

2015 Town Meeting Secret Ballot
Information Sheet

Article	Department	Question	Select Board Notes	2014/15 Last Year Approved	2015/16 Select Brd. Recommends	2015/16 Budget Com. Recommends
#2	Election of Officers	To elect two Select Board members both with three year terms, two RSU #38 School Board members both with three year terms and two Local School Board members, one with a one year term and one with a three year term.				
#3	Salaries	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, 2015—June 30, 2016.	<i>This line covers all Town Employees payroll and Officials</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#4	Taxes Payable & Interest Rate	Shall the Town vote to fix September 25, 2015 or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and February 26, 2016 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 4% per year, which is lower than the State rate of 7% Pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, §505.4?	<i>If not voted in the rate would default to the State's allowable interest rate of 7%. 2014's voted in rate was 4%.</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#5	Payable Interest	Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest at a rate of 7% , which is lower than the State Rate of .5% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, §506 & 506A?	<i>If not voted in the rate would default to the State's allowable interest rate of 7%. 2014's voted in rate was .05%.</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#6	Accept Payment of Taxes	Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of taxes not yet committed?	<i>This article is required by State Law, Title 36 MRSA, § 506, at each Annual Town Meeting, in order to collect any prepayment--such as Tax Club payments--for taxes paid prior to commitment of said taxes.</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#7	Contracts & Leases	Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to enter into single or multi-year contracts, leases, and lease/purchase agreements , not to exceed five years, in the name of the Town if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town?	<i>This articles is for future contracts not already in place.</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#8	Sale of Surplus Property, Equipment & Tools	Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell any Town owned Surplus Property, Equipment and Tools no longer needed by the Town?	<i>New article that would allow the different entities of the Town to sell surplus property not needed or used any more.</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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#9	Gifts & Donations	Shall the Town vote to accept any conditional or unconditional gifts, unanticipated donations, or pass-through funds that may be provided by individuals, business associations, charitable groups, or other organizations, which have not been listed in any of the previous or following articles, if the Select Board determines that the gifts, donations, or pass-through funds and their purposes are in the best interest of the Town?	<i>This article allows the Town to accept these gifts and process them through the Town's accounting system.</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#10	Expenditure Permission	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 budget amount during the period July 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015?				
#11	General Government (1)	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$327,525 for the General Government for Municipal Admin., Insurance, Office Equipment budget category for the following budget lines?		\$321,334	\$327,525	\$327,525
		Municipal Administration-\$299,370		\$296,129	\$299,370	\$299,370
		Insurance-\$24,650		\$21,250	\$24,650	\$24,650
		Office Equipment-\$3,505		\$3,955	\$3,505	\$3,505
#12	General Government (2)	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$43,146 for the General Government for Assessing and Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector/Building Inspector budget category for the following budget lines?		\$53,720	\$43,146	\$50,146
		Assessing-\$21,400		\$31,975	\$21,400	\$21,400
		CEO/LPI/BI- SB Recommends \$21,746		\$21,745	\$21,746	\$28,746
#13	General Government (3)	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for the General Government for Town Boundaries, Grant Writing/Planning and Heating Assistance budget category for the following budget lines, with all unexpended balances to be carried forward?	<i>Should say these are carry forward accounts!</i>	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
		Town Boundaries-SB Recommends \$2,500	<i>Will include some cost sharing with neighboring towns. This will be a carry forward account.</i>	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
		Grant Writing/Planning Ser.-\$2,500	<i>This is a carry forward account and \$2,500 will be carry forward using no additional tax dollars.</i>	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
		Heating Assistance-\$1,500	<i>Donations as this is a carry forward account, no tax dollars.</i>	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

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#14	General Government (4)	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$74,905 for the General Government for Municipal Maintenance budget category for the following budget lines?		\$70,466	\$74,905	\$74,905
		Municipal Maintenance-\$74,905	<i>Operational cost.</i>			
#15	Boards & Commissions	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,545 for the Boards and Commissions budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation Budget Line carried forward?	<i>Trails Committee removed from this line this year.</i>	\$14,125	\$7,545	\$7,545
		Appeals Board-\$407		\$607	\$407	\$407
		Conservation Commission-\$4,365	<i>\$4,000 from carry forward account.</i>	\$5,760	\$4,365	\$4,365
		Planning Board-\$2,773		\$2,773	\$2,773	\$2,773
#16	Buildings Operations & Maintenance	Shall the Town vote to raise \$35,708 for the Town Buildings Operations & Maintenance budget category for the following budget lines?	<i>Utilities and Maintenance of Town Buildings</i>	\$50,377	\$35,708	\$37,708
		Fire Station-\$10,700		\$10,980	\$10,700	\$10,700
		Gile Hall-\$18,122		\$21,818	\$18,122	\$20,122
		Library-\$5,386		\$16,079	\$5,386	\$5,386
		Maintenance Building-\$1,500		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
#17	Community Services	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$59,122 for the Community Services budget category for the following budget lines?	<i>KVCOG was not included in the 2014 totals.</i>	\$54,864	\$59,122	\$59,622
		Animal Control-\$16,622	<i>\$3,500 from licenses.</i>	\$16,040	\$16,622	\$16,622
		Kennebec Land Trust-\$250		\$250	\$250	\$250
		KVCOG-\$4,245		\$4,345	\$4,245	\$4,245
		Library Services-\$26,438	<i>\$2,075 from revenues.</i>	\$26,159	\$26,438	\$26,438
		Readfield TV-\$5,717		\$6,165	\$5,717	\$5,717
		Street Lights-\$5,500		\$6,000	\$5,500	\$6,000
		Maranacook Lake Dam-\$250		\$250	\$250	\$250
#18	Cemetery Maintenance	Shall the Town vote to (1) raise and appropriate \$25,110 for the Cemetery Maintenance budget category (2) Appropriate \$4,000 from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund to the Cemetery Maintenance budget category, and (3) accept and appropriate an anticipated donation in the amount of \$7,000 from the Audrey Luce Living Fence Fund to the Cemetery Maintenance budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward ?	<i>Using \$4,000 from Perpetual CareTrust fund and \$7,000 from donation to the living fence.</i>	\$31,003	\$36,110	\$36,110

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#19	Beach and Recreation	Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$18,066 for the Beach and Recreation budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?	<i>Beach and Recreation are both self supporting and no tax dollars are spent.</i>	\$19,327	\$18,066	\$18,066
		Beach-\$9,060	<i>\$9,060 from passes.</i>	\$9,099	\$9,060	\$9,060
		Recreation-\$9,006	<i>\$9,006 from fees.</i>	\$9,922	\$9,006	\$9,006
#20	Heritage Days	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Heritage Days budget category to be expended for the 2015 Heritage Days celebration in addition to the \$5,000 previously appropriated for this purpose with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?	<i>2014/15 \$5,000 Last year's vote was to hold Heritage Days every other year raising \$5,000 per year. \$5,000 from carry forward.</i>	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
#21	Community Park	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$306 for the Readfield Community Park budget category?	<i>This amount is for the mowing of the Park.</i>	\$306	\$306	\$306
#22	Tails Committee	Shall the Town vote to accept and appropriate \$2,700 for the Readfield Trails Committee projects ?	<i>Total budget by donation, no tax dollars.</i>	\$4,985	\$0	\$2,576
#23	Protection Department	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$153,165 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?		\$137,342	\$153,165	\$153,165
		Operation of Fire Dept.-\$84,790	<i>\$5,580 from Lakes Region. This line's unexpended balance will carry forward to the Capital Equipment line.</i>	\$78,815	\$84,790	\$84,790
		Fire Department Capital Equipment-\$13,500	<i>\$8,500 from carry forward account.</i>	\$5,000	\$13,500	\$13,500
		Ambulance Service-\$22,000		\$20,600	\$22,000	\$22,000
		Waterholes-\$500		\$500	\$500	\$500
		Tower Sites-\$2,000		\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
		Dispatching-\$28,000		\$26,302	\$28,000	\$28,000
		Annual Physicals-\$125	<i>A carry forward account.</i>	\$125	\$125	\$125
		Personal Protective Gear Repl.-\$2,000		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
		Emergency Operations Plan-\$250		\$2,500	\$250	\$250
#24	Roads & Drainage	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$533,088 for the Roads & Drainage budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balance to be carried forward for the Summer Roads budget?		\$567,294	\$533,088	\$520,338
		Summer Road Maint.-\$260,700	<i>\$35,000 Local Road Assist.</i>	\$290,950	\$260,700	\$247,950
		Winter Road Maint.-\$260,500	<i>Snow Plowing</i>	\$255,940	\$260,500	\$260,500
		Vehicles Maint.-\$9,500	<i>Maintenance & Fuel</i>	\$10,400	\$9,500	\$9,500

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		Interlocal Work-\$2,388	<i>\$2,388 paid by Wayne, no tax dollars.</i>	\$2,504	\$2,388	\$2,388
#25	Capital Improvements (1)	Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$46,645 for the Capital Improvements for Fairgrounds and Transfer Station budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?	<i>The unexpended balances in these accounts are non-lapsing carry forwards.</i>	\$33,160	\$46,645	\$46,645
		Fairgrounds Athletic Fields-\$8,645	<i>\$8,645 from carry forward. No tax dollars.</i>	\$50,000	\$8,645	\$8,645
		Transfer Station-\$38,000	<i>\$19,000 from Transfer Station Capital Imp. & \$19,000 from the Town of Wayne.</i>	\$2,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
#26	Capital Improvements (2)	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,200 for the Capital Improvements for Equipment and Maranacook Dam budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?		\$17,500	\$39,200	\$46,250
		Equipment-\$7,200	<i>\$4,000 from Cemetery capital Improvement line towards the \$7,200 for new mower.</i>	\$0	\$11,200	\$18,250
		Maranacook Lake Dam-\$28,000	<i>\$8,000 from carry forward account. Town has contract requiring us to raise \$20,000 in the future to create a system to control water levels.</i>	\$13,500	\$28,000	\$28,000
#27	Solid Waste Department	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$256,195 for the Solid Waste Department budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?		\$253,185	\$256,195	\$258,195
		Transfer Station-\$253,595	<i>Total expenses for the Transfer Station are proposed at \$256,195 and will be reduced by estimated revenues of \$37,600, leaving a net cost of \$218,995. Half of the total net cost will be Readfield's share: \$109,497.50. Wayne pays the other half.</i>	\$250,585	\$253,595	\$255,595
		Backhoe-\$2,600	<i>2014/15-\$2,600 (Fuel & Maintenance)</i>	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600
#28	Regional Assessments	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$305,930 for the Regional Assessments budget category for the following budget lines which we are legally bound to pay?	<i>KVCOG not in this line this year</i>	\$331,620	\$305,930	\$305,930
		Cobbossee Watershed-\$19,825		\$18,877	\$19,825	\$19,825
		Kennebec County Tax-\$260,000		\$282,293	\$260,000	\$260,000
		First Park-\$26,105	<i>\$9,500 from Revenues.</i>	\$26,105	\$26,105	\$26,105

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#29	Debt Service	Shall the Town vote to raise \$285,117 for the Debt Service budget category for the following budget lines which we are legally bound to pay?		\$355,210	\$285,117	\$285,117
		2013-Road & Bridge Bond \$109,117		\$109,117	\$109,117	\$109,117
		2008-Road & Bridge Bond \$176,000		\$180,825	\$176,000	\$176,000
#30	Snowmobile Club	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?	<i>Request by qualified petition. Reimbursement paid by State \$6.00 per registration.</i>	\$1,231	\$1,436	\$1,436
#31	Central Maine Agency on Aging	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 ?	<i>Request by qualified petition.</i>	\$1,441	\$1,441	\$1,441
#32	Kennebec Behavioral Health	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$1,000 for the Kennebec Behavioral Health Agency ?	<i>Request by qualified petition.</i>	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,000
#33	Family Violence	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$1,312 for the Family Violence Agency ?	<i>Request by qualified petition.</i>	\$1,312	\$1,312	\$1,312
#34	Courtesy Boat Inspection	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.	<i>Request by qualified petition.</i>	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250
#35	Sexual Assault Agency	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$910 for the Sexual Assault Agency ?	<i>Request by qualified petition.</i>	\$909.30	\$910	\$910
#36	30 Mile River	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$231 for the 30 Mile River Association ?	<i>Request by qualified petition.</i>	\$231	\$231	\$231
#37	Enterprise Fund	Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$10,000 for the Readfield Enterprise Fund budget category with any balance to be carried forward?	<i>All funds are from the repayments of loans from the Readfield Enterprise Grant Funds- no tax dollars.</i>	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
#38	Revaluation	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for a Revaluation ?	<i>Reserve non-lapsing account for a future revaluation.</i>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
#39	General Assistance	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,710 for the General Assistance budget category?	<i>50% reimbursed by the State.</i>	\$4,705	\$4,710	\$4,710
#40	Overdrafts	Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds to cover all Overdrafts from the Unassigned Fund Balance?		YES	N/A	N/A

