

# Annual Town Meeting Warrant

## Secret Ballot

### Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2017, 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 one Select Board members for three year terms:

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☐ Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to change the term for Select Board members from election to election to July 1 of their election year through June 30 of their expiration year, effective 90 days from this vote? [Add explanation or delete article](#)

Article 4: 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018?

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 29, 2017** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 28, 2018** 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 6: 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 7: 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, 2017 to October 1, 2017?

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$458,085** for the **General Government for Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, CEO/LPI/BI, Grant Writing and Heating Assistance** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing and Heating Assistance** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration	\$259,945 - All postage, office supplies and copying expenses are now under this budget line, other area has been reduced with the exception of the Transfer Station operations.
Insurance	\$128,130 - All insurances are now in this budget line, other budget lines has been reduced with the exception of the Transfer Station operations.
Office Equipment	\$ 3,350
Assessing	\$ 24,655 – retuning to past years level of service
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 36,505 - \$10,000 from revenues, adding 4 hours per week.
Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$ 4,000
Heating Assistance	\$ 1,500 - \$1,500 from revenues

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$169,895** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category? Combined all maintenance budget categories.

General Maintenance	\$ 83,825
Building Maintenance	\$ 29,470
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 46,600 Moved from Roads/Drainage
Interlocal Work	\$ 10,000 Moved from Roads/Drainage

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$9,300** 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	\$ 7,750 - \$7,050 from designated fund
Planning Board	\$ 1,450

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$57,135** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Library budget line carried forward?

Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 2,000 – New for 2017-18
Animal Control	\$ 11,420 - \$1,500 from revenues
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250
KVCOG	\$ 4,295
Library Services	\$ 26,090 - \$2,080 from revenues
Readfield TV	\$ 6,830 - \$6,830 from revenues
Street Lights	\$ 6,000
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 250

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$40,486** for the **Recreation, Parks and Activities** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 9,142 - \$ 9,142 from revenues
Recreation	\$ 10,561 - \$10,561 from revenues
Trails	\$ 2,483
Heritage Days	\$ 10,000 - \$ 5,000 from designated fund
Millstream Dam Project	\$ 8,300 - \$6,221 from designated fund and \$2,079 from revenues NEW 2017-18

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$180,875** 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.	\$ 87,650 - \$20,000 from designated fund
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 8,000
Ambulance Service	\$ 25,400
Waterholes	\$ 500
Tower Sites	\$ 27,000 - \$25,000 from revenues
Dispatching	\$ 30,200
Annual Physicals	\$ 125 - \$125 from designated fund
Personal Prot. Gear Repl.	\$ 2,000

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,050** for the **Cemetery Materials &**

**Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward? Took payroll out of this category and put in maintenance.

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$373,950** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balance to be carried forward for the Summer Roads budget? Vehicle maintenance and interlocal work are now under **Municipal Maintenance**.

Summer Road Maintenance	\$117,500 – \$35,000 from revenues and \$45,000 from designated fund
Winter Road Maintenance	\$256,450

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$260,812** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Roads	\$ 15,000
Equipment	\$ 5,000
Sidewalks	\$ 45,000
Gile Hall	\$ 24,000 - \$24,000 from designated fund
Parks/Recreation	\$ 7,762 - \$7,762 from designated fund
Transfer Station	\$ 39,050 - \$20,000 from designated fund And \$10,975 from revenues
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$125,000 - \$45,660 from designated fund

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$282,576** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget category with all accounts to be carried forward?  
\$181,636 from revenues

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$317,600** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 22,000
Kennebec County Tax	\$270,000
First Park	\$ 25,600 - \$10,000 from revenues

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$328,824** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2015 Fire Truck Bond/Lease	\$ 56,857
2013 Road & Bridge Bond	\$109,117
2008 Road & Bridge Bond	\$162,850

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 20: 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? **\$940.00 from revenues**

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 21: 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:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 22: 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 23: 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:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 24: 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 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$231** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$5,000** for the **Union Meeting House**? **New article.**

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 27: 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:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for a **Revaluation** with any unexpended balance to carry forward?

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,650** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds not to exceed **\$5,000** to cover Overdrafts from the Unassigned Fund Balance?

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 31: 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 32: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2017 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$135,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 20,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 3,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 3,200
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$183,697
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 9,800
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 9,129
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 7,500
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$460,000
Agent Fees	\$ 9,500

Newsletter	\$ 250
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,300
Other Income	\$ 500
Heating	\$ 1,500
Plumbing fees	\$ 5,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 6,000
Dog License Fees	\$ 1,500
Library Revenue	\$ 2,080
Cable Television Fees	\$ 26,000
Beach Income	\$ 9,142
Recreation Income	\$ 10,561
Mill Stream Dam/Factory Sq	\$ 2,079
Protection	\$ 25,000
Local Roads	\$ 35,000
Interlocal	\$ 10,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 10,975
Transfer Station	\$181,636
First Park	\$ 10,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 940
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 10,000
General Assistance (State reimb.)	<u>\$ 2,325</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,192,614</b>

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the Fiscal Year Ending 2018 Expenditures?

Parks/Recreation Capital	\$ 2,762
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 4,000
Conservation	\$ 7,050
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 20,000
Fire Dept. Physicals	\$ 125
Gile Hall Capital	\$ 24,000
Heritage Days	\$ 5,000
Maranacook Dam Capital	\$ 45,660
Mill Stream Dam Project	\$ 6,221
Recreation	\$ 5,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 20,000
Roads	<u>\$ 45,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,818</b>

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 34: 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:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$187,731** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

*Select Board recommends:*

*Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to enter into an **inter-local agreement** in partnership with the Town of Fayette and Wayne for the use and operation of the Readfield Transfer Station.

Article 37: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's **Administrative Ordinance**, and be enacted?

Article 38: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's **Land Use Ordinance**, and be enacted?

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to accept and enact the language in the following **Appeals Board Ordinance**?

Article 40: Shall the town vote to accept and enact the language in the following **P.A.C.E Ordinance**?

Article 41: Shall the Town vote to return to an **Open Floor Town Meeting** with the election of officers by secret ballot, from Secret Ballot Town Meeting, for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting?