



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Annual Town Meeting Warrant Secret Ballot Tuesday, June 14, 2016

To: Kristin Parks, 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 14th day of June, A.D. 2016, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 48 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: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2: To elect two Select Board members with three year terms, two RSU #38 School Board members, one with a one year term and one with a three year term and two Local School Board members, one with a two year term and one with 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017?

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 30, 2016** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 28, 2017** as the dates of 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 **7%** 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 **3%**, which is lower than the State Rate of **7%**, 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, 2016 to October 1, 2016?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$341,458** for the **General Government for Municipal Admin., Insurance, Office Equipment** budget category for the following budget lines?

Municipal Administration	\$299,202
Insurance	\$ 38,606
Office Equipment	\$ 3,650

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$51,472** for the **General Government for Assessing and Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector/Building Inspector** budget category for the following budget lines?

Assessing	\$22,000
CEO/LPI/BI	\$29,472

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$72,541** for the **General Government for Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$8,000** for the **General Government for Grant Writing/ Planning and Heating Assistance** budget category for the following budget lines, with all unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$6,500
Heating Assistance	\$1,500

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,360** for the **Boards and Commissions** budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation budget line carried forward?

Appeals Board	\$ 410
Conservation Commission	\$2,245
Planning Board	\$2,705

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$34,674** for the **Town Buildings Operations & Maintenance** budget category for the following budget lines?

Fire Station	\$ 9,800
Gile Hall	\$18,042
Library	\$ 5,332
Maintenance Building	\$ 1,500

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$59,621** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Library budget line carried forward?

Animal Control	\$13,905
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250
KVCOG	\$ 4,325
Library Services	\$26,956
Readfield TV	\$ 7,435
Street Lights	\$ 6,500
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 250

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$19,201** for the **Beach and Recreation** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 9,130
Recreation	\$10,071

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise **\$5,000** for the **Heritage Days** budget category to be expended for the 2017 Heritage Days with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,467** for the **Trails Committee** budget line, with unexpended balance carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$137,690** 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, Dispatching and Emergency Operations Plan lines?

Operations Fire Dept.	\$74,025
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 8,000
Ambulance Service	\$22,300
Waterholes	\$ 500
Tower Sites	\$ 2,000
Dispatching	\$28,740
Annual Physicals	\$ 125
Personal Prot. Gear Repl.	\$ 2,000

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$31,906** for the **Cemetery Maintenance** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$630,085** 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 Maint.	\$331,050
Winter Road Maint.	\$261,100
Vehicles Maint.	\$ 31,500
Interlocal Work	\$ 6,435

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$67,200** for the **Capital Improvements for Fairgrounds and Transfer Station** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Fairgrounds Athletic Fields	\$ 7,200
Transfer Station	\$60,000

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$7,956** for the **Capital Improvements for Equipment** budget category with any unexpended balance to carry forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$64,975** for the **Capital Improvements for Maranacook Lake Dam** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$296,016** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Transfer Station	\$291,416
Backhoe	\$ 4,600

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$316,346** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 20,816
Kennebec County Tax	\$270,400
First Park	\$ 25,130

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$346,302** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2015 Fire Truck Bond/Lease	\$ 68,634
2013 Road & Bridge Bond	\$109,118
2008 Road & Bridge Bond	\$168,550

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 26: 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: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,441** for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,250** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program to the **Maranacook Lake Association** for **\$1,500** and the **Torsey Pond Association** for **\$750** on Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$910** for the **Sexual Assault Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$231** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Readfield Enterprise Fund** budget category with any balance to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for a **Revaluation** with any unexpended balance to carry forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,710** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds not to exceed **\$5,000** to cover **Overdrafts** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to accept in trust the sums to be deposited as part of the **Readfield Cemetery Trust Funds** and the income to be used for the upkeep and maintenance of cemetery lot(s) in the Town of Readfield cemeteries as collected from 03/01/15 to 03/25/16?

James Luce \$400

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to authorize **Expenditure of Revenues** from Federal, State, Local and private sources (including user fees), in those categories for which the revenue was intended (if no use is identified, the funds shall be deposited with the General Fund), in addition to the amounts appropriated previously in these articles?

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2016 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$110,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 18,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 2,500
Veterans Exemption	\$ 3,200
Homestead Exempt. Reimb.	\$110,233
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$ 10,000
Bete Reimbursement	\$ 8,141
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 7,500
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$460,000
Agent Fees	\$ 10,000
Newsletter	\$ 100
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,250
Other Income	\$ 2,500
Heating	\$ 1,500
Plumbing fees	\$ 4,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 5,000
Dog License Fees	\$ 1,800
Library Revenue	\$ 2,075
Cable Television Fees	\$ 26,000
Beach Income	\$ 9,130
Recreation Income	\$ 10,071
Protection	\$ 5,580
Local Roads	\$ 35,000
Interlocal	\$ 6,435
Transfer Station	\$183,308
First Park	\$ 10,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,489
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 10,000
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,355

TOTAL \$1,057,167

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the Fiscal Year Ending 2017 Expenditures?

Ball field Capital	\$ 7,200
Conservation	\$ 1,745
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$30,000
Maranacook Dam Capital	\$28,475
Transfer Station Capital	\$60,000
Roads	<u>\$99,600</u>
Total	\$227,020

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 41: Shall the Town vote to close out the “**Boundaries**” carry forward account and re-appropriate the total account balance, estimated to be \$1,560, to the “**Grant Writing/Planning**” carry forward account?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 42: 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, to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 43: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$205,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 44: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town’s **Land Use Ordinance** and be enacted?

- Page 15 - Changes to SECTION 7. EXPIRATION OF PERMIT
- Page 17 - Striking “Code Enforcement Officer” and adding “Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI)” under Section 2.
- Pages 23 and 24 - Changes to Section H. Revisions to Approved Plans
- Page 36 - Changes to the table titled “RESIDENTIAL—including driveways”
- Page 41 - Adding “11. Planning Board approval required for allowed uses within the restricted setback of a protected resource.”

- Page 81 - Adding “When required to comply with the Readfield Land Use Ordinances and/or the Maine State Plumbing Codes non-conforming lots in the Shoreland Residential Districts shall be kept in common ownership.”
- Page 85 - Changes to Section K.1

Article 45: Shall the town vote to amend the following language in the Town’s **Administrative Ordinance** and be enacted?

- Adding the phrase “The value and intended purpose of all donations accepted on behalf of the Town in excess of \$100, exclusive of volunteered time, whether cash or in-kind, publicly or anonymously given, shall be recorded by the Collection Clerk or designee and a receipt provided to the donor.” to section 1.4.

Article 46: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town’s **Conflict Of Interest and Recall Process Ordinance** and be enacted?

- Adding clarifying language to section 10.2.2.
- Correcting language in section 10.3.2.b that conflicted with state law.

Article 47: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a **Solid Waste & Recycling Agreement**, on a one-year trial basis, allowing the Town of Fayette to utilize and share cost of the Readfield & Wayne Transfer Station with an estimated savings to the Town of Readfield of \$5,700 in the first year and \$8,000 per year on average in subsequent years?

Article 48: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting?

NOTE: An attested true copy of the summary and/or full text of the ordinances has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available from the office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the polls. The Municipal Officers have ordered this secret ballot referendum vote.

Voted & Approved:

_____, 2016

Valarie Pomerleau, Chair

Thomas Dunham, Vice Chair

Bruce Bourgoine

Allen Curtis

Christine Sammons

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____

Robin L. Lint

Clerk of the Town of Readfield