

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Secret Ballot

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Article 2:

Elect one Select Board members for three year terms:

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

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

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

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

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

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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, 2017 through June 30, 2018?

Article 4: 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 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, 2017 to October 1, 2017?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$391,425** for the **General Government for Municipal Admin., Insurance, Office Equipment** budget category for the following budget lines?

Municipal Administration	\$259,945
Insurance	\$128,130
Office Equipment	\$ 3,350

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$61,160** for the **General Government for Assessing and Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector/Building Inspector** budget category for the following budget lines?

Assessing	\$24,655
CEO/LPI/BI	\$36,505 - \$11,000 from revenues

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$83,825** for the **General Government for Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,500** 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.	\$4,000
Heating Assistance	\$1,500 - \$1,500 from revenues/designated fund

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$11,783** for the **Boards and Commissions** budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation budget line carried forward?

Trails	\$2,483
Appeals Board	\$ 100
Conservation Commission	\$7,750 - \$7,050 from designated fund
Planning Board	\$1,450

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$29,470** for the **Town Buildings Operations & Maintenance** budget category for the following budget lines?

Fire Station	\$ 9,510
Gile Hall	\$14,600
Library	\$ 4,360
Maintenance Building	\$ 1,000

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 13: 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	\$ 2,000	
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 14: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$19,703** for the **Beach and Recreation** 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

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Heritage Days** budget category to be expended for the 2017 Heritage Days with any unexpended balances to be carried forward? **\$5,000 from designated fund**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$8,300** for the **Millstream Dam Project** budget line, with unexpended balance carried forward? **\$6,221 from designated fund/\$2,079 from revenues**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 17: 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 find
Personal Prot. Gear Repl.	\$ 2,000	

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,050** for the **Cemetery Maintenance** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?
\$4,000 from Expansion Trust Fund

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$430,550** 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.	\$117,500	-\$35,000 from revenues, \$45,000 from designated fund
Winter Road Maint.	\$256,450	
Vehicles Maint.	\$ 46,600	
Interlocal Work	\$ 10,000	-\$10,000 from revenues

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$135,812** for the **Capital Improvements for Fairgrounds and Transfer Station** 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 designated fund, \$10,975 Revenues

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$125,000** 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	\$125,000-	\$45,660 from designated funds
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Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$282,576** for the **Solid Waste**

Department budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Transfer Station	\$277,376 - \$181,636 from revenues
Backhoe	\$ 5,200

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 23: 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 24: 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 25: 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 26: 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 27: 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 28: 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 29: 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 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,500** for the **30 Mile River Association**? **New amount**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 31: 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 32: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Readfield Enterprise Fund** budget category with any balance to be carried forward? **From designated and revenues**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for a **Revaluation** with any unexpended balance to carry forward?

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,650** for the **General Assistance** budget category? **\$2,325 from revenues**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 35: 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 36: 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 03/26/16 to 03/25/17?

S&M Morgan	\$400	V. Goodwin	\$400
N&V Gettig	\$200	J. Booker	\$400
Norwood	\$1,200	M&S Booker	\$800
V. Lippert	\$400	D. Miller	\$400
D. Welch	\$400	A. Hecker	\$400
C. Leutenegger	\$400		

Article 37: 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 38: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2017 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$110,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 20,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 3,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 3,200
Homestead Exempt. Reimb.	\$184,525
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$ 9,800
Bete Reimbursement	\$ 9,171
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.)	\$ 2,325

TOTAL \$1,168,484

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 39: 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>
Total	\$184,818

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 40: 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 41: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$190,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment?**

Select Board recommends:

Budget Committee recommends:

Article 42: Shall the town vote to amend the following language in the Town's **Administrative Ordinance** and be enacted?

Article 43: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting?