from trail users doing the woods and sidewalk loop. Many thanks to the owners.

This wonderful addition to our town is why it is said – TRAILS – BUILDING COMMUNITY A STEP AT A TIME.

Gary Keilty

Readfield Trails Chairmen

### *Readfield Emporium*

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eat in & take out, wine & beer

Fall and Winter

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## Citizens Awards from the front page



On Friday, May 20th, Readfield celebrated their Town volunteers. Light refreshments were served along with awarding citizen placques for the following:

**Raymond Siegler** received the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen in Readfield.

Origin of the Cane: On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns\* (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it.

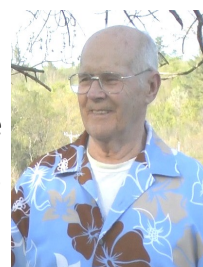
Over time women were also included in the oldest citizen count and presented with the cane. Most towns hold on to the cane and display it in their offices in order to keep them in town.

**Hannah Flannery** received a Spirit of America award for her service to the children and community of Readfield through the recreation program, generosity of charity events and for stepping up as a volunteer when needed.



**Dale Potter Clark** received a Spirit of America award for sharing of the Town history with everyone through classes, signs and History Walks.

**William Hewett** received a Spirit of America award for his years of service as a Little League Coach teaching children of our community much more than baseball.



**Joan Weibe** received a Spirit of America award for her work with the Union Meeting House and its restoration and all the while spreading sunshine!

**Ann and Gary Keilty** received a Spirit of America—Unsung Hero Award for their years of service to the Town's committees and boards as well as churches, food banks, non-profit organizations.



### Volunteer Awards

*It came as a surprise that we were reciprocates of the 2016 Spirit Of America Award. We'd like to give a special thanks to Jeanne and Bob Harris, Lydia Adelson and Greg Durgin who nominated us. Having Chris Sammons, who tirelessly worked with us a member of the Trail Committee, present our plaques was especially appreciated.*

*When we moved here in 1973, we were immediately encouraged by community board members to become involved. We have received continual inspiration over the years from all Readfield residents who themselves have given so much to the town. .*

*Gary and Ann Keilty*





## Select Board Corner by Val Pomerleau

First I would like to clarify that my last article was intended to point out the impact the school budget has had on Readfield's taxes not the school budget itself. From 2010 to 2017 Readfield's portion of the school funding increased an average of 6.5% each year. Over the past 3 years the increase has slowed to an annual average of 3.3%, which translates to an average increase of over \$100,000 each year. This year the school budget represents 75% of our taxes – 75%! Our town is projected to be responsible for \$3,428,408. As I stated in my last article – cuts in state funding and revenue sharing are contributing factors in the rising cost of education and it doesn't look like that will be changing anytime soon. We really need to think outside the box on school funding. We are continually trying to find new ways to lessen the burden on the taxpayers in regards to our municipal budget which is under 20% of our taxes and has remained relatively flat over the past eight years despite cuts in revenue sharing.

Second I would like to say we had a great turn out for volunteer appreciation night, the weather was fantastic, conversations flowed, everyone enjoyed the food and the black flies were thankfully feasting elsewhere. Thank you all again for your volunteerism – without you Readfield would not be the wonderful town that it is.

Last – thank you for the last 3 years. It has been interesting experience and I have learned a lot. There will always be some people that will support you whether they agree with you or not, others that will threaten to recall you because they can't agree to disagree with you and still others that will continually send emails or print articles that are filled with assumptions and half-truths of how you are destroying the town. I definitely made my share of mistakes along the way and would probably do some things differently if I could do them over again. I have also gained a lot more empathy for municipal officials and employees, as well as, board and committee members.

We have a Town Manager and employees that are working hard to complete long overdue projects, keeping better records and trying very hard to do what is in the best interest of the Town of Readfield. Please treat everyone with respect whether you agree with them or not. Please deal with facts not assumptions. And if you do have questions or concerns, please ask them and address them in a respectful manner.

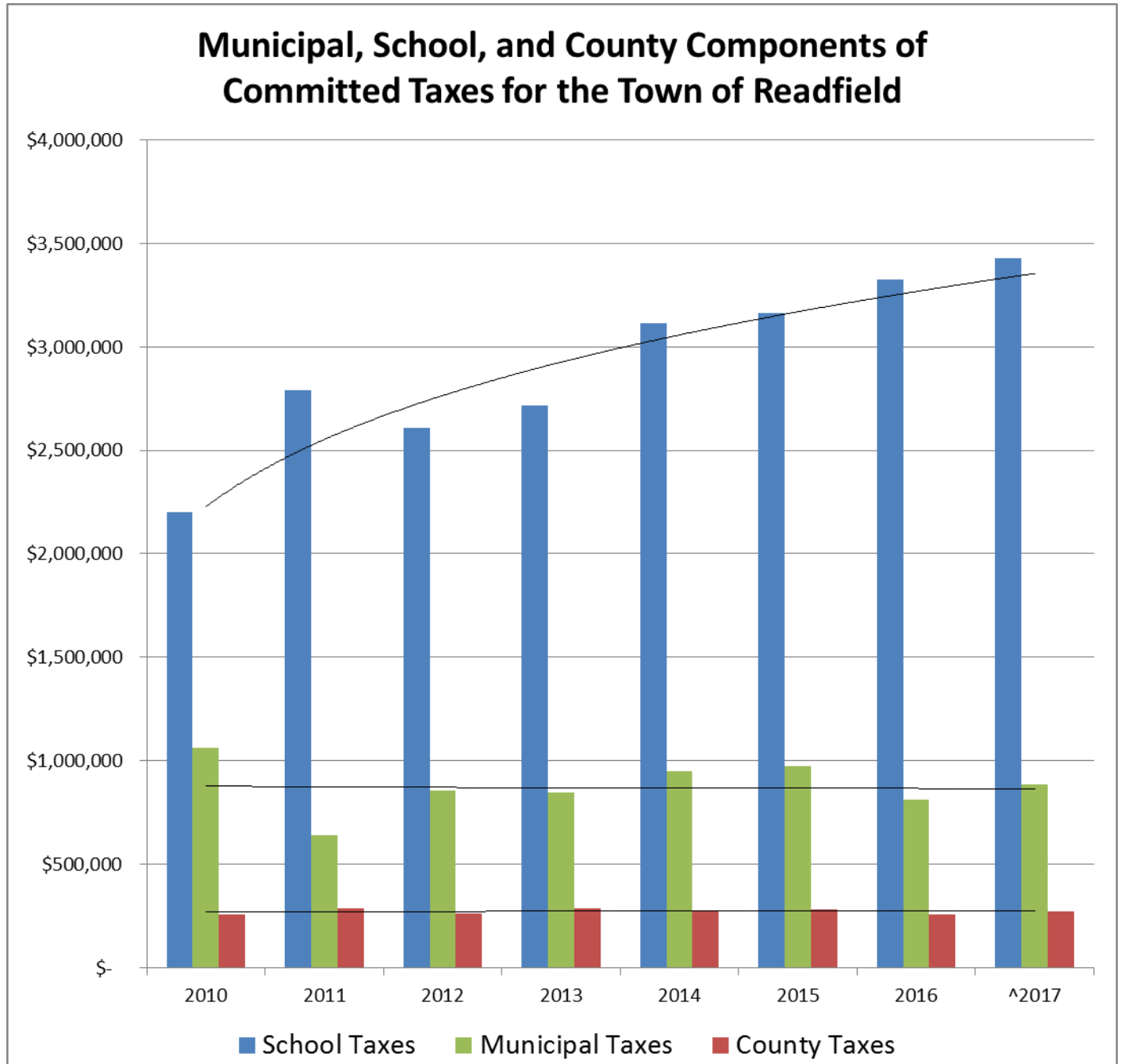


### Mount Vernon Food Bank

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.



## I'm a Readfield resident, why do I have to pay to use the Town Beach?

In September of 1988 the Town of Readfield acquired the land known as the Readfield Beach. The Town of Readfield agreed that they would continue to charge user fees to the patrons of the Beach. This revenue would be used to pay the cost of maintaining the property as well as servicing the equipment and structures. The Beach is not supported by your tax dollars.

If you are a resident and would like to use the Beach but can't afford the user fee of \$40.00 please contact Tom Donegan at 215-5358.



## [Readfield Community Library](#)

### [Check out our newest Titles](#)

The majority of our April book order has arrived. We have new titles by Nora Roberts, Richard Russo, Laura Lippman, James Patterson, Rick Riordan, and Gene Luen Yang. Our new movies include Star Wars: The Force Awakens, and The Revenant. The full list can be found on our webpage.

### [Surplus Sale of furniture ETC.](#)

Would you like to own one of 27 items the library is preparing to sell? Details on how to view and bid on one or more of these items will be posted on the library's web page by mid June.



### [Summer Reading Program](#)

Open to all children; please join us at the library for sign up night on June 15, 2016 at 6:30. There will be children's activities and ice cream in the Readfield Community Park (behind the library) Sign up continues anytime during the library's summer operating hours.

### [Highlights from the Library Board of Trustees](#)

- May 11, 2016 Board Meeting
- The first meeting of the Maine Humanities Book Group was well attended, 13 participants. We had an interesting discussion with an experienced moderator to lead it.
- The quilt raffle continues. The Longfellow's Greenhouse sales increased overall sales by three times.
- Chickadee and MSBA award books are now available. The Kennebec Valley award books will be available soon.
- The Board approved purchasing books to complete several popular series.
- The Board discussed and approved the changes, revisions and additions to the Library Policy Document including the CIPA compliant internet safety policy.
- Sale of surplus items on the second floor of the Library will be held over a two month time period with a silent auction style of bidding. Items to be sold will be listed on the Library's website starting sometime in June. Viewing and bidding will be by appointment during the Library's regular operating hours.
- Summer Reading kickoff June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting June 1, 2016 at the RCL





## Union Meeting House

*Picture to the right: A few weeks ago the students from Kents Hill school came down to the Union Meeting House during their Community Service Day to help rake the accumulated fall leaves and to undertake some spring cleaning inside the sanctuary. Thanks to all of you. We appreciate*



A long awaited step forward in the restoration of the Union Meeting Houser will hopefully begin in early June with the announcement of the successful contractor to completely rebuild the undercarriage of the sanctuary floor. Potential bidders were notified in early May that the specs and engineering drawings were available. A pre-bid meeting was held in mid-May with all those who indicated an interest in doing the work.

The Board's Bid Evaluation Committee met at the end of May and will present its report as to which bid was the best to the full Board about the time this issue of the *Messenger* appears. Preservation Timber Framing of Berwick, specialists in the restoration of historic buildings, was commissioned by the Board to draw up the specs and drawings. Working on site to oversee the work once it gets underway will be Doug Riley of Readfield, a most qualified engineer. Both Riley and PTF have worked with the UMH in successfully the past. The Bid Evaluation Committee consists of Board President Marius B. Péladeau, Treasurer John Perry, Jim Tukey and Riley, as well as Arron Sturgis of TPF, *ex officio*.

The UMH was built in 1828. In the intervening 188 years dampness has rotted beyond repair the beams that support the floor, walls and pews. Twenty-five years ago attempts were made to repair some of the timbers but these have also deteriorated in the years since. A couple of years ago the Fire Chief recommended the capacity of the sanctuary be cut back so as to take some load off the floor. Matters have progressed to the stage where the Board can wait no longer and it has committed itself to this project to make the building safe.

Some financial support has been received in the form of a grant from the Davis Family Foundation but much more financial aid needs to be raised. The UMH is moving forward hopeful that the community and friends of this historic landmark will step up and lend their monetary assistance. Because o the historic nature of the building the pews could not be removed so the project could be attacked from above. Since it is the beams under the floor that have to be removed and then replaced, it made more sense to attack the problem from underneath the floor. This will make the work more difficult but, according to PTF, make it more efficient. To remove the old rotted beams a new, temporary support frame will have to be built in the basement so as to raise the floor very slightly so that the old beams can be removed out the back window. When this is completed it will be possible to insert the new, pressure treated beams on new level pads. The last step will be to remove the temporary supports and allow the floor to return to level on the new beams.

This work will probably take most of the summer. In the fall a new plastic membrane will be installed to keep dampness from rising and damaging the new substructure. The final step will be the design and installation of a system that keeps the air circulating and removes humidity from the basement. While work is being done in the basement a totally inadequate electrical system will be upgraded so that when groups come to speak or play music at the UMH they will not be continually tripping the fuses in the circuit box.. Because of financial restraints these last two items will probably be put over to 2017.

Can you give us your support? The Board would welcome all donations to make up the gap between the grant and the total cost.







## Allen Curtis

### Running for 1 of two Select Board

Citizens of The Town of Readfield

I have served on several committees and boards in the Town of Readfield over the years, I have been Assistant Scout Master, Cub Scout Leader, budget committee, board of appeals, Readfield Enterprise Fund committee to name a few. I am currently a member of the Town's Select Board. I have been assigned by the board duties including Chief Union Negotiator, Assessors Board Chair. I provided a return on Investment analysis for the scale project at the Transfer station. My term is coming to its completion on June 30, 2016. After many "Never Again" statement's I reconsidered and decided to ask the citizens to allow me to serve them for a second term. I believe the strides that the board has accomplished over my term will speak to my success as a board member and how I will serve if re-elected. Thank you for your time. I am

asking for your vote which will indicate your support allowing me to have the privilege of working for all of the Citizens of the Town of Readfield.

I would like to introduce myself as a candidate for the Town's Select Board. I am a long time resident of the town of Readfield. My family moved here in 1979. My wife and I raised our family in this community, enjoying the wonderful community life of this small town. My children graduated from our school system, one is a Nurse and the other is an Operations Manager in the Shipping Industry. My wife and I are retired, she taught for 32 most of them at Winthrop School Department. We are currently supporting our Daughter and her two children who are attending Readfield Elementary School, as she works as a Nurse in the Home Health Care Industry.

I have a Degree in Electronic Education from the University of Delaware State, and a Master of Business Administration from Thomas University in Waterville. I spent 13 years of active military duty and active military reserve duty in the

United States Air Force and traveled all over the World from Bangor (Dow AFB) to several assignments in South East Asia during an unsettled time on our countries history. I worked for the Civil Service Commission for 13 years in Delaware. Upon our return to Maine, I took a job at Digital Equipment Corp in Augusta. I was a Supervisor, managing the companies returns and repair facilities in Maine. I stayed a Digital Equipment employee until the company dissolved its operations in Maine. At that time, I took a job as Technology Director for a large School District here in Central Maine. As the pattern seems to indicate I retired from Technology Directors position after 13 years of service. After my retirement I started a business providing E-Rate Technology support for School Districts in New England. The Business grew for 1 District to over 50 Districts today. We have provided several of Millions of Dollars to schools in New England over the 9 years of or companies operations.

Respectfully Submitted

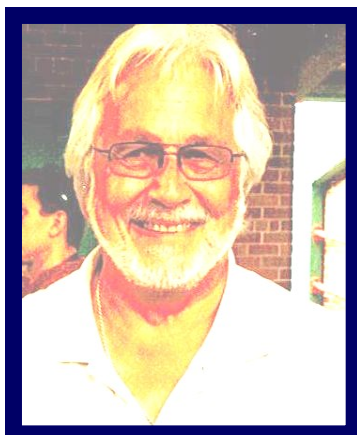
Allen J. Curtis





## John Parent

Running for 1 of two seats on the Select Board



**Dear Voter;**

The responsibility of serving all our citizens and you on Readfield's Select Board is one I will take very seriously. I believe I bring the right mix of experience and dedication to our town to do a job worthy of your support. Your vote is an expression of trust and if that trust is placed with me, I will do my very best to honor it. Please consider casting your vote for me on June 14 for Select Board at our Town Hall or by absentee ballot. Thanks!

***John Parent***



## Sandra Rourke

Running for 1 of two seats on the Select Board

**A COMMON SENSE APPROACH—FOR A CHANGE!!**

Grew up in Neighboring Winthrop,

Moved to Readfield in 1979

Managed the Elliot Homestead since 1979

Collaborated in Youth Athletics thru Readfield Rec Sports (Softball etc.)

