

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results

For Secret Ballot held on

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

To: Lee Mank, resident of the Town of Readfield, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Readfield in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, A.D. 2019, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 41 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, said articles being the following:

Article 1: Elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2:

Elect two Select Board members for three year terms:

Elect one RSU #38 School Board member for a three year term:

Elect one Local School Committee member for a one year term:

Elect one Local School Committee member for a two year term:

Elect one Local School Committee member for a three year term:

Article 3: Shall the Town of Readfield vote to allow the Select Board to establish **Salaries and or Wages** of town officers and employees, not elsewhere established, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 27, 2019** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 28, 2020** as the dates upon each of which one-half of the property taxes are due and payable, and as the dates from which interest will be charged on any unpaid taxes at a rate of 9% per year, which is the State rate pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, 505.4?

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Pay Interest** at a rate of 5% , which is lower than the State Rate of 9% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, **If an Article Fails**, to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each operational budget category that the town is legally obligated to pay, of the last year's approved budgeted amount during the period July 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$ 485,750** for the **General Government for Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, CEO/LPI/BI, Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration	\$264,825
Insurance	\$131,340
Office Equipment	\$ 5,400
Assessing	\$ 19,875
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 37,810
Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$ 2,000
Heating Assistance	\$ 1,500
Attorney Fees	\$ 23,000

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$135,175** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 91,425
Building Maintenance	\$ 37,000
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 6,750

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$7,850** for the **Boards and Commissions** budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation budget line carried forward?

Appeals Board	\$ 100
Conservation Commission	\$ 6,050
Planning Board	\$ 1,700

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$65,037** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Library budget line carried forward?

Animal Control	\$ 12,170
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250
KVCOG	\$ 4,305
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 1,750
Library Services	\$ 35,652
Readfield TV	\$ 4,410
Street Lights	\$ 6,500

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$37,413** for the **Recreation, Parks and Activities** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 9,913
Recreation	\$ 12,310
Heritage Days	\$ 10,000
Town Properties	\$ 2,680
Trails	\$ 2,510

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$132,200** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to carry forward with the exception of the Ambulance Service, and Dispatching?

Operations Fire Department	\$ 67,900
Ambulance Service	\$ 26,750
Tower Sites	\$ 2,550
Dispatching	\$ 35,000

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$17,000** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$370,578** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balance to be carried forward for the Summer Roads budget?

Summer Road Maintenance	\$ 104,928
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 265,650

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 15: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow up to **\$550,000** on such terms as it deems appropriate, with the proceeds to be appropriated to perform capital improvement to the Fire Station and Library?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(30-A MRSA § 5404(1-A & 5772(2-A))
Town of Readfield

1. Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds – Principal outstanding and unpaid :	\$576,764.30
B. Bonds – Interest outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 38,939.14
C. Bonds – Authorized and unissued:	\$ 0.00
D. Bonds – To be issued if Article 15 is approved:	\$550,000.00

2. Costs- Warrant Article 15 Town Building Improvements

At an estimated interest rate of three and one half percent (3.5%) for a term of fifteen (15) years, the estimated cost of this bond/note/loan will be:

A. Principal	\$550,000.00
B. Interest	\$161,640.96
C. Total New Debt	\$711,640.96

3. Validity- The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service or the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

4. Debt Limit- In accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §5701 & §5702, a municipality may not borrow funds if the borrowing would cause the municipality to exceed its debt limit.

A. 2019 State Valuation	\$274,950,000
B. Limit Factor	x 7.5%
C. Debt Limit	\$ 20,621,250

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Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$406,150** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Library Building Improvement	\$ 100,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Roads	\$ 230,000
Equipment	\$ 15,000
Equipment Leases	\$ 19,150
Transfer Station	\$ 26,500
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 8,000
Fire Dept. Waterholes	\$ 500
Fire Dept. Personal Protective Gear Replacement	\$ 2,000

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$300,700** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget

category with all accounts to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$47,852** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 22,852
First Park	\$ 25,000

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$275,000** for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$184,673** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2016 Fire Truck Bond	\$ 55,583
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond	\$ 19,973
2013 Road & Bridge Bond	\$109,117
2019 Town Building Improvements	\$ 0

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for **Local Tax Relief** budget category, with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,376** for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,362** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program to the **Maranacook Lake Association** for **\$1,575** and the **Torsey Pond Association** for **\$787** on Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$910** for the **Sexual Assault Agency**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,500** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$5,000** for continued restoration of the **Readfield Union Meeting House**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the amount equal to that paid to the Town by the State (based on snowmobile registrations) for the **Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club** to be used for trail creation, maintenance and grooming?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$40,000** for the **Unclassified** budget category for the following budget lines with Readfield Enterprise Fund and Revaluation unexpended balance to carry forward?

Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$10,000
Real Estate Property Revaluation	\$10,000
Overdraft	\$ 5,000
Abatements	\$15,000

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,500** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to authorize **Expenditure of Revenues** from Federal, State, and private grant sources for those purposes for which the grant is intended?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2019 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 158,500
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 30,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 6,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 4,000
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$ 181,447
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 9,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 13,828

Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 8,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 525,000
Agent Fees	\$ 10,000
Newsletter	\$ 100
Business License Fees	\$ 50
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,500
Other Income	\$ 2,000
Heating	\$ 1,500
Plumbing fees	\$ 6,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 7,000
Dog License Fees	\$ 2,500
Library Revenue	\$ 1,271
Cable Television Fees	\$ 28,000
Beach Income	\$ 9,912
Recreation Income	\$ 11,210
Protection	\$ 3,350
Local Roads	\$ 35,000
Bond Proceeds	\$ 550,000
Building Additions Donations	\$ 25,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 11,846
Transfer Station	\$ 193,525
First Park	\$ 15,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,344
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,250
Total	\$1,854,133

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the 2019 Tax Commitment?

Conservation	\$ 6,050
Heritage Days	\$ 10,000
Library	\$ 2,000
Local Tax Relief	\$ 10,000
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 10,000
Roads	\$ 60,000
Trails	\$ 2,510
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 6,000
Fire Station Addition	\$ 25,000
Total	\$131,560

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (General Fund), in the aggregate for one or more purposes as necessary to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$170,969** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 37: Shall an ordinance entitled 2018 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted? A copy of said Ordinance is attached to the posted Warrant and incorporated by reference.

Article 38: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting?

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