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TOWN OF READFIELD

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

To: _____, 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 ____ 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—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 **0.5%** , 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

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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 **\$344,458** for the **General Government for Municipal Admin., Insurance, Office Equipment** budget category for the following budget lines?

Municipal Administration	\$302,202
Insurance	\$ 38,606
Office Equipment	\$ 3,650

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

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:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$72,240** for the **General Government for Municipal Maintenance** budget category for the following budget lines?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** 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.	\$3,500
Heating Assistance	\$1,500

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

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:

Budget Committee recommends:

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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:

Budget Committee recommends:

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:

Budget Committee recommends:

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:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$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:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$301** for the **Readfield Community Park** budget category?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

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Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,467** for the **Trails Committee** budget line, with unexpended balance carried forward?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 18: 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:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 19: 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:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$614,085** 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.	\$ 15,500
Interlocal Work	\$ 6,435

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 21: 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

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Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for the Capital Improvements for the **Library Building** budget category with all accounts to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$27,956** for the **Capital Improvements for Equipment** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Equipment	\$27,956
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Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 24: 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?

Maranacook Lake Dam	\$64,975
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Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$257,016** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Transfer Station	\$252,416
Backhoe	\$ 4,600

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$317,321** 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	\$ 26,105

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 27: 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?

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

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 28: 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 29: 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 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health Agency?**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 31: 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 32: 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 33: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$910** for the **Sexual Assault Agency?**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

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Article 34: 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 35: 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 36: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for a **Revaluation**?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,710** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds to cover **all Overdrafts** for **FY16** from the Unassigned Fund Balance?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 39: 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 40: 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 41: 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.	\$112,653
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$ 10,000

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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	\$144,308
First Park	\$ 10,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,489
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 10,000
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,355
TOTAL	<u>\$1,025,536</u>

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 42: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Designated Funds to reduce the Fiscal Year Ending 2017 Expenditures?

Ball field Capital	\$ 7,200
Maranacook Dam Capital	\$28,475
Transfer Station Capital	\$60,000
Roads	<u>\$99,600</u>
Total	<u>195,275</u>

Article 43: 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 44: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$200,000** from the Unassigned Fund Balance to **reduce the total tax commitment?**

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Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 45: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's **Land Use Ordinance** and be enacted?

Article 46: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's **Administrative Ordinance** and be enacted?

Article 47: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's **Conflict Of Interest and Recall Process Ordinance** and be enacted?

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