

Readfield Messenger

October 15 is the start of the Dog Licensing year for 2018

Two RABIES CLINICS Being Held!

Town of Readfield will hold a Rabies Clinic on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 4:30-6:00pm at the Readfield Town Office. Prepayment and appointments are required in advance! You may set your appoint and pay by calling 685-4939. Dr. Peter Davis from the Pine Tree Veterinary Hospital will administer the vaccinations for \$15.00 per shot. If your animal is receiving a 3 year booster then prior rabies information is required otherwise they will receive a 1 year vaccination. You do NOT have to be a Readfield resident to take advantage of this clinic. Both your dogs and cats are welcome. Readfield residents are able to license their dogs at the same time.



Town of Wayne will also hold a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 8-11am at the North Wayne Fire Station on the Kents Hill Rd.

Dr. Mary Sheridan from the Winthrop Veterinary Hospital will be on hand to vaccinate your dog or cat. \$15.00 per vaccination.

Cash only for rabies shots! Bring proof of prior vaccination in order to get a three year booster. Wayne residents may also license their dogs at the same time, \$6.00 for altered dogs and \$11.00 for all others. Cash and Check only for license fees.

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THE UNION MEETING HOUSE

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

Many of you may have grumbled when you heard that you were not the winner of the beautiful quilt entitled *Stained Glass* raffled by the UMH Board members at the Readfield Heritage Days in August. The quilt was crafted by Joan Wiebe, a UMH Board member and a member of the Loose Threads Chapter of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild. The quilt was professionally quilted by Lynn Irish, who owns Whippersnappers in Hallowell. The lucky winner was Dale Railo, who lives right here in town.



The presentation, Readfield's Treasure, at Maranacook Community School by our President Marius Peladeau has been rescheduled by the school to Wed. October 25th at 7pm. There is no registration fee, however donations would be appreciated. Since his presentation in August at the Kennebec Historical Society, the UMH has had at least a dozen people come to see the murals painted by Charles Schumacher in 1868. Have you been in to see them?

Our Wine and Cheese Social that was held on Sept. 8th was well received by 30 members and donors. Several residents came and signed up as new members. Thank you to board members that worked hard to make this such a success.

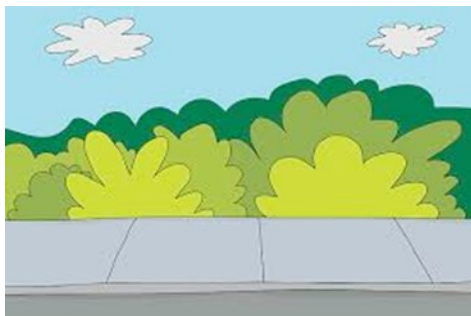
The results of our Noche Mexicana fund raiser on Sept. 21st will be reported in November's Messenger.

A thank you goes out to Margarita's Restuarant for their support of local fund raising groups such as ours. Restoration work on the walls by Tony Castro should be continuing within a week or two. Maine Barn is slated to start work on the sanctuary about Oct. 4th. We are hoping that both projects move right along.

The regular Saturday hours of 10:00am to 12:00 noon for tours ended the last Sat. in September. We feel that this was very successful this summer and look forward to more visitors next year.

At the end of October our board and Maple Tree School are planning on a Halloween pumpkin display. Anyone willing to help or to donate pumpkins are asked to call Nancy Durgin at 685-4481. More information will be available mid-October.

Closing the Loop: Proposed Church Street Sidewalk



The Town has submitted an application for an MDOT grant to build a sidewalk on Church Road. This is just the first step of many in the process of moving the project forward. We will provide information each month here in the Messenger to give you information about what the project is, why we have a need for the project, and how the process will unfold. Be assured that the decision to actually build the sidewalk rests with the town residents at a future town meeting vote. If you would like more information prior to the monthly articles being published please contact Chris Sammons or Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Select Board members.

What is the grant program?

Maine DOT Competitive Programs

Maine DOT funds bicycle and pedestrian improvements in communities throughout the state through its federally funded competitive programs. The program uses a variety of funding sources to provide funding assistance to communities to improve the quality of the community environment. Maine DOT accepts applications on an ongoing basis. The program provides federal funding assistance of approximately \$2.2 million per year in bicycle and pedestrian projects that meet the transportation purpose of connecting neighborhoods, schools, downtowns and village areas. Municipalities that apply to the program must show that the project serves a transportation purpose, has community support, is buildable and environmentally feasible, and will improve safety.

<http://maine.gov/mdot/bikeped/bikepedimprove/>

Local/Municipal Funding Options

Funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements at the local level is vital to improving conditions within Maine communities. Most of the grant programs require a local match either with actual funding, or materials and labor. In addition, because grant funding is competitive and not nearly enough to make all of the improvements necessary, local funding is imperative to improving bicycle and pedestrian connections.

<http://maine.gov/mdot/bikeped/bikepedimprove/>

Information from our application:

The project

4-A. Summary of the Proposed Improvements (Outline proposed improvements in 40 words or less):

This project will construct a sidewalk along Church Road, connecting our existing sidewalk and Main Street to our Fairgrounds recreational area (which includes a ball field, open space, and extensive handicap accessible trails) and “close the loop” to our village area.

The specific location

4-B. Location of Project: Provide street name(s), beginning and ending location(s), and additional relevant project location information.

The proposed sidewalk will begin at the intersection of Rt. 17 and Church Road in Readfield and run along either the East or West side of Church Road for ±1,710 feet, ending at the Readfield Fairgrounds recreational area. The project area extends from Readfield Corner to the Readfield Corner Cemetery, and is appropriately described as a village as it includes the cemetery, fairgrounds, our main store, post office, library, restaurant, and other businesses as well as residential development. The larger project area also includes our area school and town office.

TRASH: WHAT ABOUT IT?

Part 1 of 3

A Brief History of Trash in the USA

By Brigit McCallum, Member of the Waterboro, Maine Transfer Station and Recycling Committee

Recycling: A Background Story

The Transfer Station and Recycling Committee is planning a drive to increase recycling in Waterboro during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. An extensive community education and communication process is in the planning to get townspeople, businesses, organizations, and the schools on board by this coming July 1. So as a member of the committee who has been asked to do Community Education related to recycling, I found myself wondering how we had gotten to where we are in terms of Municipal Solid Waste generation and disposal today. I set out to do some research, and in the hope that others might find this informative as well, I offer a short summary of the historic changes that have occurred in the generation and disposal of trash in the United States over the past two centuries.



The Age of the Peddler

Trash has always been a product of sorting, and what counts as trash depends on who is doing the counting. (i) Before the Industrial Revolution, until the end of the nineteenth century, there was little or no concept of “trash” in the United States. In a children’s book, when the word wastebasket was used, the author made sure to define it, because many readers had never seen one. Every bit of house, kitchen, shop, or farm scrap was reused, re-made, or traded with the peddlers who traveled the nation with backpacks or wagons. Containers that purchased goods came in, and that were not returnable for reuse by the manufacturer of the product, had many reuses in the home. Barrels became upholstered chairs, their hoops used as toys to roll with a stick. Packing crates became furniture – tables, footstools, bookshelves and more. Grain sacks became clothing, towels, and curtains. Purple paper, in which certain soap was wrapped, was used for its dye to color the sacks. When an item was of no further use, Yankee and Jewish peddlers collected paper, rags, rubber, bones, hides, and metal from households, in trade for needed sale items. They sent the bags of materials to central collection points where they were sold to paper mills and other industries that depended on them for the creation of new products. There was a consciousness of “objects” rather than trash, and every item had a destination and use. (ii) In the cities, wastewater and other materials were often thrown out windows, and goats, pigs, and dogs roamed, feeding on the scraps. Poor children called “swill children” also roamed the streets and garbage dumps, searching for items to be eaten or sold.

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Trash: The Early Days

With the advent of the Industrial Revolution came the concept of “consumer” as more middle-class households began to buy goods that had new kinds of packaging. The concept of “trash” grew with the development of municipal waste collection and disposal. The rationality of “hygiene” was created in the field of home economics, and unwanted or unused items were deemed not healthy to keep around, especially in the cities. Throwing packaging away became seen as more sanitary than storing and reusing it. Municipalities were faced with increasing amounts of waste, and “sanitary reform” became a political, economic, and public health issue for those who governed. It took longer in rural areas and among older generations for such changes to come about, but more and more trash was being generated.

- i. Lars Eighner, *Travels with Lizbeth*. (New York: St Martin’s Press, 1993), pp. 18-19
- ii. The material in this piece draws on the work of Susan Strasser, in *Waste and Want: a Social History of Trash* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, LLC, 1999).

Look for part 2 of 3 in next month’s issue.

**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**



Readfield Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Mount Vernon Food Bank

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is open every Saturday morning from 9:30am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

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

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

Select Board's Corner

Dear Neighbors;

Prior to the budget planning season, the Select Board hopes to hold four unique public engagement meetings. These may precede or be a part of a regular board meeting and we will be posting advance notices and agendas online as these events are scheduled. Here are the preliminary meeting plans:

- As we did last year, we hope to arrange a meeting with Representative Craig Hickman and Senator Shenna Bellows, our Readfield legislative delegation, to look ahead to matters that affect our town in the forthcoming legislative year.
- Similar to the prior item, we are also seeking to arrange for a like gathering with our Kennebec County elected officials who represent us.
- At our annual meeting of Board, Committee, and Commission chairs, we would like to host an “open house” for individuals who may be interested on serving on town committees. This would be a no commitment casual opportunity to hear about volunteer opportunities and meet other volunteers.
- We are planning on a public hearing regarding changes in state law regarding marijuana and how it pertains to municipalities so we can get a sense of the public’s thoughts prior to further appropriate exploration of this matter by town governance.

These events are excellent opportunities to look to our future on a number of specific topics and I hope you’ll participate.