- **Assisted with Readfield Bi-Centennial Celebration**

1. Served on Committee
2. Cooked baked goods for bake sale

- **Assisted with Readfield Heritage Days**

- **In 2003-2004 Assisted in development of nearly self-sustaining Heritage Days tradition!**
- **Leader in 4H for 14 years.**
- **Was Warden during voting.**
- **Served on Readfield Board of Selectman 2-004—2006.**

1. Major accomplishments as Select Board Member

A. Kept mil rate down.





## Sandra Rourke Cont.

### Running for 1 of two seats on the Select Board

- B. Maintained minimal growth of Town Budget
- C. Worked diligently to manage town and school budget as a responsible Selectboard member.
- D. Established Veterans Memorial adjacent to Town Office.

#### 2. Major accomplishments for town as citizen.

- A. Served on Cemetery Committee since 2010
- B. Monitored town operation reported inconsistencies
- C. Supported Secret Ballot so that everyone has a voice
- D. Expressed opinions and observations to enhance town operation—Against Public Works—at this time
- E. Continues to monitor and report observations as necessary to town officials
- F. Currently on Kennebec Emergency Management team—Cert. Program

#### • Future Hopes for Readfield

- 1. That **all citizens** be heard and respected by town officials at all times in order to bring community back to Readfield
- 2. Seriously review any spending of tax payer dollars
- 3. Bring affordability back to the average individual, family and others who would choose to live in Readfield!
- 4. Work collaboratively with all political views to best serve the Readfield Community.
- 5. My vote will always remain my vote! And not just be another “yes ma’am.”

A vote for Sandra Rourke is a vote for Common Sense in Local Government!!!

**How's that for a CHANGE?**

Readfield needs to work together

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## ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT by Laurence Perkins, Chair

The Road Committee had a busy month of May and expects it will continue in June. During May, we assisted the Town Manager/Road Commissioner on preparing an RFP for the Handy Brook box culvert on Old Kents Hill Road and helped to review the proposals and recommended the successful bidder. We also reviewed several RFP documents for summer road work such as striping, crack sealing and paving. We started review of a proposed RFP for winter snow plowing and sanding for town roads. We will continue this effort in June so that a new RFP can be issued in a timely manner. We appreciate working with the Town Manager in a constructive way.

Respectively submitted,

Laurence Perkins, Chair






## Kathryn Mills Woodsum

### Running for 1 of two seats on the Select Board

My main goal if elected to the Readfield Select Board is to build community here in Readfield and to celebrate our town and our residents.

In town I have served on three committees and one Board: the Budget Committee for two periods of time, four years and three years, and currently am the Chair; the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee for nine years and currently am the chair; the Community Park Committee for five years; and the Select Board for six years from 2007 through 2013. I received a Spirit of America award for public service in 2013 from the Town of Readfield for 10 years of service on the Budget Committee and Select Board.

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## SWRC (Solid Waste & Recycling Committee) News

by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair

The SWRC met in May to consider next steps for Fayette joining in at the Transfer Station and to discuss placement of the scales (if approved by Readfield voters.) Our goal is to be ready in the event the articles pass. The SWRC fully supports passage of both articles as they will each result in more fair payments by residents for services and save our town money.

We agreed on, and recommended to the Select Board, a plan to have an evaluation of the transfer station site made by a firm specializing in transfer stations. We think it is best to look towards the future and determine what the best long-term arrangement of containers and drop-off spots would be, and to locate the scales in a place that makes sense for easy access and improved traffic flow.

There are not many items to consider concerning Fayette joining us this year, but one will be to have stickers available for residents to bring materials that are not included in mainstream-solid-waste or recycling. In fact, all three towns will be getting new stickers this year. Eric has been doing lots of research and work concerning the transfer station operations and has good ideas for moving forward.

We will meet again in late June to consider next steps after the votes.





## Readfield an Age Friendly Community by Romaine Turyn

The Committee has been continued to meet every month and is seeking additional members. Below is information provided by two of our members about why they joined the committee.

Hopefully, other Readfield citizens will join us.

Next month other members will be highlighted.



### Ann Mitchell

Ann Mitchell and her husband moved to Readfield to live closer to her daughter and her family.

As someone "from away", what I found as Maine's finest gem (and Maine has many) are the people. They are welcoming, generous and loyal. In return, it is only reasonable that I would want to do a small part in making Readfield, my small piece of Maine, a place where we can all continue to safely live out our elder years.

### Marianne Perry

I love this community my husband, John, and I call home! Along with the rest of the people, we are aging-a reality of life. We plan to "age in place", with the expectation of remaining in our own residence as long as possible. In order to do this, the town should be prepared to help create an environment that will allow the people to continue to live here in a supportive, comfortable manner. I volunteered for this committee because I am among the group called "Seniors" and have had some experience in working with and supporting people of this age category. My LIFE experiences have been that of a wife, mother, teacher and volunteer. My passion has always been to help others live richer, better lives.

### Activities

Committee work has been focused on writing a grant to AARP. Funds from this grant will provide funding to do a needs assessment of residents to gather the information about what residents find important about living in Readfield and what they feel might be needed to assist people to live in Readfield as they age. A consultant will be hired to assist with the survey process, analyze the results and write a report. Focus groups will also be done. The end product will be an action plan presented to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee also met with two representatives of the Neighbors Driving Neighbors program. This is a program that includes the towns of Mount Vernon, Belgrade, Fayette, Rome and Vienna. The mission of the program is to enrich communities in northwestern Kennebec County by coordinating volunteer drivers who assist those who do not drive, so that they can more easily remain in their home. The NDN's service is free transportation for adults for errands, exercise sessions, classes, medical appointments, shopping, socialization or volunteering.

