

**READING, VERMONT
TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**



**Town Meeting Saturday, March 2, 2019
@ 9:30 AM at the Reading Elementary School
Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District
Budget Vote
Tuesday, March 5th, 7:00 AM—7:00 PM
At the Reading Town Hall**

Jonathan L. Springer

Town Moderator 1989—2018

“ Minutes of Town Meeting March 7, 1989”

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, John Stahura at 9:36 a.m. on a very cold March day. Jonathan Springer was elected Moderator for the ensuing year by a vote of 44 for Jon to 27 for John.

At the School District Meeting that same day, Jonathan Springer was elected Moderator, and asked for a round of applause for John Stahura’s able handling of meetings the previous two years.

Jon Springer has been re-elected for 30 years. At the March 3, 2018 Town Meeting Jon announced that he would not run for moderator in 2019. The Town thanks Jon for filling this position all these years and keeping us all in line, both with his wit and his knowledge of meeting order. We all should wish him the very best in any of his future endeavors.



Jon gets Town Meeting started



Jon reviewing the Town Report with Jessica Seman



Photos Courtesy of
Nanci Nutile-McMenemy

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Cover Photo

Smoke rises out of the repointed chimneys at the Reading Town Hall. In addition to the chimney work; new windows were installed, insulation was replaced and new shingles were installed on the west side of the building. The question is still being asked if the shingles removed were actually the originals of 1911.

Thank you everyone for being patient with the closed off entry way while Garret Neill and his team from Tradesman Building Co. got the work done.

Town of Reading Phone Directory

Ambulance or Fire	911	
Elementary School	484-7230	www.resvt.org
Fire Department	484-3473 (fire)	
Fire Warden	484-0094 Nate Willard	802-384-2101 Greg Smith
Game Warden	802-234-9933	(State Police Royalton)
Library	484-5588	www.readinglibrary.org
Listers	484-7258	Email: rtownhall_464@comcast.net
Post Office	484-5994	
State Police	802-234-9933	
Town Garage	484-5122	
Town Office	484-7250	www.readingvt.govoffice.com

Meeting Schedule

Board of Selectmen	2nd Monday	6 pm at Reading Town Office
Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	6 pm at Reading Town Hall
EC Fiber	2nd Tuesday	7 pm -1st Floor of VT. Law School
Fire & Rescue Department	1st Tuesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Fire Dept. Auxiliary	1st Monday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Library Trustees	Last Tuesday	6 pm at Library
Parent Teacher Organization	2nd Tuesday	6 pm at Reading School
Planning & Zoning Commission	1st Monday	7 pm at Reading Town Hall
Reading All-Terrain Sportsman	2nd Wednesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Snowmobile Club, Little Ascutney	2nd Thursday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building (Sept - April)
WCMUUSD	2nd Monday	6 pm—Locations Vary; see meeting agenda

Reading Town Office

PO Box 72 - 799 Route 106
Reading, VT 05062
Open Monday - Wednesday
8 am to 4 pm
Thursday 7:30 am—3 pm

Reading Public Library

PO Box 7 - 717 Route 106
Reading, VT 05062
Open
Tuesday - 12 to 3 pm, 4 to 7 pm
Thursday - 10 am to 5 pm



Public Works Department:

Glen Towne, Road Foreman and Mark Biathrow
Not present Robert Taylor



Poll Workers—Bev Garrapy and Joyce Corbin

Town Clerk Fees

Burn Permit	No Charge
Certified Copies	\$10.00
Civil Marriage License	\$60.00
Copies of Vital Records	\$10.00
Dog License must be registered by April 1st	
Males / Females	\$13.00
Neutered / Spayed	\$9.00
Replacement Tag	\$3.00
New Dog after 10/1	Half Fee
After 4/1 add late fee	\$2.00 / \$4.00
Green Mountain Passport	\$2.00
Overweight Truck Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$10.00
Recording in Land Records per page	\$10.00
Transfer Station Coupons	\$17.50 / \$35.00
Transfer Station Window Sticker	
Property Owner	1st sticker free - 2nd \$5.00
Renter	\$5.00
Uncertified copies/land records	\$1.00
Vault Time per Hour	\$2.00

Robinson Hall Fees

Kitchen	\$75.00
Dining Room	\$75.00
Auditorium	\$150.00
Civic Organization Fees For Hall	
Kitchen	\$25.00
Dining Room	\$25.00
Auditorium	\$50.00

Zoning Permits

Accessory	\$35.00 + .04 psf
Board of Adjustment Hearings	\$200.00
New House	\$60.00 + .04 psf
Pools/Ponds	\$100.00
Signs	\$15.00
Site Plan Review	\$200.00
Subdivision Application	\$200.00

Selectboard Permits

Driveway Access Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$20.00
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**Town of Reading, Vermont
General Information
Chartered July 6, 1761**

Town Owned Real Estate	Parcel Id	Acres	Town Ordinances, Effective Date	
Amsden Property	1236	6.57	Animal Control	5/6/1998
Cemetery, Amsden	1217	2.6	ATV Amended	5/9/2011
Cemetery, Baileys Mills	1214	0.83	Driveway Amended	12/8/2014
Cemetery, South Reading	1216	0.39	Health Amended	1/9/2006
Cemetery, Spear	1213	0.93	Highway Amended	4/9/2007
Cemetery, Swain	1218	0.38	Town Plan Amended	7/18/2005
Cemetery, Weld/Sawyer	1215	1.28	Winter Road	12/9/1996
Claude Bartley Memorial Field	1202	3.99	Zoning Amended	1/12/2015
Fire Services Building	1224	5.93		
Former Reading Christian Church	1204	0.19	Highway Mileage	Map of 10/2014
Indian Stones Site, Felchville	1209	2.52	State -	7.479 miles
Library, Gilbert A. Davis	1207	0.2	Class 2 -	9.100 miles
Reading Elementary School	1220	5.69	Class 3 -	30.240 miles
Robinson Hall, Felchville (Trust)	1211	0.64	Class 4 -	<u>14.760 miles</u>
Stone School House, S. Reading	1208	0.38	Total Miles -	61.579 miles
Town Garage, Center Road	1203	5.34		
Village Green, Felchville	1205	0.25		

Town Owned Timber Rights

Evarts Lot, 101.66 acres
Land is State owned

Acreage

Total Town Acreage - 19,132.76 acres
State Owned Acreage - 6,808.39 acres
Town Owned Acreage—38.11 acres

2010 Census

666 (2010 Population and Housing
Estimate)

Altitudes Above Sea Level

Felchville - 754'
South Reading - 1274'

Felchville Cemetery Assoc. Owned Property

Felchville Cemetery, Parcel 1219 1.15 acres

Historical Society Owned Property

Universalist Church, Parcel 1221 .19 acres
Stone Chimney, Parcel 1210 .68 acres

South Reading Meeting House Association

Stone Church, Parcel 1212 .39 acres

Registered Voters - 524

WARNING FOR THE READING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Reading, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Reading Elementary School in said town on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters shall set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Monday, November 4, 2019 by 5:00 P.M. (No Post Marks)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: To elect all other Town Officers, as required by law: **(Page 10)**

Selectperson for a three (3) year term

Lister for a three (3) year term

Auditor for a three (3) year term

Auditor for a two (2) year term

Town Grand Juror for a one (1) year term

Trustee of Public Funds for a three (3) year term

Library Trustee for a five (5) year term

Town Agent for a one (1) year term

Cemetery Commissioner for a three (3) year term

ARTICLE 5: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.
(Pages 12 - 30)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate the amount of **\$633,214 (Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars)** to be raised by taxes for the Selectmen's Budget beginning July 1, 2019. **(Pages 15-19)**

Article 7: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow the amount of **\$120,000.00 (One hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars)** necessary to complete the siding, insulation and window project on the remaining sides of Robinson Hall.

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ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate the amount not to exceed **\$30,000.00** for the purchase and installation of (4) Welcome To Reading signs. **(Page 49)**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$707** (Seven Hundred-Seven Dollars) to HCRS, Health Care & Rehabilitation. **(Page 50)**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$300** (Three Hundred Dollars) to *Woodstock Area Job Bank*. **(Page 51)**

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$800** (Eight Hundred Dollars) to *Pentangle Arts Council* **(Page 52)**

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$750** (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to *Spectrum Teen Center* **(Page 53)**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$4,000** (Four Thousand Dollars) to *Visiting Nurse & Hospice* of VT & NH. **(Page 54)**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$200** (Two Hundred Dollars) to *Volunteers in Action*. **(Page 55)**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$500** (Five Hundred Dollars) to *Windsor County Partners*. **(Page 56)**

ARTICLE 16: To do any other business that may legally be done at this meeting.

Selectboard

Robert K. Allen, Chair

James Peplau

Gordon Eastman

**Article 4
Elected Officials**

MODERATORJonathan Springer **2019****TOWN CLERK**

Calista Brennan 2020

TOWN TREASURER

Calista Brennan 2020

SELECTBOARDRobert Allen **2019**

A. James Peplau 2020

Gordon Eastman 2021

LISTERSRichard Sullivan **2019**

John Fike 2020

Penny Allyn 2021

TOWN AUDITORSJim Waterfall **2019**

Liesbeth Kozlowski (R) 2020

Rayna Bishop 2021

TOWN GRAND JURORPeter Vollers **2019****TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**Howard Sanderson, Jr. **2019**

Curt Allen 2020

James Bartlett 2021

LIBRARY TRUSTEESHeather Evans **2019**

Bill Bakker 2020

Libbet Downs 2021

Vanessa Maxham 2022

Janet Malcolm 2023

TOWN AGENTKenneth Norcross **2019****CEMETERY COMMISSION**Susan Goodhouse **2019**

Kevin Kaija 2020

Adam Kozlowski 2021

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Rayna Bishop 2021

Robert Hartnett 2021

Jonathan Springer 2021

Mary Springer 2021

Peter K. Vollers 2021

**Voted on by Australian
Ballot on 3/5/19**

Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District

Board MembersAdam Ameele **2019**

Timothy Bishop 2020

Appointed Officials By Selectboard 2018

Planning Commission/ZBA	Term	Recreation Commission	Term
Ken Cox	2019	Joe Braun ® Gerry Marletta	2019
Kathy Callan-Rondeau	2020	Lisa Morrison	2019
Stephen Strait	2021	Stephen D'Agostino	2020
Rebecca Basch ® Kurt Voight (A)	2022	Lisa Kaija	2021
Kevin Kaija	2023		
Fire Chief		Green Spaces Committee	New 2018
Kevin Nunan (Resigned)		Ann Rubright	
Deputy Fire Chief		Stephen D'Agostino	
Curt Allen		Bill Bakker (Resigned)	
		Heather Evans	
E911 Coordinator		Jean Goldsborough	
Curt Allen		Lisa Kaija	
Gary Vittum		Jane Philpin	
		Tony Pikramenos (Resigned)	
Emergency Director		Animal Control	
Gary Vittum		Vacant	
Road Foreman		Tree Warden	
Glen Towne		Kristopher Blanchard	2019
Memorial Day Administrator		SWCRPC	
Patrick McLean	2019	Kathy Callan-Rondeau	2019
ECFiber Committee		Energy Coordinator	
John Malcolm	2019	Becky Basch - [Resigned]	2019
SWCTAC Representative		Solid Waste Mgmt. District Rep	
Gordon Eastman		James Peplau	2019

Appointed Officials by Other

Assistant Town Clerk by Town Clerk	Esther Allen	2020
Assistant Treasurer by Treasurer	Esther Allen	2020
Local Deputy Registrars by Town Clerk	Kevin Kaija	2019
(plus local funeral directors)	Susan Goodhouse	2019
	Adam Kozlowski	2019
Zoning Administrator by Planning Commission	Robert Allen	2020
Librarian by Library Trustees	Tony Pikramenos	
Fire Warden by State Fire Commissioner	Nathan Willard	2021
Fire Warden Asst. by State Fire Commissioner	Greg Smith	2021
Health Officer by VT. Dept. of Health	Mary Springer	2020

Town Financial Reports

Auditors Report

The Reading Auditors have examined the financial records of the governmental activities and fund information of the Town of Reading.

Rayna Bishop

Jim Waterfall

January 2019

Town of Reading Selectboard's Report

The Selectboard's budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, results in a 3.2% increase and requests \$633,214,00 to be raised by taxes to support the general expenses of the Town. Monies in special articles are not included in the above amounts.

The Tyson Road Bridge in South Reading was completed in November 2017. The Bridge on Town Farm Road was worked on throughout the winter of 2017/2018 and was completed in early May of 2018 as anticipated a year ago. This completes the construction of 4 new Bridges along the North Branch of the Black River since Tropical Storm Irene hit in 2011. With that said, Reading only has one bridge left that has not been 'recently' replaced and that is the bridge on the southerly end of the Twenty Mile Stream Road near the Cavendish Town Line.

Another major project and expense was the paving on the Tyson Road from westerly of Felchville to the Food Shelf in South Reading. That work was completed in July of 2018 and has made a big improvement along that 3-1/2 mile stretch. There is still about 3-1/2 miles left to do from the end of this project to the Plymouth Town Line. The Selectboard received a grant for this paving project in 2016 from the State of Vermont, however work was delayed until 2018 in order to complete the Bridge projects in South Reading first. The grant money for this recent project is the first we have received since 2005 (11 years between awards). In discussions with the planners at the Department of Transportation, District 4, with this award we have dropped nearly to the bottom of the list of Towns in District 4 and we believe that without a lot of additional Transportation funding from the State it will be several years before we are eligible for another grant. Therefore we will be including some money in this and future budget's to continue the retreatment on Tyson Road to the Plymouth Town Line.

We have completed some ditch work in various areas of Town to help control the runoff from heavy rain storms and the spring snow melt. Grants from the Better Roads program and the Grants-in Aid program have paid for 75/80 % of that work.

The Robinson Hall restoration project has moved along well with the chimneys being replaced above the roof line and the siding, insulation and windows being replaced on the west end facing the parking lot. We plan to continue this project until all four sides have had the same work done. There is a special article on the warning asking for approval from the voters to allow us to borrow the money necessary to complete this project.

Another project was the restoration of some of our very old Town records. These old records were the beginning of the town clerk recordings which were hand written on paper. These records were just rolled up and tied with a string and stored in the vault. They were deteriorating from the way they were stored and the old paper. Working with Kofile Preservation in Essex Junction, VT, the records from 1781 to 1840 were smoothed and preserved in special binders. Copies of these records are also now stored digitally. In 2018 the records from 1781 to 1840 were completed. In 2019 the Clerk and Assistant Clerk plan to continue this work and do the years from 1841 to 1850.

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With the approval of our budget last year we were able to purchase a new highway truck to replace the 2010 International that has cost the Town a fair amount of money in repairs over the past 4 or 5 years and a very powerful leaf/debris blower that has proved to be very efficient at clearing leaves and small debris from the highway ditches. This is about the only way to clean the stone lined ditches that we continue to install.

In the early summer of 2018, we worked with Green Mountain Power to move up their schedule of changing the Town's streetlights over to energy efficient LED lights. This has resulted in a huge savings to the Town by cutting that cost in half from over \$5,000.00/year to something less than \$3,000.00 annually.

See you at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Allen

A James Peplau

Gordon Eastman



Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2020

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	12/31/2018	FY 2020
1 Beginning Balance	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 337,120.97	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 54,520.34	\$ 55,000.00
2 State Aid					
3 Class 2/class 3	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 83,314.10	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 41,657.20	\$ 83,300.00
4 Grants-Retreatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000.00	
5 Grants-Bridges	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 Grants-Town Hall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7 Grants-Fire Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8 Grants - Highway Department	\$ -	\$ 24,456.79	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ -
9 Grant-Planning		\$ 2,456.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12 Lister Reappraisal	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,485.50	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
13 Land/Current Use	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 143,385.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 131,030.00	\$ 130,000.00
14 Zoning Permits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 550.12	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 892.36	\$ 1,500.00
16 Hearing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17 Zoning Fines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
18 Emp Cont.- Health Ins	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,011.94	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 3,821.50	\$ 7,700.00
20 Workmans Comp Rebate	\$ -	\$ 1,325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21 TC Recording Fee	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,486.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,201.00	\$ 6,000.00
22 Vault Time	\$ 150.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 150.00
23 Restoration fund	\$ 700.00	\$ 829.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 700.00
24 Dog Licenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 722.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 700.00
25 Liquor Licenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
26 Copier Receipts	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,873.75	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 718.70	\$ 1,800.00
27 Marriage Licenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
28 Green Mt. Passports	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -
29 Fish & Wildlife	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.50	\$ 100.00
30 Motor Vehicle fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 50.00
31 Weathersfield Dump Tokens	\$ -	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ 145.00	\$ 200.00
32 Civil Highway Fines	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,554.55	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,678.81	\$ 15,000.00
34 Interest-Checking	\$ 400.00	\$ 715.94	\$ 400.00	\$ 262.94	\$ 600.00
35 Reading Informer	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,000.00
36 Truck Permits	\$ 250.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 200.00
37 Taxes Collected	\$ -	\$ 529,569.67	\$ -	\$ 473,440.97	\$ -
38 In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,045.52	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,503.96	\$ 45,000.00
39 Del.Tax Int. Earned	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,197.95	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,995.06	\$ 8,000.00
40 Del.Tax Collected	\$ -	\$ 82,045.22	\$ -	\$ 63,747.79	\$ -
41 Misc Income	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 13,908.59	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,111.20	\$ 1,500.00
42 TOTAL INCOME	\$1,200,700.00	\$1,668,962.11	\$ 445,850.00	\$ 1,038,564.33	\$ 365,350.00

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Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2020

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EXPENSES	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Actual 12/31/2018	Budget FY 2020
100 COST OF GOVERNMENT					
101 Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 13,910.00	\$ 30,000.00
103 Ass't Clerk/Treas.Salary	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,495.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 8,000.00
104 Health Insurance TC/TT	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,264.16	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 10,596.76	\$ 18,000.00
105 Selectboard	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,500.00
106 Abatements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
107 Listers	\$ 27,650.00	\$ 24,674.85	\$ 27,350.00	\$ 10,701.89	\$ 27,815.00
108 Auditors	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
109 Moderator	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
110 Fire Chief	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
111 E-911 Coordinator	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
112 Zoning Administrator	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 1,000.00
114 Health Officer	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
115 Town officials-FICA	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,091.13	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,080.37	\$ 4,200.00
116 General Liability Insur.	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,098.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,196.00	\$ 4,500.00
117 Public Officials/EPL Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 1,200.00
118 Bond Insurance	\$ 450.00	\$ 439.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 433.00	\$ 450.00
119 Workman's Comp.Ins.	\$ 325.00	\$ 344.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 350.00
120 Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,362.84	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,700.39	\$ 2,400.00
121 Telephone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,053.74	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 540.03	\$ 1,200.00
122 Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 213.48	\$ 200.00	\$ 195.13	\$ 250.00
123 Office Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 4,000.00
124 Computer Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,119.52	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,611.01	\$ 6,000.00
125 Information Technology - Web Site	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 600.00
126 Records Restoration	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,731.22	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,294.07	\$ 15,000.00
127 Printing & Advertising	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,042.74	\$ 900.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 1,000.00
128 Town Reports	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
129 Town Reports-Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
130 Legal Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 500.00
131 Election Workers	\$ 400.00	\$ 393.27	\$ 400.00	\$ 444.00	\$ 400.00
132 Planning Commission	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
134 Reading Informer	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,316.08	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,502.01	\$ 8,000.00
135 Recreation Commission	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,217.61	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
136 Misc. Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 15,850.04	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 1,500.00
137 VLCT	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,739.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,776.00	\$ 1,819.00
138 SWCRPC	\$ 835.00	\$ 832.50	\$ 835.00	\$ 832.50	\$ 833.00
139 County Tax	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,514.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
150 TOTAL COST OF GOVERNMENT	\$ 138,810.00	\$ 146,663.18	\$ 151,410.00	\$ 80,038.16	\$ 156,317.00

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	12/31/2018	FY 2020
200 PUBLIC SERVICE					
201 Weathersfield Transfer	\$ 18,635.00	\$ 18,634.80	\$ 18,635.00	\$ -	\$ 18,635.00
202 Reading Fire & Rescue Department	\$ 33,650.00	\$ 23,432.72	\$ 32,350.00	\$ 13,591.21	\$ 33,552.00
203 Fire & Rescue - W/Comp.	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,266.00	\$ 1,600.00
204 Fire & Rescue - Liab & Vehicle Ins.	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,608.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,502.00	\$ 3,600.00
208 Ambulance Service	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,651.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 3,478.50	\$ 7,635.00
209 Emergency Dispatch/Repeater Fees	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 11,877.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,376.00	\$ 12,000.00
210 Windsor County Sheriff	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,183.70	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 18,550.60	\$ 36,000.00
211 Streetlights	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,301.03	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,231.55	\$ 3,000.00
212 Robinson Hall	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,698.21	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,797.07	\$ 20,000.00
213 Town Hall Restoration	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
214 Town Garage	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,203.21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,377.56	\$ 10,000.00
215 Food Shelf Building	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,484.84	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,566.46	\$ 2,500.00
216 Property Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,499.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,312.00	\$ 10,000.00
217 Amsden Property	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 250.00
218 Village Green	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
219 Memorial Day	\$ 200.00	\$ 134.90	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
220 Library	\$ 12,180.00	\$ 11,345.46	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,647.73	\$ 14,000.00
221 Librarian	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 17,934.54	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 9,459.61	\$ 18,300.00
222 Memorial Field	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 985.18	\$ 1,200.00
223 Indian Stones Site	\$ 500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 800.00
224 Green Up Day				\$ -	\$ 75.00
225 Town Cemeteries	\$ 13,230.00	\$ 13,230.00	\$ 12,980.00	\$ 12,980.00	\$ 13,000.00
230 TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE	\$ 234,095.00	\$ 212,960.41	\$ 230,215.00	\$ 119,206.47	\$ 241,847.00
300 EQUIPMENT USE					
301 Grader-1986 Deere	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,955.44	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,698.03	\$ 4,000.00
302 Loader-2010 Kawasaki	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,620.35	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,642.26	\$ 5,500.00
303 Truck #1-2014 International	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 8,377.73	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,237.21	\$ 9,000.00
304 Truck #2-2019 Western Star	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 15,637.22	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,756.27	\$ 8,500.00
305 Truck #3-2014 Ford	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,465.20	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,255.87	\$ 5,300.00
306 Snowplows	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,386.67	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,078.45	\$ 4,500.00
307 Sanders	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,758.47	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 430.05	\$ 3,000.00
308 Saws	\$ 900.00	\$ 129.98	\$ 500.00	\$ 25.76	\$ 500.00
309 York Rake	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,186.14	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,000.00
310 Radio Repairs	\$ 500.00	\$ 112.15	\$ 500.00	\$ 169.05	\$ 500.00
311 Misc. Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,258.93	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,164.62	\$ 3,500.00
312 Diesel Fuel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,140.44	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,459.36	\$ 25,000.00
313 Oil & Lube	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,531.57	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
314 Shop Tools	\$ 500.00	\$ 486.57	\$ 500.00	\$ 505.24	\$ 500.00
315 Equipment Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,458.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 4,000.00
316 TOTAL EQUIPMENT USE	\$ 70,200.00	\$ 74,504.86	\$ 72,300.00	\$ 40,538.17	\$ 76,300.00

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	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Actual 12/31/2018	Budget FY 2020
320 GENERAL MAINTENANCE					
321 Class 2-Labor	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,619.20	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,819.15	\$ 12,000.00
322 Class 2-Contract.Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,048.80	\$ -
323 Class 2-Materials	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,536.01	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,657.16	\$ 7,000.00
324 Class 3-Labor	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,775.21	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 22,930.30	\$ 40,000.00
325 Class 3-Contract.Labor	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 34,918.75	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,662.44	\$ 25,000.00
326 Class 3-Materials	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 33,761.15	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 10,661.58	\$ 34,000.00
327 Class 4-Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 19.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
328 Class 4-Contract. Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
329 Class 4-Materials	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
330 Equipment Rental	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,568.32	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,581.68	\$ 12,000.00
331 State General Permit for Roads	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
332 TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 124,500.00	\$ 120,838.39	\$ 134,150.00	\$ 79,361.11	\$ 133,100.00
 340 WINTER MAINTENANCE					
341 Class 2-Winter Labor	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,341.22	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 4,742.61	\$ 13,000.00
342 Class 2-Winter Cont.Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
343 Class 3-Winter Labor	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 39,346.60	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 11,961.24	\$ 39,000.00
344 Class 3-Winter Cont.Labor	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 5,000.00
345 Elementary School Winter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 929.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 203.50	\$ 1,000.00
346 Fire Department - Winter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 120.30	\$ 1,000.00
347 Salt	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 26,060.51	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 13,274.25	\$ 32,000.00
348 Sand	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 29,408.68	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,407.40	\$ 35,000.00
349 TOTAL WINTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 114,798.51	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 61,349.30	\$ 126,000.00
 360 OTHER HIGHWAY					
361 Retreatment-Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
362 Retreatment-Contract.Labor	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 324,791.17	\$ 75,000.00
363 Retreatment Materials	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
364 Dust Control Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,553.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 1,500.00
365 Dust Control-Materials	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,744.99	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 5,500.00
366 Bridges/Culverts-Labor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
367 Bridges-Contract.Labor	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 821,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
368 Bridges/Culverts-Materials	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,321.06	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,426.20	\$ 4,000.00
369 Bridges/Culverts-misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
370 Road Signs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,378.24	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 144.77	\$ 3,000.00
371 TOTAL OTHER HIGHWAY	\$ 970,500.00	\$ 833,098.04	\$ 170,500.00	\$ 331,256.14	\$ 92,000.00
 380 FRINGE BENEFITS					
381 Social Security	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,275.96	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,696.55	\$ 12,000.00
382 Vacations	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,686.10	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,079.90	\$ 8,000.00
383 Bereavement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
384 Holidays	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 5,201.14	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,239.45	\$ 4,600.00
385 Sick Leave	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,090.33	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,483.06	\$ 3,500.00
386 Health Insurance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 64,168.50	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 36,209.82	\$ 65,000.00
387 Workmen's Compensation	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,313.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,503.00	\$ 11,500.00
388 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 650.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
389 Retirement Contribution	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,055.20	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00
390 Uniforms	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,642.97	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,199.36	\$ 1,700.00
391 Conferences/Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 823.18	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 857.00	\$ 1,500.00
392 TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 105,350.00	\$ 111,578.38	\$ 109,350.00	\$ 66,368.14	\$ 112,700.00
 399 TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$1,381,050.00	\$1,254,818.18	\$ 610,300.00	\$ 578,872.86	\$ 540,100.00

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	Budget FY 2018	Actual FY 2018	Budget FY 2019	Actual 12/31/2018	Budget FY 2020
400 SHORT TERM BORROWING					
404 2019 Truck Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,136.93	\$ 50,000.00
405 2019 Truck Loan Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 458.11	\$ 2,500.00
406 TOTAL BORROWING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,595.04	\$ 52,500.00
410 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES					
413 Highway Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 55,560.00	\$ -
414 Leaf Blower	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ -
415 Robinson Hall Emergency Generator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,800.00
415 TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,700.00	\$ 63,160.00	\$ 7,800.00
420 TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,753,955.00	\$1,614,441.77	\$ 1,059,625.00	\$ 849,872.53	\$ 998,564.00
430 TOTAL INCOME	\$1,200,700.00	\$1,668,962.11	\$ 445,850.00	\$ 1,038,564.33	\$ 365,350.00
440 TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$ 553,255.00	\$ (54,520.34)	\$ 613,775.00	\$ -	\$ 633,214.00
450 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS					
451 Visiting nurses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
452 Windsor County Partners	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
453 Pentangle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
454 Spectrum Teen Center	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
455 Volunteers in Action	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
456 Ottauquechee Community	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
457 The Currrent	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
460 Health Care & Rehab	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 707.00	\$ 707.00	\$ -
462 Woodstock Area Job Bank	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
463 Green Up Day	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
465 Historical Land	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
466 Welcome to Reading Signs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
470 TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 49,800.00	\$ 49,800.00	\$ 6,582.00	\$ 6,582.00	\$ -
480 Grand Total Raised by Taxes	\$ 603,055.00		\$ 620,357.00		

End Town Budget

Please see pages 48—56 for information regarding the
special appropriations requested for FY'20

Asset & Liability Report

Real Estate		Values as of June 2018	
Amsden Property		\$	82,500.00
Cemetery, Amsden		\$	6,600.00
Cemetery, Baileys Mills		\$	2,100.00
Cemetery, Brown Schoolhouse		\$	1,000.00
Cemetery, South Reading		\$	1,000.00
Cemetery, Spear		\$	2,400.00
Cemetery, Weld		\$	3,200.00
Indian Stone Site 2 Acres		\$	13,800.00
Reading Christian Church Building		\$	219,800.00
Reading Elementary School		\$	2,486,200.00
Reading Library		\$	472,800.00
Stone School House		\$	302,600.00
Town Ball Field		\$	71,000.00
Town Garage		\$	441,800.00
Town Green		\$	17,100.00
Town Hall		\$	989,296.00
Sub-Total Real Estate		\$	5,113,196.00
Fire & Rescue Department			
Fire & Rescue Building -	2006	\$	566,100.00
Fire Fighter Equipment		\$	120,000.00
Truck - Forestry Utility -	1982	\$	6,500.00
Truck - Pumper- International -	1992	\$	40,000.00
Truck - Pumper - Pierce -	2007	\$	263,118.00
Forestry Trailer -	2010	\$	4,500.00
Truck-F550 Rescue Vehicle -	2016	\$	147,902.00
Sub-Total Fire & Rescue		\$	1,148,120.00
Road Maintenance Equipment			
Grader - Deere -	1986	\$	24,000.00
Loader - Kawasaki -	2010	\$	91,950.00
Sanders		\$	2,600.00
Snowplows		\$	5,000.00
Truck - International -	2014	\$	69,500.00
Truck - Ford 1/2 Ton 550 -	2015	\$	41,700.00
Truck - Western Star -	2019	\$	155,560.00
Welder, Torch, Saws, & Misc. Tools		\$	10,000.00
York Rake		\$	1,000.00
Sub-Total Equipment		\$	401,310.00
Administrative Equipment			
Elementary School		\$	400,000.00
Listers Office		\$	1,500.00
Town Kitchen & Main Room		\$	5,600.00
Town Office		\$	5,900.00
Sub-Total Admin Equipment		\$	413,000.00
Total Assets		\$	7,075,626.00

Cemetery Commission
Town Owned Cemeteries Financial Report
7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018

Balance as of 7/1/17

Checking Account	\$7,537.92	
Total		\$7,537.92

Receipts

Town of Reading - Cemetery Maintenance	\$13,230.00	
Grant	\$0.00	
Plot Sales	\$1,000.00	
Donations	\$0.00	
Total Receipts		\$14,230.00

Disbursements

Cemetery Maintenance Mowing Only		
Baileys Mills	\$910.00	
New Amsden	\$765.00	
Old Amsden	\$400.00	
Sawyer (Weld)	\$530.00	
So. Reading & Ackley Ext	\$1,205.00	
Spear	\$260.00	
Swain	\$45.00	
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Total Maintenance		\$4,115.00

Miscellaneous

Baileys Mills Fencing	\$246.25	
Installation of corner stones	\$425.00	
Perpetual Care CD - Transfer Into	\$300.00	
Plot sale - refund	\$250.00	
South Reading Gate Expense	\$423.99	
South Reading Stone Repair	\$2,400.00	
South Reading Tree Work	\$400.00	
Spear Cemetery Stone Repair	\$1,000.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	\$800.00	
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Total Miscellaneous		\$6,245.24

Total Expenses	\$10,360.24
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Balance as of 6/30/18	\$11,407.68
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Funds restricted due to donor requirements:
\$5,000 for Bailey's Mills stone work only.

Delinquent Tax Report as of December 19, 2018

Amounts Due Include Interest and Penalties

2017 - Delinquent Taxes	
Parcel ID#	Name
3047	Allen, Harold
1026	Ballou, Jason
1101	Cormier, Lisa
2012	Ford, David W Jr
2223	Stevens / Bostock
Total for 2017	
\$10,614.05	

2018 - Delinquent Taxes	
Parcel ID#	Name
3047	Allen, Harold
1026	Ballou, Jason/TOR
3014	Bartlett, Michael
1040	Bastedo, Brenda
1044	Burke, Jeanette
1101	Cormier, Lisa
2290	Cyphers, Helen
2012	Ford, David
2008	Grindlay, Jeffrey
2067	Hernon, Brian
1151	Hodgkinson Family
1150	Johnson, Charles
2216	Murray, Todd
2126	Newman, Ronald
2010	Pellet Property
1192	Reading Heights
2095	Schoffler, William
1013	Stevens, Matthew
2223	Stevens/Bostock
1077	Sullivan, Richard
2245	Taylor, Theresa
2027	The Conservation Fund
3008	The Conservation Fund
3033	Vosine, Shane
Total for 2018	
\$46,841.04	

Grand Total All Delinquent Tax	\$57,455.09
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Reading Library Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Y-E'18

Total funds allocated to Library from Town		\$29,280.00
Expenses		
	Salary	\$17,129.32
	Approved overtime	\$805.22
	Technology	\$1,628.92
	Materials	\$2,635.93
	Grounds Keeping	\$951.93
	Heat	\$1,176.68
	Electricity	\$1,131.98
	Phone	\$892.08
	Supplies	\$455.65
	Dues & Journals	\$349.00
	Cleaning	\$405.00
	Programs	\$584.64
	Postage	\$298.12
	Elevator Inspection	\$200.00
	Maintenance	\$665.67
	Fees, Interest, Refund	(\$30.14)
Total Expenses		<u>\$29,280.00</u>
Balance		\$0.00

Library Checking Account		
Balance as of July 1, 2017	**	\$12,410.71
Income		
	Donations	\$5,165.00
	CD Interest	<u>\$9.97</u>
	Total Income	\$5,174.97
Expenses		
	Appeal Letter Mailing	\$409.42
	Postage	<u>\$19.60</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>\$429.02</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2018		\$17,156.66
Other Accounts:		\$5,000.00
Interest Bearing CD (Marjorie Swain Gift)		
Submitted for record, William Bakker, Treasurer		
** Updated total from last year's report		

Reading Listers Annual Report 2018

2018 As Billed Grand List Statistics:

Total Town Properties = 621

Taxable Properties = 522

Taxable Homesteads = 220

Total Grand List As Billed Value = \$1,282,474.85

The Town's 2018 Common Level of Appraisal is 100.084

2018 Current Use:

There are currently 97 Parcels enrolled in the Current Use Program. Total acreage in Current Use is 13,329.49 acres with a land use exempt amount of \$26,667,332.00

2018 Technology:

The oldest computer in the Listers Office was replaced. All the computer stations had the new Microsoft Office 365 Software installed. A battery back-up for each computer was also installed.

The State Tax Department continually expands their use of the digital format for their information, reports, and forms via the internet. Fewer hard copies of Lister documents are received and sent to the State. The Listers expect this trend to continue. These changes require Listers to continually update and expand their technology equipment and expertise.

2018 Continuing Education:

The Listers continue to attend classes and workshops to remain current on any changes that impact Lister responsibilities in technology and software. New in 2018 was a workshop on valuing solar farms and cell towers. Another new workshop was "State Statutes and Rules of Assessment".

2018 Inspections:

The Listers continue to analyze PVR's Annual Sales Report to identify trends in the various sales categories that impact values. Value changes are made when these trends are identified and verified using the ratio study data.

2018 Special Project:

Up-to-date photos of all Reading Cemeteries were taken and archived in their parcel record file.

John Fike

Penny Allyn

Richard Sullivan



Listers Explanation of Current 2018 Grand List				
Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	149	\$25,117,000	\$17,045,400	\$8,071,600
Residential II	206	\$97,682,900	\$40,416,500	\$57,266,400
Mobile Homes L	9	\$799,900	\$250,800	\$549,100
Vacation Homes I	17	\$713,200	\$54,000	\$659,200
Vacation Homes II	19	\$2,858,300	\$184,000	\$2,674,300
Commercial	6	\$911,100	\$75,800	\$835,300
Utilities-E	1	\$2,171,200	\$0	\$2,171,200
Farm	4	\$8,507,900	\$1,302,400	\$7,205,500
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	98	\$15,014,700	\$18,800	\$14,995,900
Total	509	\$153,776,200	\$59,347,700	\$94,428,500
Personal Property				
Cable	1	\$187,013		\$187,013
Machinery & Equipment	12	\$991,604		
Total	13	\$1,178,617		\$187,013
Total Municipal Grand List	522	\$154,954,817	\$59,347,700	\$94,615,513
Education Grand List				
Homestead Education		\$54,556,045	X 1%	\$545,560
Non-Residential Education		\$72,729,836	X 1%	\$727,298
Total Educational Grand List				\$1,272,859

Listers Explanation of 2017 Grand List				
Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	149	\$25,233,900	\$17,308,900	\$7,925,000
Residential II	205	\$98,647,500	\$42,632,500	\$56,015,000
Mobile Homes L	9	\$807,100	\$247,700	\$559,400
Vacation Homes I	17	\$715,700	\$54,000	\$661,700
Vacation Homes II	20	\$3,058,400	\$184,000	\$2,874,400
Commercial	6	\$946,200	\$75,800	\$870,400
Utilities-E	1	\$2,096,400	\$0	\$2,096,400
Farm	4	\$8,594,800	\$1,389,300	\$7,205,500
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	102	\$15,304,000	\$18,800	\$15,285,200
Total	513	\$155,404,000	\$61,911,000	\$93,493,000
Personal Property				
Cable	1	\$188,939		\$188,939
Machinery & Equipment	11	\$1,006,415		
Total	12	\$1,195,354		\$188,939
Total Municipal Grand List	525	\$156,599,354	\$61,911,000	\$93,681,939
Education Grand List				
Homestead Education		\$56,696,845	X 1%	\$566,968
Non-Residential Education		\$71,603,562	X 1%	\$716,036
Total Educational Grand List				\$1,283,004

Robinson Hall Maintenance Account

Beginning Balance:	7/1/2017	\$ 83,162.22
Receipts:		
	Post Office Rent	\$ 5,847.00
	Hall Rentals	\$ 275.00
	For Restoration	\$ 20,000.00
	Interest	\$ 131.83
	Misc.	\$ 19.95
	Expenses paid by Town	\$ 17,698.21
	Total Income	\$ 43,971.99
Disbursements:		
	Electricity	\$ 1,410.82
	Propane & Oil	\$ 4,631.90
	Maintenance	\$ 9,208.45
	Mats	\$ 979.68
	Miscellaneous	\$ 847.28
	Security/Fire Protection	\$ 1,349.50
	Supplies	\$ 294.30
	Total Expenses	\$ 18,721.93
Ending Balance:	6/30/2018	\$ 108,412.28
Restricted Funds \$60,000.00 for building maintenance		

Robinson Hall Trust Annual Report Interest Earnings & Fund Balance

Year End Ending Date	YE 2016 12/31/2016	YE2017 12/31/2017	YE2018 12/31/2018
Principal Balance	\$ 6,735.48	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Savings Account Bal.	<u>\$ 1,632.69</u>	<u>\$ 3,414.92</u>	<u>\$ 3,454.83</u>
Total Beginning Balance	\$ 8,368.17	\$ 8,414.92	\$ 8,454.83
Interest Earned	\$ 46.75	\$ 39.91	\$ 40.23
Payment to Town	\$ -		
Trustees Fees	\$ -		
Transferred from Trust to Savings	\$ 1,735.48		
Retained by Trust	<u>\$ -</u>		-
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 3,414.92	\$ 3,454.83	\$ 3,495.06
Reserved to avoid monthly service fees	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Available to the Town	\$ 3,164.92	\$ 3,204.83	\$ 3,245.06
Ending Principal Balance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Savings Balance	<u>\$ 3,414.92</u>	<u>\$ 3,454.83</u>	<u>\$ 3,495.06</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ 8,414.92	\$ 8,454.83	\$ 8,495.06

Robert K. Allen, Trustee

Special Town Funds		
CLAUDE W. BARTLEY MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance 07/01/17	\$	321.64
Interest	\$	<u>0.01</u>
Balance 06/30/18	\$	321.65
SUSAN E. ALLEN FUND		
Balance 07/01/17	\$	5,089.82
Interest	\$.20
Checks	\$	0.00
Deposits	\$	0.00
Balance 06/30/18	\$	<u>5,090.02</u>
SUSAN E. BARTLET FUND		
Balance 07/01/17	\$	629.72
Interest	\$	<u>0.03</u>
Balance 06/30/18	\$	629.75
FLAG FUND		
Balance 07/01/17	\$	1,625.86
Interest	\$	0.07
Flags purchased	\$	0.00
Donations	\$	<u>91.39</u>
Balance 06/30/18	\$	1,717.32

Trustee of Public Funds			
Fiscal Year 2017-2018			
Indian Stones Permanent Fund (CD)		Lumber Trust (CD)	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$ 12,209.44	Balance as of 7/1/17	\$ 27,939.97
Interest Income	<u>\$ 45.73</u>	Interest Income	<u>\$ 106.99</u>
Balance as of 6/30/18	\$ 12,255.17	Balance as of 6/30/18	\$ 28,046.96
Restricted Funds	\$ 5,000.00	Restricted Funds	\$ 23,035.00
Town Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust (CD)		S. Reading Cemetery Loveland Trust (CD)	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$ 23,964.48	Balance as of 7/1/17	\$ 21,452.03
Interest Income	\$ 72.61	Interest Income	<u>\$ 64.44</u>
Plot Sales	<u>\$ 300.00</u>		
Balance as of 6/30/18	\$ 24,337.09	Balance as of 6/30/18	\$ 21,516.47
Restricted Funds	\$ 22,968.03	Restricted Funds	\$ 20,000.00
Historical Society CD # 1		Historical Society CD # 2	
Opening Balance 7/01/17	\$ 25,167.97	Opening Balance 7/1/17	\$ 25,240.34
Interest Income	\$ 90.45	Interest Income	\$ 126.24
Transfer to RHS	<u>\$ < 2500.00></u>		
Balance as of 6/30/18	\$ 22,758.42	Balance as of 6/30/18	<u>\$ 25,366.58</u>
Respectfully submitted Trustees			
<i>James Bartlett</i>		<i>Curt Allen</i>	
		<i>Howard Sanderson, Jr.</i>	

Taxes Voted Fiscal Year 2017-2018
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ARTICLE 6	Selectboard's Budget	\$ 553,255.00
ARTICLE 7	Green Up	\$ 75.00
ARTICLE 8	Woodstock Job Bank	\$ 300.00
ARTICLE 9	OCP	\$ 1,500.00
ARTICLE 10	Spectrum Teen Center	\$ 750.00
ARTICLE 11	The Current	\$ 500.00
ARTICLE 12	Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	\$ 4,000.00
ARTICLE 13	Volunteers in Action	\$ 175.00
ARTICLE 14	Windsor County Partners	\$ 500.00
ARTICLE 15	Historical Society Building Purchase	\$ 42,000.00
ARTICLE 18	Elementary School \$ 1,039,665	
	Homestead Education Tax Credit	\$ 256,233.19
	School tax retained by Municipality	\$ 1,496.03
	School Local Share Tax High School & Elementary	\$ 1,488,428.00
	School State Wide Tax	\$ 268,016.22
TOTAL TAXES VOTED		\$ 2,617,228.44

**Statement of Taxes Raised
Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

GRAND LIST:	Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,292,725.22
	Homestead Grand List	\$ 548,653.45
	Non-Residential Grand List	\$ 734,307.62
	Municipal Tax Rate	0.4665
	Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.6789
	Non-Resident Educational Tax Rate	1.5059
GRAND LIST	Municipal \$ 1,292,725.22 X .4665 =	\$ 603,056.32
(Rate per \$100)	Homestead \$ 548,653.45 X 1.6789 =	\$ 921,134.28
	Non-Res. \$ 734,307.62 X 1.5059 =	\$ 1,105,793.84
Total Grand List		\$ 2,629,984.44

TAXES VOTED:	\$ 2,617,228.44
TAXES ASSESSED:	<u>\$ 2,629,984.44</u>
Amount taxes assessed over taxes voted	\$ 12,756.00

Town Clerk Report

Dog Licenses Issued 01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018

Type	Quantity	Funds Collected
Spayed	80	\$720.00
Neutered	72	\$648.00
Males	8	\$100.00
Females	7	\$91.00
Total	167	\$1,559.00
Late Fees		\$74.00
Less State Fees Paid		-\$834.00
Retained Fees		\$799.00

Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018

Copy & Fax	\$1,873.75
Dog Registrations	\$722.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$100.50
Green Mountain Passport	\$8.00
Informer	\$2,800.00
Liquor License	\$255.00
Marriage License	\$40.00
Motor Vehicle	\$33.00
Recording & Vault Time	\$7,733.00
Transfer Station Stickers	\$255.00
Total Fees Collected	\$13,820.25



In September 2018 Town Clerk, Calista Brennan, received her certification as both a CVC (Certified Vermont Clerk) and CVT (Certified Vermont Treasurer).

Calista now joins over 100 other associates that hold a certification from the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association.

Congratulations Calista!

Town Clerk Report
Land Recordings Fiscal 2018

Acknowledgement	1
Affidavit	1
Assignments	6
Boundary Adjustment	1
Certificate of Appointment	1
Certificate of Merger	1
Certificate of Non-Redemption	1
Certificate of Trust	4
Complaint	1
Corrective Easement	1
Current Use	11
Death Certificate	6
Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure	1
Discharge	33
Discharge Separate from Mortgage	1
Easement	20
Executors Deed	2
Final Decree of Distribution	1
License to Sell Real Estate	3
Lien Release	3
LLC Borrowing Authority	1
Mortgage Deed	40
Name Change	3
Notice of Redemption	2
Power of Attorney	18
Quit Claim Deeds	11
Resolution	1
Right of First Refusal	1
Stipulation to Dismiss	1
Subordination of Mortgage	1
Tax Lien	7
Tax Sale Report	3
Tax Warrant	1
Trustee's Deed	1
Warranty Deed	29
Wastewater Permit	7
Zoning	11
Total Recordings	237

Town Organizations Reports

ECFiber 2018 Report

The Town of Reading is a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Vermont's first Communications Union District. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns and is financially self-sustaining, meaning that, by law, local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations.

At the end of 2018, 775 miles of fiber-optic network have been built and "lit" in parts of 21 member towns, serving over 3200 customers, including 41 in Reading.

ECFiber is planning to start building out parts of Reading in fall of 2019 due to elevated subscriber interest. In particular: Baileys Mills Road, and parts of Whitmore Circle.

In 2019, ECFiber will raise its basic service offerings to 25, 50, 200 and 700 Mbps symmetrical – again raising speeds without raising prices. ECFiber also plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2019 and beyond in order to complete 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2022.

ECFiber is pleased to offer:

- Reliable high Internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not "up to" as offered by other providers.

- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps.

- Local and personable customer service with phones answered by an employee during business hours without an automated queue.

- Local ownership and control - Governing Board members meet monthly to set policy and are actively involved in promoting ECFiber within the community.

- Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

For additional information please contact one of your ECFiber Representatives at reading@ecfiber.net or to subscribe go directly to ECFiber.net.

John Malcolm ECFiber delegate for Reading

Website: www.ECFiber.net | Office: (802) 763-2262 | Email: support@ecfiber.net

Delegate: John Malcolm | 802-356-0114 | reading@ecfiber.net

Felchville Cemetery Report

The Felchville Cemetery is Reading's 'other' cemetery. The association was incorporated November 3rd, 1858 dedicated to those who were dying in the growing village of Felchville.

There are three trustees in charge of upkeep of the cemetery and sale of burial plots. Official business is carried out at the Annual Meeting of the Association held on the last Tuesday in April each year. Anyone who owns a burial plot or has relatives buried at the Felchville Cemetery is eligible to participate as a member of the Association.

There are still a few burial plots and a number of cremation plots available for Reading residents. For more information, contact one of the three trustees.

Audrey Halpert, Trustee, Chairperson	484-7376
Howard Sanderson, Jr, Trustee/acting treasurer	484-5548
Nathan Willard, Trustee	484-0094

Forest Fire Warden's Report

There were **84** burn permits issued this year. Due to your cooperation we experienced no out of control burns.

By state law, if you wish to burn natural wood or debris outdoors, you must obtain a burn permit from the Town Forest Fire Warden. **It is mandatory that a permit be received each time you burn on the day you plan to burn.** They are obtained from the Town Fire Warden. Permits can only be issued for burning brush or scrap, untreated lumber. Remember, burn barrels are illegal!

This fall the paperwork was submitted and approved by State Fire Marshall, Jim Esden, to add an assistant fire warden for the Town. Greg Smith has been assigned this position and will assist residents with permits when Nathan is not available.

Thank you for your cooperation so we may continue to prevent forest fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Willard

Forest Fire Warden
484-0094

Gregory Smith

Assistant Forest Fire Warden
802-384-2101





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\$75.00 has been added to the Selectboard's budget in general funds to cover the cost of Green Up Day.

Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary, with 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a non-profit organization, not a state agency. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover fourteen percent of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and two part-time staff people.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online through our website.

Follow our blog for updates throughout the year! You can also link to Green Up Vermont's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages by visiting our website.

Save the date: Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day is May 4, 2019. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

"Marie" Mary Anderson has been our Green Up Day Volunteer coordinator since 1999—20 years.

Thank you for getting us out on the roads to Green Up Reading.



Memorial Day Committee 2018 Report

To the Town of Reading:

The Memorial Day Committee ensures that Reading's fallen veterans and those who died while in defense of our freedom are honored during the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day.

Brief History of Memorial Day

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), established 'Decoration Day' as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major General John Logan declared it should be May 30. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery.

It was not until after World War I, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American Wars.

Quote from John F. Kennedy

*"Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans, born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage, and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we committed today at home and around the world." Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or will, that **we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.** Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate - **And so my fellow Americans, as not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.**" (January 20, 1961).*

The tradition at Arlington, is called "flags in" placing flags one foot away and centered in front of the graves. These exact sized flags are placed in the selected cemeteries listed below in Reading. These are purchased annually by the Town and placed at:

- ◇ Swain Cemetery on Brown School House Road;
- ◇ Sawyer Cemetery on Weld Cemetery Road;
- ◇ South Reading Cemetery on Malagash Road;
- ◇ Amsden Cemetery on Hurricane Hill Road;
- ◇ Spears Cemetery on Spear Cemetery Road;
- ◇ Bailey's Mill Cemetery on Bailey's Mills Road;
- ◇ Buck Cemetery off Route 106;
- ◇ Felchville Cemetery off of Tyson Road.

Additional flags are placed at the Town Hall Veteran's Monument, Bartley Field Monument and those markers near the grave stones that were veterans or been part of a service auxiliary. The students of the Reading Elementary School place flags at the appropriate graves in the Felchville Cemetery and a student musician plays taps.

Respectfully Submitted,

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Patrick McLean





Photo: Contrast between headstone treated (left) and not treated (right) with anti-moss/lichen solution one year ago. Solution is non-toxic and requires no scrubbing of historic stones. Time, weather, and sun do the work for you!

Cemetery Commissioners 2018 Town Report

The Town cemetery commissioners had another busy year! We continued to make solid headway with both our preservation goals as well as continuing to refine the procedural aspects of governing Reading's nine cemeteries (e.g. sales, internments, communication, and record keeping). Here are a few examples:

- Tree and brush work, as well as stone wall repairs, were completed at the Amsden cemeteries.
- Fence and brush work were completed at Baileys Mills cemetery.
- Training workshops (open to the public) were used to complete restoration of grave markers at South Reading cemetery.
- Treating headstones for moss and lichen growth began with the hope that all cemeteries will be treated in the next few years (see picture).

This year we also experimented with a reduced mowing schedule. I cannot think of a worse lawn configuration to mow than one filled with delicate stone obstacles - and so do not begrudge our hard working cemetery mowers one bit! - but costs have been on a relentless march upward. So, in part to control costs and in part to investigate the public's response to a more meadow-like look in our more rural and less visited town cemeteries, the mowing schedule was reduced this year. It was a trial run that could use some refinement, but as with everything we do, we would be interested to hear from anyone who noticed (either favorably or not!). Another topic we would be interested in hearing from folks about are 'green' burials which are now legal in Vermont (given certain considerations). Green, or natural burial, is a way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that aids in the conservation of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, protection of worker health, and the restoration and/or preservation of habitat. Green burial necessitates the use of non-toxic and biodegradable materials, such as caskets, shrouds, and urns. In some cases special areas are set aside for these types of burials and left in a more natural wooded or grassy state. The Green Burial Council is a good place to start to find out more information about this new trend: www.greenburialcouncil.org

Want more information or to become involved in Reading's cemeteries? Here are some ideas:

Directions to Reading's cemeteries can be found on the town website under 'Cemeteries of Reading'. Much of the information recorded on the grave stones themselves can be found on the Find a Grave website (www.findagrave.com).

The Cemetery Commissioners' Annual Report can be found on the town website and includes a detailed list of annual accomplishments, budget, and upcoming projects for the next three years.

Adopt-a-Cemetery - from mowing, trimming, stone cleaning, stone repair, photography, transcriptions, record keeping, and donations - there are needs suited to all skill levels, ages, and abilities.

Come to one of our annual, hands-on head stone repair workshops!

Stop by a Cemetery Commissioners' meeting. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the town hall building. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas are posted one week in advance of all meetings. Meeting minutes are posted on the town website.

Talk with a Cemetery Commissioner - our names and phone numbers can be found on the town website under 'Cemeteries of Reading'.

We encourage everyone to visit at least one of these unique public places to appreciate the value they add to our town. Put it on your VT bucket list!

Respectfully submitted by the Town of Reading Cemetery Commissioners,

Susan Goodhouse	2019
Kevin Kaija	2020
Adam Kozlowski (Chair)	2021



Reading Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Annual Report of 2018

Another year has gone by and we want to thank you for all your continued support. Without this support, Reading Vol. Fire & Rescue would not be possible, again THANK YOU.

As of this writing for the year 2018 Reading Fire & Rescue responded to 45 calls.

At the present time Reading Fire & Rescue has 21 members. Currently the department has (7) certified firefighter 1, (4) certified firefighter 2, (6) EMR's , (3) EMT's and (1) AEMT's.

Major purchases for this past year: The Department purchased two sets of bunker gear totaling \$4,800.

This years Old Home Day was once again a great success, the weather was perfect. Again, without the help from the residents of the community and all the volunteers this would not be possible, thank you all.

Officers of the Department:

Chief:	Kevin Nunan
Deputy Chief:	Curt Allen
Asst. Chief:	Alan Dutton
Captain:	Eric Joyal
Lieutenant:	Nile Franc
EMS Director:	Don Scullin
Secretary:	Deb Scullin
Treasurer Fire Dept.:	Ashley Koetsier Maxham
EMS Training Officer:	Molly Brockman
EMS Equipment Officer:	Eric Joyal
Moderator:	Gary Vittum

Please remember that **SMOKE DETECTORS and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS do save lives** so please install these two important detectors in your home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Vittum

Retired Chief – Reading Fire and Rescue

Fire Safety Day October 13, 2018

Sponsored by the Reading Fire Auxiliary & Fire Department



Gary Vittum trains Joey Sluka to use a fire extinguisher



Firefighter Adam Ameenle races his son Ethan to get dressed in bunker gear.



Deputy Chief, Curt Allen, discusses fire extinguisher sizes with Auxiliary President, Kate Allen.





Fully Involved

Reading Fire Department Auxiliary

Hello Reading Residents,

Thankfully 2018 was a quiet year for the auxiliary, we did not need to respond to any major fires. Instead we prepared and served food for a Red Cross blood drive that was held at the station in April. These non-emergency events always help hone our skills if we need to cook for a fire. The blood drive went well and the auxiliary enjoyed cooking for all the donors.

This year we worked on the flag pole planter, this has become a beautiful memory garden. Stop by some sunny summer day and look at the flowers and memorial stone. We are hoping to continue to landscape and plant around the station to beautify the yard.

The next event that we focused on in partnership with the fire department was our first fire prevention fair. What a fun day that crisp October Saturday was. We had informative booths with giveaways at each station. We talked about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and gave them away to those who needed them. We demonstrated and sold fire extinguishers, talked burn safety, created fire safety plans, demonstrated fire department equipment and took people through the smoke trailer with many informative fire safety tips. A free lunch was served and the kids even had a bounce house. I hope all who attended enjoyed the day as much as we did.

In closing I'll remind everyone we meet the first Monday of most months at 6:30 in the fire station. You do not need to have a connection to the fire department to join the auxiliary, we are a varied group who welcomes all. I thank all of the members who make anything we do seem effortless.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kate E. Allen , President

Brandi Vittum – Vice-President

Calista Brennan – Treasurer

Esther Allen – Secretary

READING GREENSPACES 2018 COMMITTEE REPORT

The Reading Greenspaces Committee was created in the spring of 2018 by some folks interested in utilizing the space left by the removal of the Reading Historical Society building. Our vision at the outset was to have an outdoor space in town that all residents can enjoy during the year.

Reading Green Spaces Committee (RGSC) members were formally appointed by the Select Board this summer. The committee meets on a regular monthly basis. Some highlights include:

- * Formally naming the space "Puddledock Park". It pays tribute to a bit of history of Felchville.
- * Purchasing 2 lovely picnic tables that we then weatherized. These tables were made possible by donations from the Reading Public Library and Reading Recreational Commission.
- * Having part-time Reading resident architect Ellin Goetz donate her time to help with drawing up a landscape design from which we can work from.
- * Placing some donated flowering plants in the space this summer to add some color and visual appeal.
- * Enabling free public WiFi using existing Comcast service.

Puddledock Park was well utilized with the Puddledock Parties in August and September. These weekly events included several music events, an s'mores party, BBQ, produce swaps, an ice cream social, art-in-the-park and more informal gatherings. The events were all made possible by the Reading Recreation Commission. On December 1 the Park hosted a wreath sale benefiting the park thanks to support from the Reading Greenhouse and the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the evening.

We worked diligently on a design for Puddledock Park that would make the space attractive and welcoming for residents feel comfortable whether it be for a meeting, having lunch, utilizing the free WiFi or just plain old relaxing. We were very fortunate to get Ellin Goetz's volunteer expertise and came up with projects that include (depending on funding) some large boulders for climbing or sitting, a meandering stone wall and path, a few trees for shade, a trellis over the wellhead with climbing flowers and a Puddledock sign.

We realize that all of this will take vision, fund raising and support from our Town to accomplish. We are pleased with what we have done this year and look forward to continuing our work to build a beautiful public space for all to enjoy.

BUTWE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Please consider a donation to the Puddledock Park project.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Town of Reading ***** In memo line indicate for Puddledock Park

Mail to: Annie Rubright at P.O. Box 7, Reading, Vermont 05062

Committee Members: Annie Rubright, (Chair), Stephen D'Agostino, (Secretary), Heather Evans, Jean Goldsborough, Lisa Kaija and Jane Philpin



Local community members enjoy a night out at Puddledock Park
listening to the sounds of the Still Hill Band.

READING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

It was another great year for the Reading Historical Society as we celebrated our 65th anniversary!

We opened the museum on Old Home Day and several times during the warmer months. Stephen D'Agostino planned two programs at the museum with the VT Humanities Council that were well attended! We continued to catalog all our old photographs as we work to preserve our collection. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the following people. It is their hard work and effort that make our success possible.

Museum, grounds, and other building maintenance

Jim Bartlett for overseeing all of the work done on the building.

Garrett Mulder for completing the interior furnace room.

Junior Sanderson and Garrett Mulder for lighting the Universalist Church windows.

Bob Allen for plowing and shoveling the walk. **Mason Harkins** for maintaining the lawns. **Scott Harkins** for raking up all those leaves in the fall!

Collection preservation and item donations

Bev Garrapy, Sue Mulder & Milde Waterfall for working to sort and file our old photos.

Jane Cleveland, Wayne Elliott, Jane Stillson, Patsy Jenne Blume, Walter Wilkins, Angie Pratt, Nancy Stahura, family of Kenneth VanHouten for donating items to the collection.

Craft fair

Jim & Diane Bennett for hosting our craft gatherings at their home. **Calista Brennan, Mary Hartnett, Charline Hagar, and Gail Emerson** who produced handmade crafts to sell at our annual Craft Fair, with all proceeds benefitting the society. A special thank you to **Sue Allen** for making and donating her wonderful gift cards, night lights and glass magnets for our fair.

Bill Bakker for offsetting the cost of advertising for the Craft Fair.

Tim Bishop for getting us a road sign to help advertise our event.

Financial donations

Peter Vollers and Vermont Overland for a substantial cash donation.

Liesbeth and Adam Kozlowski's for donating Suncommon solar credits to offset our power bill.

People who buy using Amazon Smile (Visit smile.amazon.com to learn how Amazon will make a donation to the Reading Historical Society for all your purchases).

The generous people who have donated money to the society.

Everyone that purchased one of our 65th Anniversary coffee mugs. Still some available - they make great gifts

The many people that made purchases at our 3rd annual craft fair - making it even more profitable than the last two years.

And finally, to the entire **Reading Historical Society Board** for being there to support the activities of the Society: **Scott Harkins**, Vice-President; **Liesbeth Kozlowski**, Treasurer; **Charline Hagar**, Secretary

Board: **Sam & Eleanor Grice**, **Stephen D'Agostino**, **Calista Brennan**, and **Bob Allen**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Allen, President

Want to make a donation or join the Historical Society

Complete this form and make your check payable to: ***Reading Historical Society***

Mail To:
Liesbeth Kozlowski
750 Stone Chimney Road
Reading, VT 05062

I don't wish to become a member, but would like to make a donation to your efforts of preserving Reading's history. \$ _____

Membership Options - please select one

INDIVIDUAL \$15.00 _____ INDIVIDUAL SENIOR CITIZEN \$10.00 _____

FAMILY \$20.00 _____ SUSTAINING \$100.00 _____

INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBER \$200.00 _____

Member (s) Name _____

Mailing Address _____

e-mail address _____



Top Left: Liesbeth Kozlowski, Calista Brennan, Esther Allen, Stephen D'Agostino, Scott Harkins

Bottom Left: Charline Hagar, Eleanor Grice, Sam Grice - absent Bob Allen

Planning and Development Commission
Zoning Board of Adjustment
2018

The PC and SB work together along with the SWCRPC and occasionally the VLCT to ensure the ZO and TP support the town's goals and comply with the VSA. Confused? Don't be. Come to a Planning Commission meeting or email us with your questions.

Reading's Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Town Hall Dining Room. Occasionally, when our meeting falls on a holiday, we meet at an alternate time and alert the public through our meeting minutes and post a notice in the Town Hall. The business of each meeting is outlined in an Agenda that we post no later than the Wednesday before that meeting. Often our meeting minutes are too long to print in full in the Reading Informer. If that happens, a briefer version appears in the Informer and we post the full version on the Planning Commission page of the Reading website. We also deliver a copy to the Town Clerk for posting in the Town Hall. Please read the minutes to follow the work of the Commission and attend a meeting if you have any questions or concerns. If you prefer to contact us online, our email address is readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as needed to hear requests for conditional use permits or variances. We warn ZBA hearings at least fifteen days in advance in accordance with Vermont's open meeting rules. The ZBA did not meet during 2018.

The Reading Planning Commission has worked on amending the Town's Zoning Ordinance (ZO) since January of 2016 with the help of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC). As consultants, they help insure the ZO supports the 2015 Town Plan and is up to date with current Vermont zoning law. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed changes on January 8, 2018. Some of the major changes to the Ordinance are in the following sections: subdivision regulations, the ridgeline protection district, flood hazard regulations, telecommunications, and the addition of a wildlife protection district. The Commission also reviewed the town's zoning boundaries and made adjustments that will align them as much as possible with parcel boundaries. The Selectboard held their public hearing on the proposed zoning changes on May 5th and decided to pass it back to the Commission for a review of the zoning boundary map. The Commission, prompted by questions from the public, discovered some mapping errors they will correct before they resume the approval process.

Felchville was designated as a Village Center in the spring thanks to the efforts of Becky Basch. Becky has been a valued member of the PC for many years and also served as the recording secretary. Unfortunately, (for Reading) she moved to Massachusetts in August for a new job and resigned from the Commission. The Commission will miss her contributions of time, energy, and experience and thanks her for all her work for the benefit of Reading.

The Planning Commission recommended that the Selectboard appoint Kurt Voight to fill Becky's vacancy. Kurt has an interest in town planning and has attended Commission meetings for the past couple of years. The Selectboard appointed him at their October meeting.

The Commission spent the rest of the year working on the Town Plan that expires at the beginning of 2020, particularly an enhanced energy plan chapter. Vermont has ambitious goals to reduce energy use in the state and shift to more renewable sources by 2050. The energy chapter gives the town a chance to support that planning and will give the town more input in any Public Service decisions about commercial energy facilities in town.

RPDC chairman – Stephen Strait
ZBA chairman – Ken Cox

Photo—board members Kevin Kaija, Kurt Voight, Ken Cox, Stephen Strait
Absent: Kathy Callan-Rondeau



Reading Public Library Annual Report FY 2018

Board of Trustees: Vanessa Maxham, Chair; Bill Bakker, Treasurer; Janet Malcolm, Secretary; Libbet Downs; Heather Evans. Board meets monthly the last Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The library maintained its subscription to the Vermont Online Library. This allows patrons access to more than four dozen databases comprising information on health, business, science, genealogy, and the arts. Universal Class, an online continuing education service, is also available to patrons, who can take up to five non-credit courses at a time. The library provides e-books and digital audio books through Listen Up Vermont. Passes for Billings Farm, the Precision Museum, the Vermont History Museum, VINS, and ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center can be checked out, as well as passes for thirty-five Vermont state parks and eight Vermont historical sites. And the building continues to be used as an after-hours meeting space for local groups. All of the above services are free to patrons. In addition, the library's wireless access point runs continuously, so folks with dial-up or spotty service at home can bring their laptops to the building and get a high-speed, fiber-optic connection, even when the library is closed.

We maintained membership in the Catamount consortium, comprising eighteen libraries big and small around the state. All of us are using the same web-based library management system, which provides additional and improved services to patrons 24/7. You can search our catalog online via our website. You can also see what books you have out and when they're due, and you can renew them if you wish. You can update your account information, check your reading history, get tips and reviews on other books you might like, create reading lists of books you want to read, make suggestions for books you'd like the library to consider buying, and receive email notifications about overdue books and about books waiting for pick-up at the library. And you now have direct access to the 400,000-plus items belonging to Catamount libraries. If we don't have the book you want here but someone in the consortium does, you can request the book with a few keystrokes and it will be mailed to Reading library.

After transferring our catalog holdings to the online server, library staff was able to focus less on clerical work and more on patrons' needs and programs. Examples of the latter include game nights and the tree-lighting event (both co-sponsored with the REC), May Day flower-making, community sing-alongs, a Random Art exhibition, a summer reading series, a seed-lending library, stitching circles, a Make-a-Plate workshop, a solar and energy-savings workshop, as well as pumpkin-carving and herb-gardening events with the school. And we continue to work hard at being good stewards of the building and grounds. We expanded our herb garden, trimmed and fertilized the library's crabapple tree, filled in a couple of soffit holes (a result of woodpecker damage), and repaired cracks in the front steps and sidewalk.

Cordially,

Tony Pikramenos,

Librarian

Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesdays 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. (closed 3:30 - 4)

Thursdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed 1:30 - 2)

Phone: 484-5588. **Mail:** P.O. Box 7

E-mail: reading.public.library@comcast.net.

Web: www.readinglibrary.org.

Photo: Libbet , Vanessa, Heather, and Tony
Absent: Bill and Janet



Reading Recreation Commission Report

During 2018, the Reading Recreation Commission built on the successes and lessons learned in 2017 and had a very busy 2018.

Before we get into the highlights, let's note a personnel change. Last year saw the resignation of Joe Braun. The commission thanks him for his dedication, big-picture thinking, and enthusiasm. We could not have revived the commission without him!

Gerry Marletta joined the commission in March, just months after moving to Reading. He got right to work, helping us with our very first big event of the year, the **Reading Bunny Hop**. With Easter being early in 2018, this fun springtime tradition took place at Reading Elementary School. Though the choices of places to hide the colorful surprise-filled eggs were not as wide-ranging as at Bartley Field, the kids had fun collecting them.

In March, the Reading Recreation Commission kicked off a monthly series called **Game Night**. The first two were held at the Reading Public Library, where we played board games, card games, did puzzles and enjoyed the company of our community. For the warm-weather months, we moved Game Night to Bartley Field for a variety of outdoor sports, including kickball, whiffle ball and tag. We held an amateur horseshoe tournament against Weathersfield during the July Game Night, and we hosted barbecues, making these monthly events a great way to spend a summer evening. In September, Game Night returned to the library.

The **Ducky Derby** was a huge success. Thanks to all the local businesses who donated prizes and to everyone who bought tickets. The commission's biggest fundraiser of the year brought in over \$2,000 to help us fund future events.

Building on the success of last year's Produce Swap, the Reading Recreation Commission hosted **Puddledock Park Parties** for nine Thursdays in a row through August and September. Each week had a theme, including Open Mic, Art In the Park, Ice Cream Social, Lawn Games, Campfire and S'mores, and a concert by Still Hill, which drew upwards of 70 people to Puddledock Park.

Of course, the Reading Recreation Commission sponsored **Fright Night** on Halloween. The tradition continued with pizza at Town Hall followed by trick-or-treating and trunk-or-treating, carved pumpkin judging, and fun and games at Robinson Hall.

Last, but certainly not least, the Reading Recreation Commission, in conjunction with the Reading Public Library, hosted the **2nd Annual Tree Lighting**, the ultimate event of a fun-filled December 1 in town. We lit a huge tree donated by Esther and Bob Allen, sang carols, enjoyed cider, hot cocoa, and homemade cookies, and a wonderful visit from Santa Claus.

The commission has lots planned for 2019. All the great events from 2018 will be back for another year. We're also looking at new activities to help us meet our mission of boosting community spirit by organizing and promoting intergenerational events.

Heartfelt thanks to many Reading residents who volunteered their time to put on these events and to everyone who came to them. We certainly could not have done it without you.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephen D'Agostino, Lisa Kaija,

Gerry Marletta, and Lisa Morrison.

Photo: Gerry Marletta, Lisa Kaija, Stephen D'Agostino

Absent: Lisa Morrison



Zoning Administrator's Report

During the calendar year of 2018 there were 23 various permits issued. The summary is listed below.

Zoning Permits

1 Handicap Ramp	1 Pig House
1 New House	4 Horse Run in Sheds
2 House Additions	2 New Barns
2 Decks	1 Pond
4 Storage Shed's/Workshops	2 Sign Permits
3 New Garages	

Building and Excavation contractors continue to tell people that no permit is needed for certain construction activities, this is obviously not true. I believe this is just an attempt to get the job and get started without waiting to get the permit and follow the public notice waiting period. People have also been told that a driveway permit is not needed on a class 4 road or a town trail. This is also not true. Please be advised that, regardless of who gives you information about needing, or not needing, a permit you should check with either the Zoning Administrator or the in the case of driveway permit, the Selectboard before proceeding with any construction of any kind.

I advise everyone again that it is the homeowner's sole responsible for securing any permit required by either the Town and/or State of Vermont before any construction work is done on your property. An agent of the homeowner may apply for the permit; however he/she must then assure the Town that all information is true and correct on the application. The homeowner should advise the contractor what permits are required for the work they are planning. If there are any questions please call the Town Office or the Zoning Administrator.

Remodeling a work shop, shed, garage or any other structure into living quarters is one example of a change of use. Please contact the Zoning Administrator for information if you're not sure if a permit is required or not.

The Planning Commission has finished their review of the Zoning Ordinance. The first Public Hearing by the Planning Commission was held with no public input. The Ordinance was then passed to the Selectboard for their required Public Hearing and there were some objections to the change in lot sizes in some areas of Town. Some people objected to the lot sizes being increased and others objected to the lot sizes already being too small. Interesting! The Selectboard returned the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for further review. If you have concerns or comments on any zoning regulation, please monitor the Town Web Site and attend a Planning Commission meeting if you see the Zoning Ordinance on the Agenda for discussion.

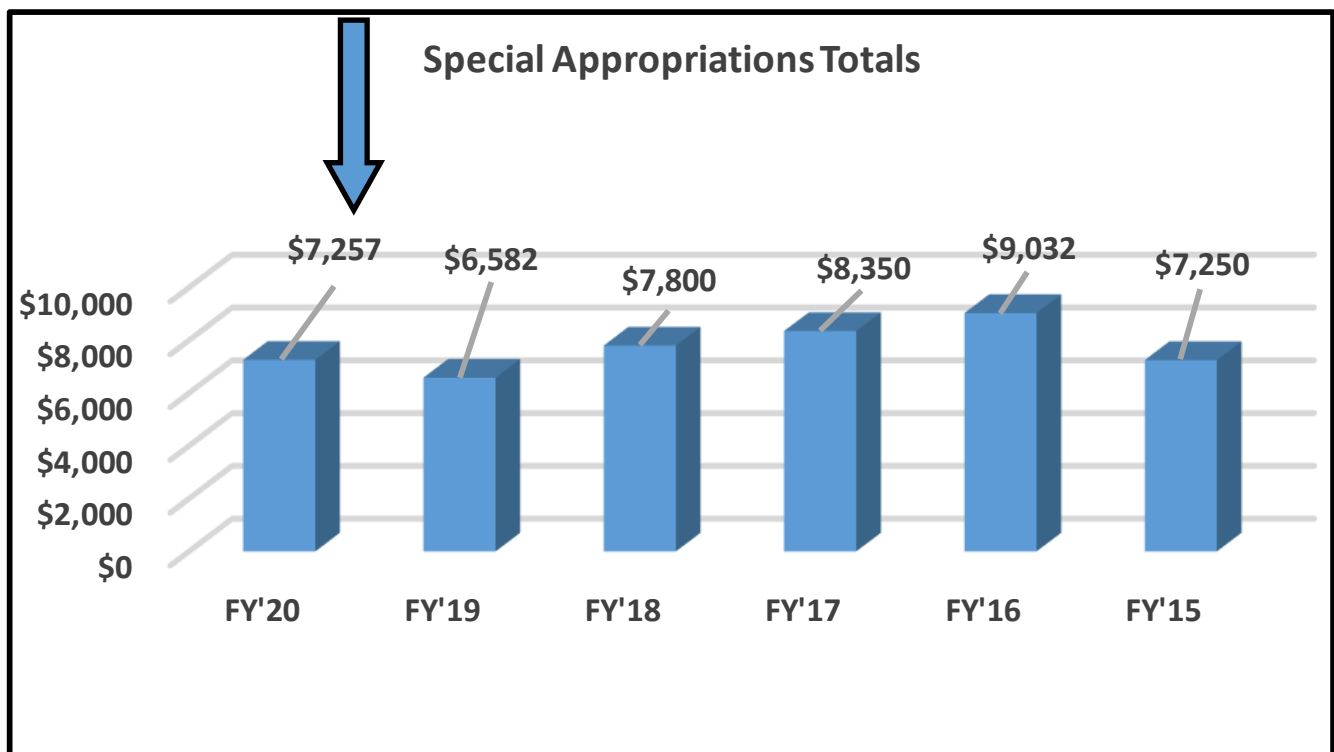
In 2013 the VT Legislature amended **Sec 9 – 24 VSA – 4449, re Energy Standards, Zoning Permits and Certificates of Occupancy** - Provisions of this bill require administrative officers to provide applicants with building energy standards when issuing applicable zoning permits and also require the permittee to provide the administrator with the required Residential Building Efficiency Standards Certificate prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Free copies of the Vermont Residential Building Energy Code Handbook are available from the Department of Public Service (contact kelly.launder@state.vt.us)

There are many property owners who have built houses, camps, or made additions to your home that have not requested a review and a signed **Certificate of Occupancy**. Be advised that should you ever wish to sell, re-mortgage or in some way convey your property to another; the title search will discover that you do not have a certificate of occupancy and without it the conveyance could/will be delayed. I continue to get call from lending institutions processing applications if there are any outstanding permit issues or permits lacking the required certificate of occupancy. If you think you may need a C-O-O please contact me and the issue can be resolved fairly quickly.

Copies of all Town ordinance's and regulations are available at the Town Office and the Town website.
Submitted by Robert Allen
Zoning Administrator

Special Appropriations Reports

Organization	Amount Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Requested	Amount Requested
	FY'20	FY'19	FY'18	FY'17	FY'16	FY'15
Green Up Vermont - moved to Town Budget FY20		\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$50
HCRS - Health Care & Rehabilitation	\$707	\$707	\$0	\$0	\$707	\$0
Job Bank	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Pentangle Arts Council	\$800	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$0
Spectrum Teen Center	\$750		\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT-NH	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900
Volunteers In Action	\$200	\$200	\$175	\$175	\$250	\$0
Windsor County Partners	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total Requested	\$7,257	\$6,582	\$7,800	\$8,350	\$9,032	\$7,250
Increase/Decrease over previous budget year	\$750	(\$1,218)	(\$550)	(\$682)	\$1,782	(\$800)



Article 8

To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase and installation of (4) Welcome to Reading signs.

In 2018 the Reading Selectboard approved a committee to continue the work of evaluating possible vendors, choosing a vendor and making a proposal to the board for the purpose of having Welcome to Reading signs in Town.

Steps Taken by the committee:

1. Received 4 estimates
 - A. Benchworks, West Windsor, VT
 - B. Vermont Hand Carved Signs, Hartland, VT
 - C. Signarama, Burlington, VT
 - D. Stone Vault Co. LLC, Newport, NH
2. Identified locations and reviewed right-of-way and approached property owners
3. Reviewed zoning regulations
4. Gathered feedback from the community at a meeting on November 14. Visitors agreed with our assessment of proposing the granite signs.

Proposed Sign Details

Size – Sign will be 42 inches wide by 30 inches tall

Materials – Granite signs attached to granite posts

Text – **WELCOME TO READING & Chartered 1761** on the front, no text on the back

Locations

- North – Rte 106 towards the top of Reading Hill on the Spittle's property
- South – Rte 106 near the Indian Stones on the Lynch's property
- West – Tyson Road at the bus turnoff
- East – Rte 44 in the Amsden Cemetery

Installation – Will need to find volunteers or a contractor to dig holes and place sonotubes.

Maintenance – No maintenance required for the stone.

Next Steps upon approval at Town Meeting March 2, 2019

Review State required Right-of-Way for specific location planning

Get final contract

Contact property owners for easements

Seek donations of funds

Thank you for your consideration of this article.

Bill Bakker, Mary Vittum, Erika Marletta,

Gary Vittum, and Esther Allen

Photo: Mock up of proposed signs



Article 9

\$ 707.00

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Annual Report for Town of Reading

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY18, HCRS provided 2393 hours of services to 16 residents of the Town of Reading. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Reading.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Springfield Regional Office (Agency Headquarters) 390 River Street Springfield, VT 05156 (802) 886-4500 First Stop for Children's Services: (855) 220-9429 Fax: (802) 886-4580

SpringfieldOffice@hcrs.org

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The Woodstock Area Job Bank

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Leo LaCroix

Dawn Thomas

Teresa Cheeks

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Beth Crowe, Director

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Hours:

Tues., Wed, Thurs.

9-12 :00 or by appointment

www.woodstockjobbank.org

Woodstockjobbank@gmail.com

Article 10 \$ 300.00

How are we funded?

**This year our funding request to the Town of Reading
remains level at \$300; the same as the last 6 years.**

The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization

We thank the voters of Reading for supporting

this worthy organization!

Since 1974 the Job Bank has helped many hundreds of people in the greater Woodstock community by matching those looking for work with those seeking workers. Today the jobs listed range from full-time professional to hourly household work. Workers are of all ages and skill levels. We're even helping to recruit volunteers for events and causes in our community.

Requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 50 active job seekers on our list and over 431 jobs posted by employers.

Our budget is limited and dependent on contributions from our community. This year our funding request remains level with last year. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources.

*We thank the town of Reading for its
continued support!*

Article 11 \$ 800.00 Pentangle Arts Council



Since 1974 Pentangle Arts has provided arts and cultural experiences for the greater Woodstock region. We thank the residents of **Reading** for their continued support of our mission to provide engaging arts experiences for audiences of all ages. We are thrilled to once again offer live educational and entertaining programs for the residents of Reading.

Town Funds from the Town of Reading helped make the following programs possible:

- An Arts in Education Program that included 4 live musical productions based on children's literature for students PreK – 6 grade.

- A dance residency with the Dance Theatre of Harlem attended by over 600 students.

- A Puppet Making Residency at Reading Elementary School.

- Screening of first run films 42 weekends annually.

In addition, funding from area towns helps Pentangle provide *free* programming such as ***Thank you Thursday Free Movie Series***, the ***38th Annual Brown Bag Concert Series***, the ***Vermont Flurry***, and the ***Light Garden***.

With the continued financial support from area towns Pentangle can continue to create a community where:

- Arts experiences are accessible

- Entertainment and education go hand in hand

- Our children find compelling reasons to remain invested in their home town and state

For more information please go to www.pentanglearts.org or email director@pentanglearts.org.

Article 12

\$750.00

Spectrum Teen Center

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 22 years in grades 9-12. In 2017, we opened our program up to middle school. Our teens are from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union.

In 2017, we tried something new and took teens into the community. We noticed that our attendance increased exponentially. We have worked to develop community connectedness with other groups, organizations and businesses in an effort to offer great teen events.

Over the past year we offered two Miniature Golf/Pizza Night where we had approximately 40 teens. Over 150 teens attended Ice Skating Night with the Union Arena with a DJ and strobe lights. Each month during the school year, we partner with Artistree and feature "Branch Out Teen Nights". We had several pizza nights at Pizza Chef where our average attendance was 40-50 teens. We featured a Comedy Night at the Woolen Mill Comedy Club in Bridgewater where professional comedians performed for upper-classmen. We partnered in several teen movie nights at the Town Hall Theater with Pentangle, offered a night of swimming at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center and more! All these events were **FREE for teens!!!!!!**

Enthusiastically,
Heather Rubenstein & Joni Kennedy

70 Amsden Way
Woodstock, VT 05091



Article 13 — \$4,000.00

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Reading, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made **113 homecare visits to 10 Reading residents. This included approximately \$7,830 in unreimbursed care to Reading residents.**

Home Health Care: 89 home visits to 8 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Hospice Services: 20 home visits to 1 resident who were in the final stages of their lives.

Skilled Pediatric Care: 4 home visits to 1 resident for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Reading's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)

Article 14 — \$200.00

Volunteers in Action

Volunteers in Action's mission statement is simple:

"Connecting neighbors with needs and people who care"

ViA has been creating sustainable, positive change for Reading and six neighboring towns for the past 21 years. Our programs strengthen our community by making it possible for folks to stay in their homes where they can live in health and dignity. One-on-one service enables our elders/disabled neighbors to remain in their homes and have access to needed services. We work with the dedicated West Windsor/Reading Aging in Place group to provide transportation to medical appointments and shopping/errands, friendly visitation, telephone contact and resource information..

Through our ***Meals on Wheels*** program our dedicated volunteers are delivering hot healthy meals to elder residents in Reading. This gives not only a delicious meal but a friendly check in. Several elders come to our three Community Meals in Hartland, Ascutney and Windsor VT each month. Everyone over 60 is invited and may bring a guest. A small donation of \$3.00-\$4.00 is appreciated.

We appreciate Reading's trust and support in helping us fulfill our mission so we can continue to make a positive impact in the lives of our neighbors and help improve the quality of life for everyone in West Windsor. To consider volunteering, donating or to request services, please call us @ 674-5971.

Martha Zoerheide, ViA Program Director

Support

ViA may be able to offer support through:

- Transportation · Friendly Visits
- Telephone Check-in · Minor Home Repair
- Shopping Assistance · Meals on Wheels
- Walking Companions · Reading Aloud

Article 15

\$ 500.00



Town Narrative - Reading **For July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

Windsor County Partners is in its 5th decade of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Our community-based PALS (Partner Always Lend Support) program extends across the county. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities. In our surveys, 100% of the young people in our PALS program report that having a mentor has made a difference in their life.

WCP creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a child. Matches are made up with children up to age 12. Since matches are renewed annually, mentored children range in age from 7 – 18. These mentoring partnerships meet for 2 hours per week for at least a year, with many partnerships continuing on for years.

In FY 2018, WCP served and supported 24 community-based mentorships, with children from 10 local towns. Collectively, these mentors volunteered over 1900 hours. Our mentees were distributed among 19 Windsor County public schools. Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring. Mentors (94%) report that their mentee is gaining social skills. Mentee parents (94%) said that they would recommend mentoring to others and mentees (89%) reported feeling hopeful about the future.

WCP has invested in three part-time regional outreach coordinators who will better serve the towns in their region, increase the number of mentors recruited and the number of mentor matches. We welcome Samantha Cronin, who is the regional coordinator for Reading.

Financial support from Windsor County helps ensure the well-being of children and their families. For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.windsorcountypartners.org or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCP thanks the voters of Reading for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Robert Coates

Miscellaneous Agency Reports

Reading- West Windsor Aging in Place 2018

For the past several years, an ad hoc “Aging in Place” committee of Reading and West Windsor residents has met on a quarterly basis. “Aging in Place” is a national initiative designed to help people comfortably age in their homes for as long as possible. It is recognized that it is more cost effective to stay at home, that family members may not live nearby to help seniors, and that no one is really eager to move into a facility.

Reading and West Windsor are lucky to have access to support organizations such as Senior Solutions (Council on Aging), SASH (Support and Services at Home), Visiting Nurses, and also the Current and Volunteers in Action (the last two dealing with transportation and/or Meals on Wheels). However, there are gap services” not covered by these organizations which could be handled by local “Aging in Place” groups. They would include checking in on our senior neighbors and making meals for them during difficult times, completing minor home repairs, lawn care, trash/recycling help, help with the wood pile, etc.

Reading and West Windsor residents of any age who are interested in working for area seniors (either paid or volunteer) may contact the Woodstock Area Job Bank (WAJB) at 802- 457-3835. Currently WAJB is working with Thompson Senior Center to develop lists of “senior friendly” (vetted) workers.

Our Aging in Place committee has developed a “Resources for Elders” booklet available at no cost at the town halls and on the towns’ websites. This booklet lists area resources available to seniors in the areas of fitness, food/meals, clothing, at home support, financial support for projects, transportation, hiring and volunteering, medical resources, long term care, and more. Our committee has hosted events with speakers on topics of interest to seniors. We have joined a local listserv (online discussion list) provided at no cost by the non-profit Vital Communities so that people can post online about their immediate concerns. To join this listserv, you can post a message to: brownsville-subscribe@lists.vitalcommunities.org. Front Porch Forum is another good online community resource.

Ideas which we may work on in the future include organizing work parties to help seniors (e.g. working on woodpile day), having elementary students become pen pals with interested seniors, and hosting regular gatherings designed to help with a specific area such as basic computer skills, etc.

We meet quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month at the Reading Town Library. In 2019, our remaining meetings are scheduled for April 22nd, July 22nd, and Oct. 28th. Join us if you would like to be involved in this exciting initiative.

Questions?

Please call Sara Norcross at 484-5097 (e-mail: kbsnorcross@gmail.com) or Lee Monro at 484-5953 (e-mail: leemonro@gmail.com).



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Ottauquechee Community Partnership

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Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program (previously known as Ottawaquechee Community Partnership's Mentor and Buddy Program) has been matching mentors with WCSU students since 1999. This WCSU-wide initiative strives to build positive intergenerational relationships between adult role models and students.

Empower UP Mentoring program is grateful for the local funding support from towns. Community support is essential to sustain this program and serve the maximum number of students in the district.

2018 Annual Report

WCSU Mentoring Program

Highlights of work this past year:

- Empower up has continued to maintain and support 16 mentor/mentee matches.
- In order to increase capacity to mentor more students, Program Coordinator has performed outreach to 4 area businesses with mid – large employee bases. The purpose of the outreach was to increase awareness of the program and encourage adult employees as mentors.
- Through collaboration with ArtisTree, mentors and mentees were celebrated in a fun crafting event. This collaboration continues to support the program in many ways including vouchers for free classes for mentoring matches.
- In collaboration with Woodstock faith – based community, supported mentor recruitment challenge event by delivering Mentoring Information Evening. Purpose of the event was to increase awareness of the program and encourage adults to become mentors.
- Engaged professional marketing consultant to develop new program branding materials. With local prevention coalition funding, materials were printed “in kind” and then distributed widely for program promotion. Materials are targeted for the community in general, adult mentors, and parents.



ANNUAL REPORT

SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT)

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont – has served the residents of Reading and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in lower level of the Nolin-Murray Center building. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income or assets. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs that meet their needs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for family members.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Vermont is the second oldest state in the country (median age) and within Vermont the highest concentration of elders is in Windsor and Windham counties. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has been largely stagnant for many years. This means that financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year these included grants from the Christopher Reeve Foundation to serve people with paralysis, from Efficiency Vermont to conduct home energy visits and help older adults save money on their electric bills and from the Holt Ames Fund to increase our outreach to vulnerable elders. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also seek donations from the public and have established a planned giving program through the Vermont Community Foundation.

We strive to develop new programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year we trained instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and started a new program, aquatics for people with arthritis. We provide financial support to volunteers interested in starting new evidence-based wellness programs.

This is a summary of services provided to Reading residents in the last year (9-1-17 through 8-30-18).

Information and Assistance: 35 Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan for the future, locate resources and obtain assistance with

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benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 18 resident received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 2 elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services for 5.25 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 2 Reading seniors received 471 meals at home and many received congregate meals through Stoughton House. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible “Special Help Fund” that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Reading.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

802-885-2655 Fax 802-885-2665 Toll Free (866) 673-8376

Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

SEVCA — Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Report for year ending FY18

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Intervention, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, SaVermont (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Reading we have provided the following services during FY2018:

Emergency Heating System Replacements: 2 homes (2 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$521

Tax Preparation: 1 household (3 people) received tax credits, refunds and other benefits valued at a total of \$13,235

Family Services: 6 households (11 people) received 10 services, valued at \$121
(including crisis intervention / resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 3 households (4 people) received 3 assists valued at \$1,547

Thrift Store Vouchers: 1 household (1 person) received goods and services valued at \$112

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director

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Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the Southern Windsor County Region, including Reading. The activities and programs of the SWCRPC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the SWCRPC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY18, the dues from member towns contributed about 3% of the SWCRPC's annual budget of \$1,047,373. The town dues assessment of \$833 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state and other funding sources.

The SWCRPC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping and other planning activities. In FY18, the SWCRPC provided the following services to the Town of Reading including:

- Helped the Planning Commission to prepare zoning bylaw amendments.
- Assisted the Planning Commission to develop an "Enhanced Energy Plan" for Andover in order to have greater influence in the Public Utility Commission decision making process.
- Assisted with updating the local emergency operations plan and preparing a hazard mitigation plan.
- Assisted with making drainage improvements to Caper Hill Road through the Grants-in-Aid Program.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Kathy Rondeau, Gordy Eastman and Robert Allen who have served on the SWCRPC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the SWCRPC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at www.swcrpc.org, or look us up on Facebook.

Thomas Kennedy, AICP

Executive Director

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Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org

The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Reading's representative is Jim Peplau.

The District hosted four backyard composting workshops in Spring 2018 and we plan to continue that schedule in 2019. Attendees were able to purchase a composter for the greatly discounted price of \$35.00 (additional units were \$50). These prices will be offered again. All food scraps will be banned from the landfill in 2020.

Six hundred and twenty-four residents brought household hazardous waste to the District's four collections in FY18.

The HHW events in 2019 will be held on Saturdays, May 11 and September 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Springfield Transfer Station. We will have additional collections on May 18 at the Ludlow Transfer Station and on September 21 at the Weathersfield Transfer Station; Reading residents are welcome to attend any of these collections.



One retailer in Windsor accepts unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Aubuchon Hardware during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring the unlabeled, rusty, or leaky cans to an HHW event).

AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Weathersfield Transfer Station. Batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy
 District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien
 Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
 Outreach Coordinator





The Current Town Report Town of Reading FY 18

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The Current relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds and provide operating support and the required match for our new vehicles. Reading has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The Current's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns we serve. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled non-emergency medical transportation services through our fleet of 23 buses, vans, and a network of 15 volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

The Current's total operating expenses last year were \$2,505,430. We provided 157,464 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 638,836 miles over 31,255 hours.