Kind Regards;
Bruce Bourgoine
Select Board Chair

Readfield Emporium

Gourmet pizzas, entrees, eat in & take out,
wine & beer

Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish

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

Something Everyone In Town Needs to Know About

The first half of taxes were due at the end of September and with those payments come questions about what can be done to lower the bill. Sometimes people need help in paying their taxes, and the Town does have resources available to help, but most of the time residents could simply use a break. Unfortunately, not everyone knows about the Homestead Exemption which is one of the best and easiest ways to lower your tax bill. This year, most residents with the Homestead Exemption actually saw a decrease in their tax bills.

The Homestead Exemption program is a partnership between the State of Maine and local municipalities, including Readfield. In a nutshell, the program shifts a portion of the local tax burden away from “year-round” residents and toward those (primarily non-residents) with second homes and vacation homes. Rather than acting as a refund program it acts as a discount program where you pay less in property taxes up front when you meet certain criteria. The impact is sizable. In past years the program has excluded \$10,000 and \$15,000 of the value of your residential property from local taxation. This year that number climbed to \$20,000. That equals a \$386 reduction in taxes using our current mil rate. The best part of this program is that you only have to apply once using a single page application to receive the exemption every year thereafter. The program is not income dependent and the criteria are as follows:

You must be a permanent resident of Maine.

Your home must be your permanent residence.

You must have owned a home in Maine for the twelve months prior to applying.

You must file an application with the Town of Readfield on or before April 1st of the upcoming tax year.

Many if not most Readfield residents are eligible but many are not taking advantage of the program. If you are eligible, please apply. If you know someone who might be eligible, please ask if they are aware of the program. The April first deadline is still a long way off, but there is no better time than the present to save hundreds of dollars on next year’s tax bill. The application is on the next page of the Messenger. Fill it out and send it in!

For more information please visit the Town Website at <http://www.readfield.govoffice.com>, visit the Town Office, or call 685-4939.

Be well,

Eric Dyer,
Readfield Town Manager



APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Title 36 MRSA Sections 681-689

INSTRUCTIONS: Completed forms must be filed with your local assessor by April 1. Forms filed after April 1 of any year will apply to the subsequent year tax assessment. See reverse for additional instructions

SECTION 1: CHECK ☒ ALL THAT APPLY

- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. I am a legal resident of the State of Maine | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. I have owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past 12 months.
(1) If you owned a homestead in another municipality within the past 12 months, state the municipality where located: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. I declare this homestead is my permanent place of residence and the only property for which I have claimed a homestead exemption.
(Summer camps, vacation homes and 2 nd residences do not qualify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

IF YOU HAVE NOT ANSWERED YES TO ALL QUESTIONS, STOP HERE

You must meet all three of these requirements to qualify for a homestead exemption under the terms of the homestead exemption statute

SECTION 2

- Names of all Property Owners (names on your tax bill): _____

- Physical location of Homestead property (i.e. 14 Maple St.): _____
City/Town _____ Telephone #: _____
- Mailing Address, if different from above: _____
City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

SECTION 3: CLAIM OF RESIDENCY IN THE MUNICIPALITY IS BASED ON ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- | | YES | NO | N/A |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ❖ I am a registered voter in the municipality. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ❖ I pay Motor Vehicle Excise Tax in the municipality. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ❖ The place of legal residence on my resident fishing and/or hunting license is the same as the above homestead address. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ❖ The address on my driver's license is the same as the above address. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(If you answer "No" to any question, please explain on a separate sheet. N/A means Not Applicable)

I (we) hereby declare, aware of penalties for perjury, that the answers to the above are, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. A person who knowingly files false information for the purpose of obtaining a homestead exemption is guilty of a criminal offense.

Signature of Homestead Owner(s) _____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Section 1. Check all three boxes indicating your answers. You must answer "Yes" to all three questions in order to qualify for the Maine homestead exemption. If you have moved during the year and owned a homestead prior to your move, indicate the name of the municipality you moved from on line B(1). Your ownership of homestead property must have been continuous for the 12 month period in question B. If you answer "No" to any question in this section you do not qualify for the homestead exemption.

Section 2. Indicate your full name(s) as shown on your property tax bill, the physical location of your home and your mailing address.

Section 3. This section gives the local assessor information which may be used to determine if you qualify and should support your answers to the questions in Section 1. Please check the appropriate answer for each of the statements in this section.

One or more of the owners of the homestead property may sign this document. Please file the application with your local municipal assessor. If, for any reason you are denied exemption by the assessor, you may appeal the assessor's decision under the abatement statute, Title 36 MRSA Section 841.

DEFINITIONS

36 MRSA Section 681. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

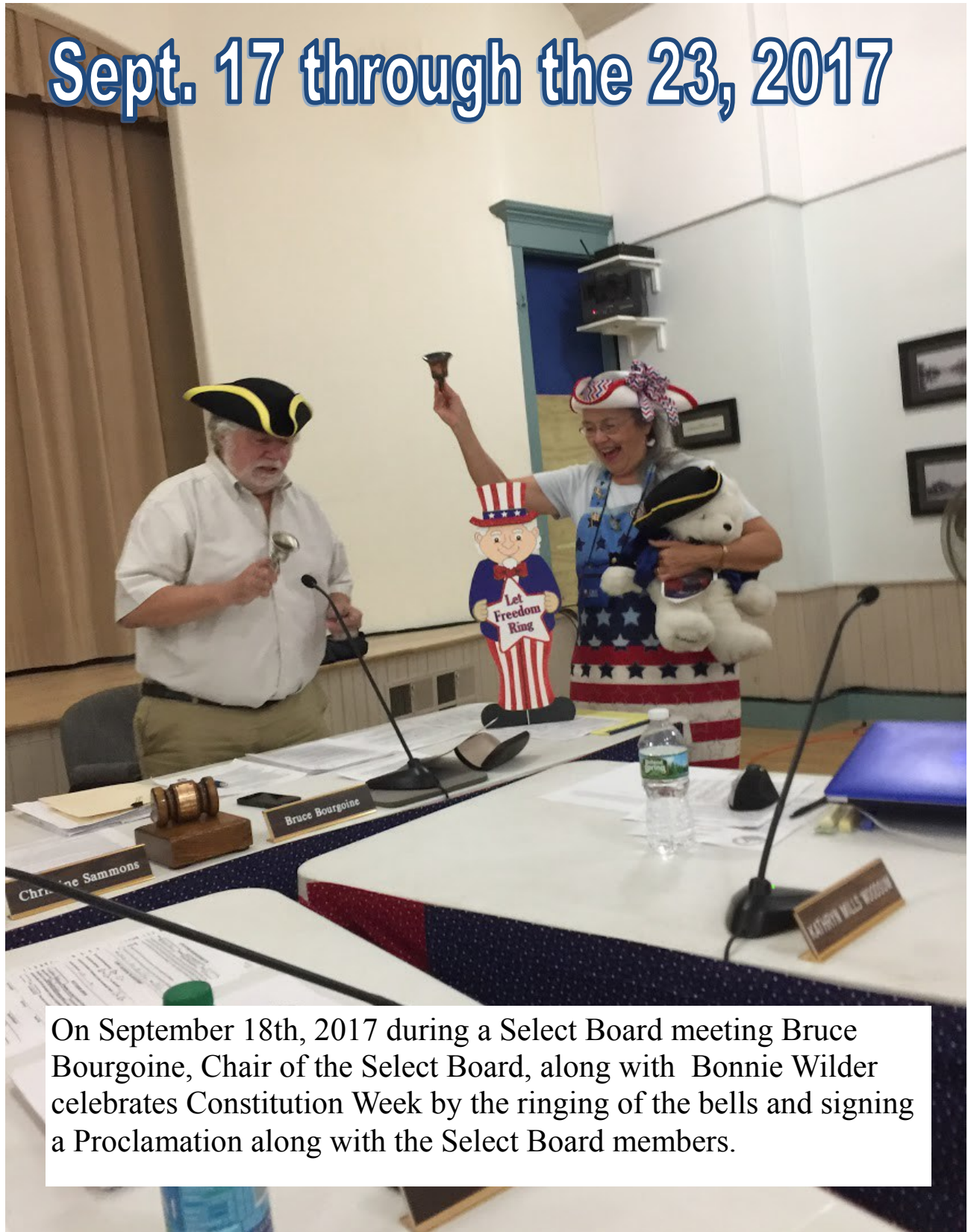
- 1. Applicant.** "Applicant" means an individual who has applied for a homestead property tax exemption pursuant to this subchapter.
- 2. Homestead.** "Homestead" means any residential property, in this State assessed as real property owned by an applicant or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the applicant and occupied by the applicant as the applicant's permanent residence. A "homestead" does not include any real property used solely for commercial purposes.
- 3. Permanent residence.** "Permanent residence" means that place where an individual has a true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.
- 4. Permanent resident.** "Permanent resident" means an individual who has established a permanent residence. For purposes of this subchapter, a person on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in this State is deemed to be a permanent resident. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in the State who applies for an exemption shall present certification from the commander of the member's post, station or base or from the commander's designated agent that the member is permanently stationed at that post, station or base. For purposes of this subsection, "a person on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States" does not include a member of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces. Permanent resident. "
- 5. Qualifying shareholder.** "Qualifying shareholder" means a person who is a:
 - A. Shareholder in a cooperative housing corporation that owns a homestead in this State;
 - B. Shareholder for the preceding 12 months in the cooperative housing corporation specified in paragraph A; &
 - C. Permanent resident of this State.

36 MRSA Section 683, subsection 5

5. Determination of exemption for cooperative housing corporation. A cooperative housing corporation may apply for an exemption under this subchapter to be applied against the valuation of property of the corporation that is occupied by qualifying shareholders. The application must include a list of all qualifying shareholders and must be updated annually to reflect changes in the ownership and residency of qualifying shareholders. The exemption is equal to the amount specified in subsection 1 multiplied by the number of units in the cooperative property occupied by qualifying shareholders. A cooperative housing corporation that receives an exemption pursuant to this section shall apportion the property tax reduction resulting from the exemption among the qualifying shareholders on a per unit basis. Any supplemental assessment resulting from disqualification for exemption must be applied in the same manner against the qualifying shareholders for whom the disqualification applies.

Consitution Week Proclamation

Sept. 17 through the 23, 2017



On September 18th, 2017 during a Select Board meeting Bruce Bourgoine, Chair of the Select Board, along with Bonnie Wilder celebrates Constitution Week by the ringing of the bells and signing a Proclamation along with the Select Board members.



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RSU #38 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

REVISED MEETING LOCATIONS

The following is a revised schedule of meetings for the RSU #38 Board of Directors for the **2017-18 school year**. Meetings are held at the Maranacook High School Student Center on Wednesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

October 4 – **Mt. Vernon Elementary** (school tour 5:45 – 6:25); meeting begins at 6:30

October 18 – **Wayne Elementary** (school tour 5:45 – 6:25); meeting begins at 6:30

November 1 – **Readfield Elementary** (school tour 5:45 – 6:25); meeting begins at 6:30

November 15 – **Manchester Elementary** (school tour 5:45 – 6:25); meeting begins at 6:30

December 6 – **Middle School** (school tour 5:45 – 6:25); meeting begins at 6:30

December 20 – **High School** (school tour 5:45 – 6:25); meeting begins at 6:30

January 3

January 17

February 7

February 14 (2nd week of February)

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28 (tent.)

April 4

April 11, vote on budget (2nd week of April)

May 2

May 16, Annual Meeting, gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

June 6

June 20

June 12 (Referendum vote at individual towns)

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Readfield Historical Society

Photo Caption: Looking northeast from the Bearce Hall tower at Kents Hill School. Torsey Memorial Church can be seen in the distance. Since Torsey Pond is not visible in this photo, and knowing that the south / Readfield end of Torsey Pond was flooded between



Summer is officially over, the kids are settling back into their school and sports routines, and the crisp autumn air and colorful leaves are upon us. The Readfield Historical Society building is not open for regular hours now, and will not be again until next summer. But, as always, we are happy to open up by appointment as weather and temperatures allow. Contact Bob Harris at 377-2299 or readfieldhistorical@gmail.com to make arrangements. That said – we are not sitting on our hands this fall. Read on to see what we have in store...

THREE HISTORY WALKS THIS FALL, all are 10am to 12noon

Friday, September 29th: Saunders Manufacturing, 65 Nickerson Hill Road. Saunders Manufacturing was founded in East Winthrop by Harry (A.H.) Saunders and his son Joe in 1947. A year later they bought a farm on Nickerson Hill Road and moved themselves and the business there. Over the years the business grew, as did their land holdings. The Saunders family has a rich heritage in manufacturing and some members have had a hand in helping to build some significant National historic landmarks. Attend this History Walk to learn more. In November, 2016 342 acres of Saunders Manufacturing's land was donated to the Kennebec Land Trust. History Walkers, who wish to, will also move on to enjoy one of the trails there.

Friday, October 27th: Camp Kirkwold has been a Girl Scout camp since 1952. It was founded as Camp Abenaki in 1919 by Dr. Emma Greene Wood, an osteopathic physician. She sold it to Marjorie Kirk of New York in 1927, who renamed it Camp Merrywold. Kirk kept it open through the Great Depression but when WWII and gas rationing struck she had to close the doors. She donated it to the Girl Scouts in 1952 and they renamed it Kirkwold in Marjorie Kirk's honor. Park at the end of the Kirkwold camp road and we will hike into the campground from there.

Sat., November 11th: On this Veterans' Day join members of the community and "The Third Maine" Civil War re-enactors, complete with fife and drummers, as we honor those who have courageously served in the Armed Services. Walkers will begin at Readfield Corner Cemetery at 10am where we will have a special remembrance in honor of members of the Third Maine who are buried there. From there all are invited to march, walk or drive to Gile Hall for a closing ceremony in honor of all Veterans. More details will be coming at a later time, so stay tuned!

MARANACOOK ADULT ED CLASSES by Dale Potter-Clark

October 18th 6:30-8:30pm: THE CURRIER-EATON FAMILY AND THEIR HOME (READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY)

November 15th 6:30-8:30pm: KENTS HILL: FROM FARMLAND TO VILLAGE

Classes are \$12.50 each. Proceeds will help fund a Readfield "Museum in the Streets"®.

To register contact Maranacook Adult and Community Education 207-685-4923 x 1065.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING – HOW ABOUT THESE GIFT IDEAS?

Readfield Historic Calendars: There are two available. 2017-2018 includes brief histories and photos of various organizations in town, past and present, \$10 each. There are still some 2016-2017 available as well. These are about Readfield's farm heritage, includes dozens of photos and historical sketches, \$5 each. Both are genuine keepsakes.

Factory Square Historic Note Cards: They depict six structures and mills that were once located on old Factory Square. Each card includes a brief history of the respective buildings, six for \$5 or \$1 each.

Contact Evelyn Potter at 685-3812 or etap30@roadrunner.com. S&H is \$5 regardless of how many are shipped.

A Membership or Donation in Honor of your Special Someone to Readfield Historical Society

Donations and membership fees help support our ongoing volunteer efforts to preserve the history of Readfield and its people. Annual dues are \$10 for a family, \$5 for people over 65 years. Lifetime memberships are \$100. An acknowledgement will be sent to the person(s) who are honored or gifted with membership(s). Mail checks to Readfield Historical Society, PO 354 Readfield, Me 04355. RHS is a 501 C3 and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Float for Sale at the Readfield Beach

For sale Float, has damage best offer before Oct.13,2017.

May be seen at the Readfield Beach.

Must be removed before October 31, 2017.

For more information contact Tom Donegan Readfield Recreation Board 215-5358.



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“Furever Friends Vaccination Assistance Fund”

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this fund is to established a fund for Readfield residents who may not be able to afford to vaccinate their dog/s against rabies.

DONATONS:

Donors of \$5.00 or more will receive a special gift (if available) to thank them for their donations. All profits will be deposited into the “Furever Friends Vaccination Assistance Account”.

 Furever Friends 

Love

The gift will be a black and yellow rubber bracelet. Adult and Kids sizes will be available.

Expecting delivery of the bracelets by October 4th or soon after.

Thank you to all in advance for helping to protect our animals, families and community!



NEWS AND NOTES FROM OUR TRAILS

Each season in Maine provides both stunning scenery and a variety of activities for people to enjoy. Our trails are not immune to the opportunities the changing seasons provide so with our fall colors and cooler temperatures, perhaps you might want to spend some time using our trails to get some exercise and quiet solitude. They are ready and waiting for you!

Speaking of exercise and physical activity, a resident has asked the Trails Committee for some help in organizing a 3 to 5 K walk using the Fairgrounds as part of a family reunion weekend. Naturally, we will assist in any way that may be helpful. Maybe the Poker Fun Ride at the Fairgrounds during Heritage Days inspired yet another trails activity. We will let you know via a future Messenger article how the event went.

On October 4th more activity will be taking place on our trails. Two junior advisee groups from Maranacook will spend the day with Trails Committee members and other community volunteers sprucing up the trails. The plan is to start cleaning up some downed trees, branches, and brush from the sides of the trails. Some of the wood is usable as fire wood so it will be brought to the transfer station and added to the fuel assistance program. The job will take more than a day obviously, so we will have a Kents Hill School group continue the task later in October. Perhaps you might consider volunteering some time to help with this project. It is a great way to spend a day and meet some students and staff from Maranacook. Give me a call at 685-4481 and I can provide more details.

A couple of residents recently expressed some concern regarding dog waste, specifically from smaller dogs, being left on the trails. In the past this has not been an issue and no one wants it to become one. Being a dog lover (who understands not everyone else is!) I personally enjoy seeing individuals, couples, and families walking their dog(s). To check out the situation, a couple of trails committee members walked the trails on two different occasions recently to check on the concern. There was, indeed, evidence of “left behinds” but of the several samples discovered, only one could readily be identified as from a dog. The rest were from either porcupines or foxes. Both of these species have been seen on the fairgrounds property and the fox has some young ones who possibly contributed. That said, taking responsibility for man's best friend's nature calls while on the trails can eliminate the concern. The Trails Committee appreciates your help with this somewhat delicate issue.

Again, if you are interested in volunteering some time to help beautify the fairgrounds property, give me a call. We would love to have your help.

Greg Durgin



News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

Thank You!

As our attention begins to shift to fall, we want to take the time to thank all of our staff, volunteers, Youth Conservation Corps project hosts, and boaters for a safe and productive season. Our Courtesy Boat Inspection staff and volunteers conducted over 2,000 inspections at four different launch sites. Approximately 60 plant specimens were collected for identification, but fortunately none were invasive plants. Youth Conservation Corps completed twelve projects throughout the watershed and did tremendous work to stop damage from erosion and runoff into our lakes and ponds. Invasive plant surveys and water quality monitoring will be continuing into the fall.

Sign up today for a 2018 YCC Project!

Our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew has wrapped up its 2017 season, but now is the time to submit a site visit request to line up your project for next year! Our YCC provides erosion control landscaping for lakefront property owners. This season the crew completed three of its projects in Wayne – two on Pocasset Lake and one on Lovejoy Pond.

If your property has a sloped driveway, patches of bare soil, or an eroding pathway, then you likely qualify for your own **reduced cost** project. Projects may include: shoreline plantings, rain gardens, infiltration dripline trenches, open-top culverts, and more. All projects are designed in partnership between the landowner and experienced technical program staff. For more information on our erosion control YCC program, or to submit a site visit request, see our YCC page on our website.

Voluntary Milfoil Stickers Still Available



Before you put your boat away for the season, consider donating to receive a voluntary milfoil sticker! This season, watershed associations across Maine have teamed up for an easy and tangible way to combat invasive aquatic plants with a voluntary "Milfoil Sticker" for passive watercraft. By voluntarily purchasing a weather-proof, vinyl "Milfoil Sticker" for your canoe, kayak or sailboat, you are helping to spread the word about the importance of controlling these invasive plants and showing your love of the lakes and ponds in our watershed.

These stickers are being sold across the state for a suggested donation of \$5.00 and proceeds will help to fund local boat inspection and plant removal programs. In our watershed, stickers are available at 30MRWA events, our Farmington office, or by contacting Katie at kchurch@30mileriver.org.

Send us your pictures!

Do you like to take pictures at your home or camp? Do you spend time in the 30 Mile River Watershed? We are looking for more pictures to add to our library! We would love to showcase your photos in our newsletter and on our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in sending in photos from the 30 Mile River Watershed please email Katie at kchurch@30mileriver.org.

**For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association,
visit www.30mileriver.org.**

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club held its first meeting of the 2017/2018 season on September 20, 2017 at the Readfield firehouse. The same twelve steadfast volunteers were present as we planned for the Town trail access to be readied for the winter season. Anyone wishing to help, please call Bill Brann at 207-441-9781 or Lee Livingston at 207-685-4203. Beginning in October we work every Sunday morning until all work is complete, including trimming and bridge rebuilding. Please note that no special skills are required, so if you feel so inclined please join us. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Membership applications for 2016/2017 members will be sent out for the 2017/2018 season. Annual family membership dues are kept at a reasonable fee of \$27.00. Please use the form included in this month's Messenger to join. Landowners, who graciously allow access to their private land for our recreating activities will be honored at an annual dinner on Sunday evening, October 22, 2017, beginning at 5:00pm. We look forward to thanking them personally for their generosity. Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club has routinely been applauded for its well-groomed trail system. We expect the same this year. Keep in mind that cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, fat wheeled bikers and hikers are all welcomed on the marked trails. Maps of the trails are available through the Readfield Town Office for a minimal fee of \$3.00.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2017-2018



Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club
P.O. Box 62
Readfield, Maine 04355

Club Member:



Donation:



Associate Member:



Business Member



Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthdate: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Dues: Annual membership dues (family or individual) in this local club and MSA are **\$27.00.**

Associate member status is available for those already members of the MSA for an annual fee of **\$12.00..** Business membership is \$35.00.

Questions: Call Marge Livingston, Secretary of RBBSC (207) 685- 4203 or
blizzardbusters@yahoo.com



Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17

Readfield, Me 04355

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

Everyone is Welcome to join us.

Sunday School for ages 5-12

Come as you are.

The church is handicap accessible

www.readfieldchurch.org

Music Director

Readfield United Methodist Church

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME 04355

207-685-4211

Part-time salaried position directing the choir and accompanying on the piano at Sunday morning service and at other traditional holy day services throughout the year. Playing for weddings and funerals will also be requested from time to time and will be compensated separately. Working closely with the pastor and Worship Team for year-round worship planning is requested. The choir currently rehearses Thursday evenings 7-8pm and Sunday mornings 9-9:30am with Worship beginning at 10:00 am.

Desired qualifications include keyboard skills, choral directing experience, good interpersonal skills and background in a variety of worship music. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

If interested, please send a letter of interest and a resume to Readfield UMC, PO BOX 286, Kents Hill, ME 04349 or email office@readfieldumc.org

Readfield United Methodist Church

with the Kennebec Valley Humane Society

Saturday, October 7th, 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

1564 Main St. Readfield, Me.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate our pets and bless the animals.

All animals on a leash or in a carrier, please! Children are also welcome to bring their stuffed animals.

2:00 p.m.-2:20 p.m. Service 2:20 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Kennebec Valley Humane Society 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Individual animal blessings



Expense and Revenue Summary Reports as of 08/31/2017

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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
10 - GENERAL GOVT	458,085.00	32,787.47	373.99	70,058.34	388,026.66	15.29
12 - Maintenance	169,895.00	10,053.78	38.40	18,628.94	151,266.06	10.96
15 - BOARDS & COM	9,300.00	116.30	0.00	251.27	9,048.73	2.70
20 - TOWN BLDG	0.00	158.67	158.67	0.00	0.00	----
25 - COMM SERVICE	57,135.00	2,896.72	0.00	10,663.90	46,471.10	18.66
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	40,486.00	9,624.01	0.00	13,915.46	26,570.54	34.37
40 - PROTECTION	180,875.00	1,794.20	0.00	17,518.45	163,356.55	9.69
50 - CEMETERIES	16,050.00	324.54	0.00	615.32	15,434.68	3.83
60 - Rds & Drain	373,950.00	4,029.50	0.00	4,044.54	369,905.46	1.08
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	260,812.00	1,460.00	0.00	1,460.00	259,352.00	0.56
70 - SOLID WASTE	282,576.00	38,553.98	0.00	47,575.19	235,000.81	16.84
75 - EDUCATION	3,527,596.00	285,352.71	0.00	587,932.70	2,939,663.30	16.67
80 - REGIONAL ORG	317,600.00	0.00	0.00	7,145.33	310,454.67	2.25
85 - DEBT SERVICE	328,824.00	162,501.25	0.00	271,617.90	57,206.10	82.60
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	74,404.56	5,622.21	0.00	5,622.21	68,782.35	7.56
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,650.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,102,238.56	555,275.34	571.06	1,057,049.55	5,045,189.01	17.32

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Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL
August

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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	5,765,000.56	446.58	4,744,331.45	4,874,816.61	890,183.95	84.56
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,580.00	0.00	15,485.29	16,050.08	13,529.92	54.26
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	21,782.00	70.00	3,115.50	6,640.50	15,141.50	30.49
40 - PROTECTION	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	60.00
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	1.12	1.12	-1.12	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	45,000.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	44,900.00	0.22
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	10,975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,975.00	0.00
70 - SOLID WASTE	181,636.00	0.00	30,109.86	35,372.90	146,263.10	19.47
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	20,940.00	0.00	388.85	388.85	20,551.15	1.86
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,325.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,102,238.56	516.58	4,793,532.07	4,948,370.06	1,153,868.50	81.09

Contact Information for your Select Board

Bourgoine, Bruce: (207) 624-1977

E-Mail: bbourgoine@readfieldmaine.org

Parent, John: Phone: (207) 242-7420

E-Mail: jparent@readfieldmaine.org

Price, Dennis: Phone: (207) 557-4919

E-Mail: dprice@readfieldmaine.org

Sammons, Christine: Phone: (412) 779-4368

E-Mail: csammons@readfieldmaine.org

Woodsum, Kathryn Mills: Phone: (207) 685-9094

E-Mail: kwoodsum@readfieldmaine.org



We are looking for volunteer Members for the following

Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2020)

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 alt. Representative

Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. member (2019), 1 Assoc and 1 members (2020)

Heritage Days Members: Multi needed for the 2019 year.

Library Building Committee: Looking for any volunteers

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

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

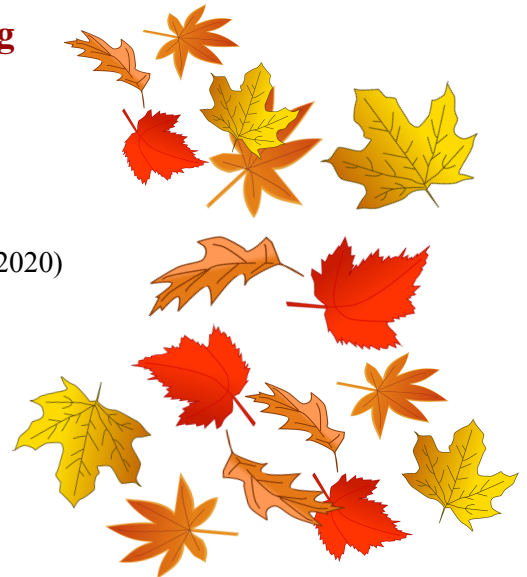
Readfield Enterprise Committee: 1 Select Board Member, 1 CPA or finance specialist, 1 attorney of legal professional, 1 Readfield Resident (suggested composition)

Road Committee: 1 member (2018)

Trails Committee: 2 members (2019), 3 members (2020), 1 Alt. (2020)

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the Town Office at 685-4939 or readfield@roadrunner.com for an application for appointment.

Last updated 09/21/2017





October 2017

Town Office & Transfer Station Business Hours

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Town Off. Closed	Town Off. 8:30-4:30	Town Off. 8:30-4:30	Town Off. 12-6:00	Town Off. Closed	Town Off. 7:30-3:30	Town Off. Closed
Tranf. Stat. Closed	Tranf. Stat. Closed	Tranf. Stat. 11-6:00	Tranf. Stat. 11-6:00	Tranf. Stat. Contractors Only	Tranf. Stat. 11-6:00	Tranf. Stat. 8-4:00

1	2	3	4 6:30 RSU 9:45 Library Brd 7pm Snowmobile club at Fire Station	5	6 7:30-3:30 Assessor in Today!	7
8	9 HOLIDAY CLOSED 	10 6:30 Conser- vation Com. 	11 9-Age Friendly 9-Cemetery Com. 6:30 Plan. Brd. 	12 5-Road Com. 	13 	
15	16 6:30 Select Board 	17	18 6:30 RSU 	19	20 7:30-3:30 Assessor in Today! 	21 8-11am Rabies Clinic in Wayne 
22	23	24 6:30 Trails Com. 	25 4:30-6:00pm Rabies Clinic 6:30 Plan Brd. 	26	27 	28 9-Select Brd & Cemetery Com.  
29	30 6:30 Select Board 	 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	Nov. 1 9:45 Library Board 	2	3	4