Part of our work will be to explore if a similar program might be needed in Readfield, and if so is it feasible.





## READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES by Flo Drake

By the time you are reading this, Readfield Historical Society and Museum will be open for the season. Evelyn Potter and Beverly Newton did their usual great job in welcoming visitors to opening days on Memorial Day Weekend. Ellen Bowman's group, Thundercastle Trio, played and Ellen sang her new song, "The Ballad of Mattie Hackett", about the unsolved case of the young woman who was murdered on Kents Hill in 1905. Fortunately, we still had some of Lisa Bondeson's little booklet, "The Mysterious Murder of Mattie Hackett", to sell to interested folks.

The building was put into tip-top shape by Jeanne and Bob Harris, all clean and free of dust and dead flies from the winter. The back porch had been painted by some of the Kents Hill kids on their Community Service Day, while others helped me put the museum back to rights. Besides uncovering the draped exhibits, the extremely fiddley task of dressing the mannequin in the Fogg wedding dress was accomplished. If you don't put all the parts of the dress on in the proper order, you have to take it all apart and start over. And all those tiny hooks and eyes are enough to drive a less patient person bonkers. The other dress, the black Trefethen outfit, is easier, but not problem-free. So we very much appreciate those Kents Hill students!

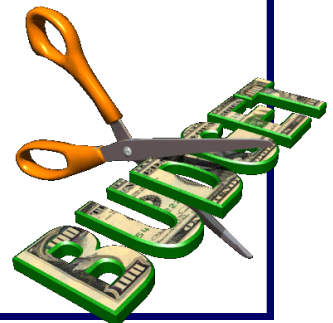
Coming up in July we are planning a scanning day, when people are invited to bring in their old photos to be scanned into our computer. Before the person leaves, we will try to get as much information as possible from them about the pictures. These will add a lot to what RHS can offer researchers and genealogists. Please start digging up your old pics now so you can be a part of adding to Readfield's history.

That's all for this month. RHS is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10AM to 2PM. Dale Potter Clark tends to the Facebook account; our email is [readfieldhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:readfieldhistorical@gmail.com); our phone is my phone, 685-4662; and our website is [www.readfieldhistorical.org](http://www.readfieldhistorical.org). Stop in for a visit!



### Budget Committee News by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair

The Budget Committee met in May to review the process that was used this year. Eric Dyer, our Town Manager, asked that we convene to offer insight from our work in the past, our work this year, and what would help to make the process more meaningful in the future. It was good to have a chance to reflect as a group. Erick is going to solicit input from the Select Board, and from the town Boards, Committees, and Commissions, using the same questions, so he has a well-rounded view of how his first budget cycle in town went.





Readfield  
1:28 PM**Expense Summary Report**ALL Departments  
April05/17/20  
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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	459,076.00	36,038.65	1,729.30	334,540.02	124,535.98	72.87
10 - Admin	299,370.00	22,002.48	676.41	219,117.24	80,252.76	73.19
12 - Insurance	24,650.00	6,585.00	1,052.89	30,729.00	-6,079.00	124.66
15 - Office Equip	3,505.00	237.66	0.00	3,410.24	94.76	97.30
20 - Assessing	21,400.00	988.64	0.00	14,941.60	6,458.40	69.82
30 - Code Enforce	28,746.00	1,893.21	0.00	24,285.24	4,460.76	84.48
40 - Boundries	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
50 - MUNI MAINT	74,905.00	4,331.66	0.00	41,346.52	33,558.48	55.20
60 - Grant/Plan	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
70 - Heating Ast	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	710.18	789.82	47.35
15 - BOARDS & COM	7,545.00	409.70	0.00	2,004.60	5,540.40	26.57
10 - Appeals Brd	407.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	407.00	0.00
30 - Consvr Comm	4,365.00	96.11	0.00	636.01	3,728.99	14.57
40 - Planning Brd	2,773.00	313.59	0.00	1,368.59	1,404.41	49.35
20 - TOWN BLDG	35,708.00	4,957.92	0.00	23,677.17	12,030.83	66.31
10 - Fire Station	10,700.00	1,171.76	0.00	7,988.32	2,711.68	74.66
20 - Gile Hall	18,122.00	3,244.14	0.00	12,983.33	5,138.67	71.64
30 - Library	5,386.00	534.74	0.00	2,698.24	2,687.76	50.10
40 - Maint Blding	1,500.00	7.28	0.00	7.28	1,492.72	0.49
25 - COMM SERVICE	59,122.00	4,889.47	0.00	46,048.50	13,073.50	77.89
10 - Animal Cntrl	16,622.00	1,331.15	0.00	10,252.26	6,369.74	61.68
20 - K Land Trust	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
25 - KVCOG	4,345.00	0.00	0.00	4,325.00	20.00	99.54
40 - Library	26,438.00	2,245.14	0.00	22,437.38	4,000.62	84.87
50 - Readfield TV	5,717.00	836.14	0.00	4,238.19	1,478.81	74.13
60 - Street Light	5,500.00	477.04	0.00	4,795.67	704.33	87.19
90 - Maran Dam	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	31,072.00	71.29	0.00	21,141.82	9,930.18	68.04
10 - BEACH	9,060.00	16.94	0.00	6,185.66	2,874.34	68.27
20 - REC BOARD	9,006.00	4.32	0.00	2,961.83	6,044.17	32.89
25 - HERITAGE DAY	10,000.00	0.49	0.00	10,107.34	-107.34	101.07
60 - Comm Park	306.00	49.54	0.00	294.60	11.40	96.27
70 - Trails	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	1,592.39	1,107.61	58.98
40 - PROTECTION	153,165.00	18,943.68	0.00	121,742.00	31,423.00	79.48
10 - FIRE DEPART	84,790.00	2,140.50	0.00	56,414.29	28,375.71	66.53
15 - FIRE EQUIP	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,206.63	4,293.37	68.20
20 - AMBULANCE	22,000.00	10,716.75	0.00	21,433.50	566.50	97.43
30 - WATER HOLES	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
35 - Tower Sites	2,000.00	38.00	0.00	568.86	1,431.14	28.44
40 - Dispatching	28,000.00	4,423.43	0.00	27,943.72	56.28	99.80
50 - Physicals	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
60 - PPG Replace	2,000.00	1,625.00	0.00	6,175.00	-4,175.00	308.75
70 - Emerg Ops	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
50 - CEMETERIES	36,110.00	582.20	0.00	22,850.46	13,259.54	63.28
10 - CEMETERIES	29,110.00	582.20	0.00	20,130.46	8,979.54	69.15
20 - Living Fence	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,720.00	4,280.00	38.86
60 - Rds & Drain	528,838.00	36,923.51	0.00	463,851.42	64,986.58	87.71
10 - Road Maint	247,950.00	2,462.28	0.00	216,058.05	31,891.95	87.14
40 - Winter Maint	260,500.00	30,420.72	0.00	234,347.16	26,152.84	89.96
60 - Vehicle Mnt	18,000.00	4,040.51	0.00	8,155.00	9,845.00	45.31
70 - Interlocal	2,388.00	0.00	0.00	5,291.21	-2,903.21	221.57
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	81,845.00	0.00	0.00	26,724.59	55,120.41	32.65





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### Expense Summary Report

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
<b>65 - CAPITAL IMPR CONT'D</b>						
25 - Ballfield	8,645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,645.00	0.00
65 - Equipment	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,200.00	55.56
70 - Transfer Sta	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	14,729.59	23,270.41	38.76
90 - Maran Dam	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,995.00	20,005.00	28.55
<b>70 - SOLID WASTE</b>	256,195.00	18,541.29	0.00	195,684.92	60,510.08	76.38
10 - TRANSFER STA	253,595.00	18,541.29	0.00	193,259.97	60,335.03	76.21
50 - BACKHOE	2,600.00	0.00	0.00	2,424.95	175.05	93.27
<b>75 - EDUCATION</b>	3,325,546.00	277,037.59	0.00	2,771,470.82	554,075.18	83.34
10 - RSU#38	3,324,451.00	277,037.59	0.00	2,770,375.82	554,075.18	83.33
50 - ELEM SCHOOL	1,095.00	0.00	0.00	1,095.00	0.00	100.00
<b>80 - REGIONAL ORG</b>	305,930.00	0.00	0.00	288,489.37	17,440.63	94.30
10 - COBBOSSEE WD	19,825.00	0.00	0.00	19,821.00	4.00	99.98
20 - KENNEBEC CTY	260,000.00	0.00	0.00	256,103.35	3,896.65	98.50
40 - First Park	26,105.00	0.00	0.00	12,565.02	13,539.98	48.13
<b>85 - DEBT SERVICE</b>	285,117.00	0.00	0.00	284,050.65	1,066.35	99.63
25 - '13 Road Bnd	109,117.00	0.00	0.00	109,116.65	0.35	100.00
70 - '08 Road Bnd	176,000.00	0.00	0.00	174,934.00	1,066.00	99.39
<b>90 - UNCLASSIFIED</b>	88,175.00	0.00	0.00	21,019.60	67,155.40	23.84
10 - Abate/Overly	14,595.00	0.00	0.00	13,439.60	1,155.40	92.08
20 - NON-PROFIT	7,144.00	0.00	0.00	6,144.00	1,000.00	86.00
40 - Contingency	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
50 - Snowmobiling	1,436.00	0.00	0.00	1,436.00	0.00	100.00
60 - R Ent Fund	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
90 - Revaluation	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>95 - GENERAL ASST</b>	4,710.00	0.49	0.00	1.50	4,708.50	0.03
10 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	0.49	0.00	1.50	4,708.50	0.03
<b>Final Totals</b>	5,658,154.00	398,395.79	1,729.30	4,623,297.44	1,034,856.56	81.71

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### Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
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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	5,370,211.00	308.45	66,317.84	4,987,416.04	382,794.96	92.87
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	150.00	3,275.40	-3,275.40	----
20 - TOWN BUILDINGS O&M	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	-25.00	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,575.00	0.00	136.75	32,594.16	-3,019.16	110.21
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	20,766.00	0.00	1,026.00	12,828.30	7,937.70	61.78
40 - PROTECTION	5,580.00	0.00	0.00	9,630.96	-4,050.96	172.60
50 - CEMETERIES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	37.20	6,962.80	0.53
60 - Roads & Drainage	37,388.00	0.00	103.25	44,596.95	-7,208.95	119.28
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE	145,598.00	0.00	9,251.95	119,315.91	26,282.09	81.95
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	20,936.00	0.00	55.55	8,505.70	12,430.30	40.63
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	0.00
<b>Final Totals</b>	5,658,154.00	308.45	77,041.34	5,218,225.62	439,928.38	92.22





## Our Up and Coming Summer Camps!!

**RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Education in Readfield  
has a new course lineup for Summer 2016**