Reading's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

We are always seeking your input to improve our services. Please contact me by email (rgagnon@crtransit.org); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gagnon

Rebecca Gagnon

General Manager



The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf, Inc. is a 501C3 non-profit corporation which serves as a community resource offering a variety of foods and basic needs support to citizens, free of charge. The food shelf offers a friendly, supportive atmosphere to those seeking its services on a good faith basis.

The food shelf offers canned, frozen, and packaged foods, dairy products, fresh produce when available, and frozen meats when available. Toiletry items and pet food are offered when available. The food shelf is open from 2 to 4 PM on Mondays and 4 to 6 PM on Thursdays. We serve the towns of Reading, West Windsor, and surrounding towns without a food shelf of their own.

We also offer a well-stocked clothing shelf of new or gently used seasonal clothing, coats, linens, footwear, and more for people of all ages. The clothing shelf is open (to all persons from any town) during the Thursday hours. We are located at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 3456 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT 05153. We welcome new faces!

The town of Reading supports us in various ways such as permitting us to use the charming Old Stone Schoolhouse, 3456 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT for a minimal fee. Financial donations may be made out to "Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf" and mailed to our treasurer at PO Box 384, Brownsville, VT 05037. Food and clothing donations may be dropped off during the operating hours of the food shelf. All of our workers and board members provide their services on a volunteer basis.

Visit our website at rwwfoodshelf.org.

Need information? Call Sara Norcross at 484-5097 or Dana Waters at 802-291-3299

Many hands make light work! Diane Bennett organizes her work crew to unload the monthly delivery from the Vermont Foodbank. With all this help the truck was unloaded, put away, organized and the shelves restocked. Thank you everyone that steps up to help the Food Shelf no matter what the weather is.



Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors that is elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From managing budgets, conducting elections, assessing property and maintaining roads to providing public safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government. To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

Windsor County Update
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson & Ellen Terie

FY 2019-2020 Budget

Once again the Assistant Judges have worked to produce a budget that is responsible and prudent while mindful of the tax burden upon property owners. The budget calls for \$ 448,185 to be raised by taxes, an increase of \$8,327 (.0189%) over the current FY 18-19 budget. The new budget calls for \$ 566,841 in total spending, an increase of \$25,816 (.0477) over the current FY budget. It should be noted that for the first time ever, the County will not be responsible for commissioning Notaries Public. This function has been taken over by the Office of Professional Regulation within the Secretary of State's Office. This will result in a loss of revenue for Windsor County of approximately \$17,000 over the next four years.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5 (2017).

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2019 marks the sixth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. The bond was issued for ten years at 2.83%. This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$235,751 (\$200,000 principal; \$35,731 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment.

Other News

On July 17 a sprinkler head failed on the second floor at the County Building at 62 Pleasant Street, over the Sheriff's front offices. It happened in the wee hours of the morning, but we were not aware of it until 6 AM, after thousands of gallons had flooded the building. Ceilings and walls were soaked through, and floors and rugs had to be ripped up. For a short while, power was out. Ceiling lights were ruined, and the Sheriff's Department's phone network was destroyed. There was a lot of water to clean up on the second floor, first floor and basement.

Our Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, oversaw the recovery effort and took responsibility for a lot of the work. The Sheriff's office, where most of the damage occurred, stayed open through the ordeal. The rehabilitation offered the opportunity to update and refurbish as well, and within a few short weeks all was repaired and back to normal. Fortunately, the County's property and casualty insurance covered 100% of the cost.

Many thanks to Bruce for his yeoman service and to the following vendors: ServPro, Viking Electrical Services, D. Burke Paint and Drywall, Vermont Life Safety, Carpet Mill USA and Green Mountain Plumbing and Heating.

Thanks also to our County Clerk, Pepper Tepperman, who worked with our insurance adjustor, kept track of invoices and payments, and generally kept us organized throughout. We Assistant Judges are fortunate to work with such dedicated staff and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Windsor County.

TOWN OF READING, VT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2018

The Town of Reading, Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at The Reading Elementary School at 9:30 am. Approximately 63 people were in attendance.

The Moderator, Jonathan Springer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator reviewed the rules for speaking and voting for non-residents and addressing the moderator for questions.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town ensuing year. Gordon Eastman nominated Jon Springer. Susan Goodhouse seconded the nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Gordon Eastman seconded and nominations were ceased. Mr. Jon Springer was elected.

Article 2: To see if the voters shall set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Monday, November 5, 2018 by 5:00 P.M. (NO POST MARKS). Jim Peplau moves to have Article 2 be accepted and Gordon Eastman seconded. The Article was adopted.

Article 3: To see if the Town will elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year. John Fike moves to have Article 3 be accepted and Jim Peplau seconded. The Article was adopted.

Article 4: To elect all other Town Officers, as required by law:

- **SELECTPERSON for a three (3) year term.** John Fike nominated Gordon Eastman. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded. The motion passed. Robert Allen moves to have the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Gordon Eastman for Selectperson for a three-year term. Jim Peplau seconded the motion. The motion passed, the clerk cast one ballot, and Gordon Eastman was elected.
- **LISTER for a three (3) year term.** John Fike nominated Penny Allyn. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded. The motion passed. Jim Peplau moves to have the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Penny Allyn for Lister for a three-year term. Tim Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed, the clerk cast one ballot, and Penny Allyn was elected.
- **AUDITOR for a three (3) year term.** Jim Waterfall nominated Rayna Bishop. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded. The motion passed. Jim Peplau moves to have the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Rayna Bishop for Auditor for a three-year term. Gordon Eastman seconded the motion. The motion passed, the clerk cast one ballot, and Rayna Bishop was elected.

TOWN GRAND JUROR for a one (1) year term. Esther Allen nominated Peter Vollers. No other nomination. Peter Vollers was elected.

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- **TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for a one (3) year term.** Esther Allen nominated Jim Bartlett. No other nomination. Jim Bartlett was elected.
- **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for a three (3) year term.** Susan Goodhouse nominated Adam Kozlowski. No other nomination. Adam Kozlowski was elected.
- **LIBRARY TRUSTEE for a five (5) year term.** Libbet Downs nominated Janet Malcolm. No other nomination. Janet Malcolm was elected.
- **LIBRARY TRUSTEE for a one (1) year term.** Libbet Downs nominated Heather Evans. No other nomination. Heather Evans was elected.

TOWN AGENT for a one (1) year term. Sarah Norcross nominated Kenneth Norcross. No other nomination. Kenneth Norcross was elected.

ARTICLE 5: To act on the reports of The Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Gordon Eastman moves to accept the Article. Jim Peplau seconded. No questions presented. Article 5 was adopted.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate the amount of \$613,755 (Six Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars) to be raised by taxes for the Selectmen's Budget beginning July 1, 2018. Jim Peplau moves to accept the article. Gordon Eastman seconded. Steve Strait asked why there was such a large increase in the Records Restoration line item. Robert explained that the old grand lists need to be restored and digitized. Article 6 was adopted.

ARTICLES 7 – 13: Appropriations for special funds.

Robert Allen made a motion to suspend the rule and take up Articles 7 – 13 that add up to \$6,582, to be voted on, as one article. John Fike seconded. Moderator asks if all are in favor to suspend the rules to say aye, because it requires a 2/3 majority. The ayes have the majority and the rules were suspended. John Fike moves to accept and Jim Peplau seconded. Articles 7 - 13 are adopted.

Article 14: To do any other business that may legally be done at this meeting.

Tim Bishop said that no one had come forward to serve on the WCMUUSD for the one year term. John Fike had agreed to be a write-in.

Robert Allen said that most everyone knew that Gary Vittum had resigned as Fire Chief effective at Town Meeting. Esther had done some research and since 1941, Gary is the longest serving Chief. Gary has said that he will stay until someone is appointed by the Selectboard. Gary was thanked for his nineteen years of service to the Town.

Lisa Kaija thanked Justin Sluka for 10 years of serving on the Reading Elementary School Board and presented him with a gift certificate.

Sara Norcross spoke about the Aging in Place article on page 53 of the Town Report and encourages everyone to read it.

Lisa Morrison said that the Recreation Commission has a survey out about what you love about Reading. Please fill it out!

Esther Allen asked how to go about changing Town Meeting to Monday nights. It would have to be a special warned meeting or on the warning for next Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Peplau; seconded by Gordon Eastman. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am.

Following this meeting representative, Charlie Kimball and state senators, Alison Clarkson and Alice Nitka were allowed to speak about the activities at the State House in Montpelier.

Respectfully Submitted By Calista Brennan

Jonathan L. Springer

Jonathan L. Springer, Moderator

Robert K. Allen

Robert K. Allen, Selectboard Chair

TOWN OF READING, VT
ANNUAL READING SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2018

The Town of Reading, Annual Reading School District Meeting was held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Reading Elementary School. Meeting was called to order at 10:25 am. Approximately 63 people were in attendance.

Article 1: To elect a School Moderator for the ensuing year. John Fike nominated Jon Springer.

Article 2: To hear the reports of the Reading Elementary School Directors for the school accounts. Robert Allen moves to accept the article. Adam Kozlowski seconded. Adam asked about the Treasurer's report and the negative balance. Calista explained that report is done on a cash basis and at June 30th there was a negative balance and a deposit from the new loan was made the next day. The article passed.

Article 3: To elect two School Directors to the Reading Elementary School Board for terms that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

Tim Bishop nominated Justin Sluka. No other nominations. Justin Sluka was elected.

Robert Allen nominated Tim Bishop. No other nominations. Tim Bishop was elected.

Article 4: To elect one School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

Rayna Bishop nominated Tim Bishop. No other nominations. Tim Bishop was elected.

Article 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Jon Springer stated that he would not run for moderator next year. After 30 years it was time to step down. Robert Allen thanked Jon for his years of service to the Town.

Motion to adjourn made by John Fike; seconded by Gordon Eastman. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted By Calista Brennan

Jonathan L. Springer

Jonathan L. Springer, Moderator

Robert K. Allen

Robert K. Allen, Selectboard Chair

Reading Elementary
School Reports
No Reports Received For 2018

An itemized Windsor Central Unified District budget
can be found at www.wcsu.net.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith &
Company for the year ending June 30, 2018.

Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be
requested by calling the Finance Director of the
Windsor Central Supervisory Union at 802-457-1213,
extension 1089.

Report from the Superintendent

The 2017-18 school year was a planning year for the new Windsor Central Unified District and the district became operational on July 1, 2018. Work began in the spring of 2018 will be continuing through spring of 2019 to develop a 5 year strategic plan for our district that will provide a roadmap and vision for the future. This plan will ultimately drive budget development and investment priorities for the merged district. This year, the following priorities were identified as the FY20 budget was developed:

Contractual Obligations - Moving to a single contract (\$755,000)

This budget moves all educators on to a single salary grid, removing the discrepancies that existed between districts prior to the merger, standardizes the number of days teachers work at all campuses, and covers the contractual 11.8% increase in health care costs.

Adjustments Related to Addressing Student Enrollment and Facility Issues

This budget integrates TPVS (The Prosper Valley School) students into WES but provides funding for maintaining TPVS facility.

This budget moves RES (Reading Elementary School) students in grades 4-6 to WES.

This budget removes 1.5 administration and nursing positions from TPVS but maintains .6 principal position for TPVS students

This budget removes 1.6 Administration positions from RES while adding an additional classroom paraprofessional position.

This budget reduces unified arts positions at both the elementary and WUHSMS levels to adjust for declining enrollment and for the consolidation of grade levels at the elementary level.

Investments Related to Improved Student Outcomes

This budget standardizes unified arts offering at the elementary level across campuses including Spanish 3 times per week in grades 4-6.

This budget supports investments in instructional coaching at both the elementary and WUHSMS level

This budget provides full-day free Pre-K programs at each of our 2019-20 elementary campuses (WES, KES, and RES).

Establishment of a Line Item for Capital Improvements

This budget establishes a \$150,000 line item for district capital investments.

Sincere thanks is extended to the many community members, educators, and students who are contributing to the dialogue around the vision and future of our district.

Warm Regards,
Mary Beth Banios
Superintendent, Windsor Central Supervisory Union

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District (the "District"), comprising the voters of the Towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock (all Grades PK-12), and the Town of Barnard (Grades 7-12), are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock High School/Middle School Teagle Library, located in Woodstock, Vermont, on **Monday, March 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.** for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk who shall assume office upon election, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office upon election, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 4: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District officers.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Article 6: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

MARCH 5, 2019 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTION

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District are hereby further warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, during the polling hours noted herein, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

Article 7: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

Barnard: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Bridgewater: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Bridgewater: one school director for the remaining two years of a three year term to expire 2021

Plymouth: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Plymouth: one school director for the remaining year of a two year term to expire 2020

Reading: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Woodstock: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Woodstock: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend eighteen million, ninety five thousand, eight hundred thirty four dollars **(\$18,095,834)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,994 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3% higher than spending for the current year.

The legal voters of Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that an **Informational Meeting** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle School library in the Town of Woodstock on **Monday, February 25, 2019**, commencing at 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2019-2020 proposed budget.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2019.

Paige Hiller, WCMUUSD Board Chair

POLLING PLACES

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard*	Barnard Town Hall	*10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater	*Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	* 8 am – 7 pm
Killington	*Killington Town Hall	* 7 am – 7 pm
Plymouth	*Plymouth Municipal Building	*10 am – 7 pm
Pomfret*	Pomfret Town Hall	* 8 am – 7 pm
Reading*	Reading Town Hall	* 7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock	*Woodstock Town Hall	* 7 am – 7 pm