### **JUNE**



**Lakers' Track Club - Ages 6-15**

**June 20-August 13, 2016**

**Boys' Black Bear Basketball Camp - Grades 4-8**

**June 20-23, 2016**

**Lady Black Bears Basketball - Grades 4-8**

**June 27- 29, 2016**

### **JULY**

**Boys & Girls Soccer Camp - Grades 3-8**

**July 11-15, 2016**

**Field Hockey Clinic - Grades 4-8**

**July 25-28, 2016**



### **AUGUST**

**Little Kickers Soccer Camp - Ages 5-8**

**August 15-18, 2016**

**For details or to register with debit/credit card, please visit  
<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>**

**For more information, email us at [adulted@maranacook.org](mailto:adulted@maranacook.org)  
or call 685-4923, x 1065.**







## READFIELD, "THE CRADLE OF METHODISM" *by Dale Potter Clark*

Many years ago Readfield was dubbed the "Cradle of Methodism" for good reasons.

In 1794 a public house of worship was built in East Readfield and one year later dedicated as the "Jesse Lee Meeting House". The infamous Methodist missionary Rev. Jesse Lee preached the dedicatory sermon. Today the Jesse Lee Meeting House is the oldest Methodist church, in ongoing use, in New England. In August 1798 Bishop Francis Asbury made his way to East Readfield to preside over the first New England Methodist Conference with nearly 2,000 people in attendance. Two years later Rev. Jesse Lee visited Readfield again but this time to preach the dedicatory sermon at the Kents Hill Meeting House. Readfield was a new town - only 9 years old at the time - and already boasted two Methodist Meeting Houses.

In 1800 James Bowdoin III of Boston, the son of Kennebec Proprietor James Bowdoin II, deeded 5 acres to the Town of Readfield for use as a Common Ground "...excepting and reserving 1/4 acre where a public house of worship (Jesse Lee) was already built". Town inhabitants used "Bowdoin Common" as a training ground for the Militia and for public gatherings as well as for public worship. Those five acres in East Readfield remain intact to this day.

In 1824 Luther Sampson of Kents Hill founded Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College where many Methodist preachers were "fitted for the ministry". Also gracing "the Hill" were many early, illustrious Method-

ist itinerant preachers who were sent by the New England Methodist Conference to train and teach Seminary students. Today the Maine Wesleyan Seminary is known as Kents Hill School, and is the oldest ongoing private preparatory school in the Country.

In 1827 the Union Meeting House was built at Readfield Corner, to be used by all denominations one being Methodists. That building is on the National Historic Register today and remains available for use by all denominations true to its original mission. Near the Union Meeting House, and next door to the historic John Smith, Esq. mansion house, a Methodist Chapel was built in 1875 and used as such well into the twentieth century.

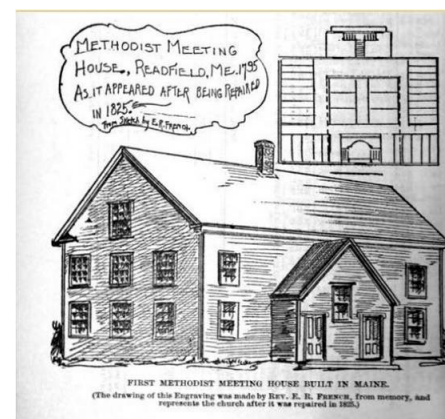
Rev. Stephen Allen, D.D. was a teacher and trustee at Maine Wesleyan Seminary and a founder and benefactor of the University of Maine. He co-authored the "History of Methodism in Maine" in 1887, a comprehensive history which religious scholars and historians draw from to this day. Dr. Allen resided at Kents Hill and remained a strong influence on the School and its students until his dying day.

Starting in 1794 there was a pastor in charge at East Readfield but Kents Hill depended on itinerant preachers until Maine Wesleyan Seminary came into existence. Seminary students helped fill the needs at churches in Readfield as well as in other towns in the surrounding area. In time there was a resident

Methodist minister who served all the Methodist churches in town, with support from "preachers in training" from the Maine Wesleyan Seminary. Over the years there have been four Methodist parsonages in various parts of this community - two in Kents Hill, one at Readfield Depot and another at East Readfield.

At Readfield Depot the Smith Memorial Methodist Church was built in 1906, lovingly called "the little brown church". With that addition each of the four sections of Readfield had its own Methodist Church.

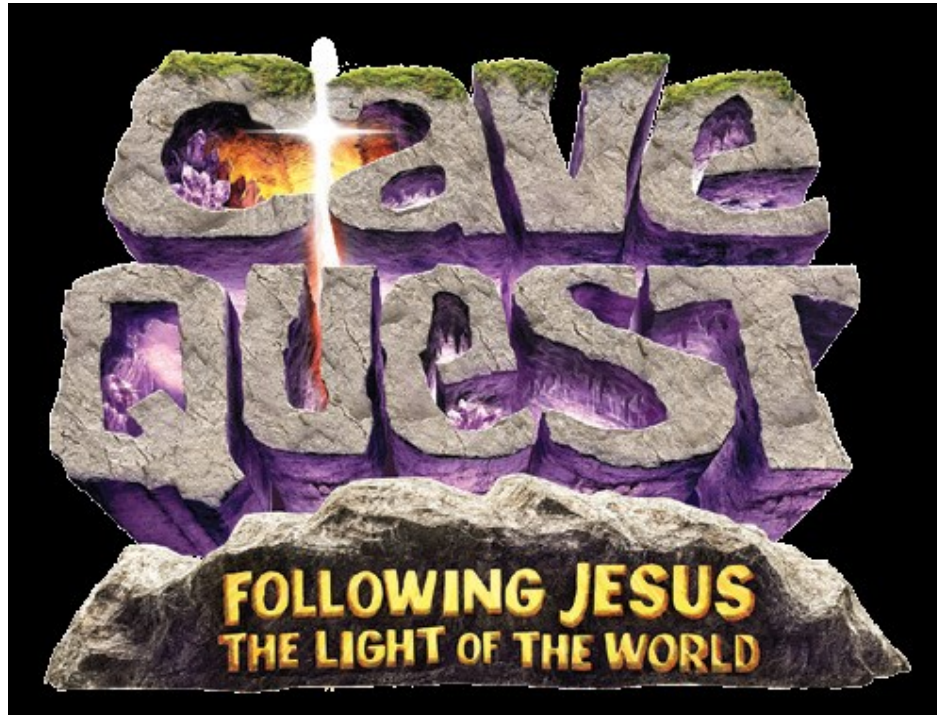
With all that rich history it is no wonder that Readfield was dubbed "the Cradle of Methodism".



This recently unearthed drawing depicts Jesse Lee Meeting House as it appeared in 1825. The public house of worship was built at East Readfield in 1794 and dedicated Jesse Lee Meeting House in 1795. The drawing was discovered in the 1895 Maine Methodist Conference meeting minutes.



# Readfield United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School!



## The Brightest Week of the Summer!

Come join the Fun the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00

Readfield United Methodist Church Route 17, Readfield, Me.

For more information or to register call 685-4211 or email [office@readfieldumc.org](mailto:office@readfieldumc.org). Everyone is welcome to join us!

New friends ♪ Amazing experiments ♪ Spelunker Sports  
♪ Lip-smacking snacks ♪ Surprising adventures ♪ Incredible music

Readfield United Methodist Church  
Rte 17, Readfield, Me.  
Baked Bean Casserole supper  
June 25th 4:30pm to 6:00 pm  
Adults \$7.00 Children \$4 under 5 free





PERMIT #

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**2016 Readfield Beach Permit Application**

**RESIDENT FAMILY PERMIT:** (RESIDENTS & Taxpayers) \$40  
Includes couples and their unmarried dependent children 21 & younger

**RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZENS:** (RESIDENTS & Taxpayers) \$15 (individual or couple)  
Age 65 and older (Seniors with minor children in the home are required to purchase a Family Permit)

**NON-RESIDENT RENEWAL** \$45 (all year)  
Must have purchased a Grandfathered non-resident permit in all the previous consecutive years – NO EXCEPTIONS

**NON-RESIDENT:** Circle one: Fayette Manchester Mt. Vernon Wayne \$55

**GUEST PASSES:** Your Family or Senior Citizen Resident permit is your guest pass and permit holder must remain with guests during visit. Resident Beach permit holders are allowed up to four (4) guests per visit, a maximum of five (5) times per summer without additional fees. Additional guests require additional DAY PASS fees.

**ONE WEEK GUEST PASS** Permit is valid for seven (7) consecutive days only \$30

Start Date: 

**DAY PASS** \$ 5 / one guest  
\$10 / 2-4 guests

**If you are seeking financial assistance to receive a beach permit, please call Carrie Knight 207-332-6522**

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**NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOWN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEL#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LICENSE PLATE # 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LICENSE PLATE # 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Childcare Provider Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL#** \_\_\_\_\_ **License Plate #** \_\_\_\_\_

I am a legal resident of: \_\_\_\_\_ I am the legal parent/guardian or grandparent of all the children listed below and they are all 21 or younger. They will be using the beach under this permit and I will be supervising them at all times.

Name	Age	Name	Age
1		5	
2		6	
3		7	
4		8	

I hereby acknowledge that the Town of Readfield does not provide lifeguard services or supervision at the Readfield Beach and therefore users must exercise constant observation and supervision of children and guests at the facility. I understand that this permit can be revoked at any time if policies are abused or information provided does not hold true. Beach rules and procedures are attached. **ALL CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT REMAINING ON THE BEACH PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Town Clerk Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

You will be issued ONLY two (2) permits per family.













Please know your license plate numbers when completing application, as permits **will not be issued** without license plate numbers.

**ALL Permits are non-transferable or refundable.**



# JUNE 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29	May 30 	May 31 6:30 Select Brd 	1  5:30 Age Friendly 6:45 Library 	2	3	4
5	6	7 Golden Guys and Gals at 12 	8 6:30 Plan. Brd. 	9	10	11
12	13 6:30 Select Brd. 	14 8am-8pm Voting 	15 6:00 Conserv. Com. 	16	17	18
19	20 9:00 Cemetery Committee 	21	22 6:30 Plan. Brd. 	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 Select Brd. 	28 6:30 	29	30	July 1	

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**THE SELECT BOARD MEET EVERY OTHER MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 PM.**



## Vote June 14th 8:00 am - 8:00 pm



### Looking for Board Members for the following Boards and Committees:

**Appeals Board: 1 member for (2017) and 3 members for (2018)**

**Age Friendly Adhoc Committee: 1 members (1 year)**

**Appointment Procedure Policy Adhoc Committee: 1 member (no exp.)**

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

**Heritage Days Committee : Looking for any volunteers**

**Library Building Committee: 1 resident building contractor needed**

**Planning Board: 1 alt. member needed (2017) 1 alt. member for (2018) 1 alt. member for (2019)**

**Recreation Committee: 1 member for (2017)**

**Trails Committee: 1 Alt. member for (2017)**

If anyone is interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the Town Office at