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#41	Cemetery Trust Funds	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 3/21/14 to 2/28/15?	<i>William Buck \$400 and Rita Bouchard \$1,600. This is money paid from the purchase of cemetery lots between the dates listed.</i>	YES	YES	N/A
#42	Playground	Shall the Town vote to close the Playground account in the amount of \$1,095 and donate said money to the RSU #38 for the purpose of maintenance of the Readfield Elementary School Playground?	<i>No tax dollars. This is donations that were raised when the Town owned the elementary School.</i>	N/A	\$1,095	\$1,095
#43	Expenditure of Revenues	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.		YES	N/A	N/A
#44	Tax Acquired Property	Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to retain; sell to the prior owner for taxes, interest and costs; or to sell tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable, and in accordance with a written policy regarding Tax Acquired Property adopted by the Municipal Officers?		YES	N/A	N/A
#45	Revenues	Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following estimated revenues to reduce the 2015 Tax Commitment?	Last Year	\$883,873	\$948,093	\$948,093
		State Revenue Sharing-\$110,000 Dog License Fees-\$3,500		\$110,000	\$3,500	
		Interest on Property Taxes-\$16,000 Library Revenue-\$2,075		\$16,000	\$2,075	
		Interest on Investments-\$2,500 Cable Telev. Fees-\$24,000		\$2,500	\$24,000	
		Veterans Exemption-\$3,000 Beach Income-\$9,060		\$3,000	\$9,099	
		Homestead Exempt. Reimb.-\$73,000 Recreation Income-\$9,006		\$65,000	\$9,922	
		Tree Growth Reimb.-\$9,000 Protection-\$5,580		\$8,000	\$4,000	
		Bete Reimbursement-\$4,000 Local Road-\$35,000		\$9,000	\$35,000	
		Boat Excise Taxes-\$6,000 Interlocal-\$2,388		\$6,000	\$2,504	
		Motor Vehicle Excise-\$420,000 Transfer Station Cap.-\$19,000		\$400,000	N/A	
		Agent Fees-\$8,600 Transfer Station-\$146,598		\$8,600	\$144,092	
		Certified Copy Fees-\$1,250 First Park-\$9,500		\$1,250	\$9,500	
		Other Income-\$2,000 Snowmobile(State reimb.)-\$1,436		\$2,000	\$1,231	
		Heating-\$1,500 Readfield Enterprise Fund-\$10,000		\$1,500	N/A	
		Plumbing Fees-\$3,000 General Assist.(State reimb.)-\$2,100		\$3,000	\$2,100	
		Land Use Permit Fees-\$3,000 Audrey Luce Live Fence \$7,000		\$2,000	N/A	

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#46	Waiver of Foreclosure	Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to issue a Waiver of Automatic Foreclosure when the municipal officers wish to avoid acquiring property that may be burdensome to the Town and to take court action if needed to foreclose at a later date, if desired?	<i>Burdensome property is, but not limited to: a run-down dam, dilapidated building, a mobile home on someone else's property and/or a toxic waste site.</i>	YES	N/A	N/A
#47	Emergencies	Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance (General Fund), <u>in the aggregate for one or more purposes</u> , to meet emergencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?		YES	YES	YES
#48	Miscellaneous Fees	Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to set Miscellaneous Fees charged for Town services not covered or set by State Statute?		YES	N/A	N/A
#49	Land Use Ordinance	Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's Land Use Ordinance and be enacted? 1) Wind Tower - Commerical & Small Wind Systems, 2) Expansion of non-conforming structures, 3) Land Use Tables - Table 1 and foot note changes		YES	N/A	N/A
#50	Trails Easements & Agreements	Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into Trail Easements and Agreements , as the Select Board deems appropriate, based on criteria established by the Select Board, with private property owners as negotiated by the Trails Committee for trails/pathways on private property?	<i>New Article this year</i>		N/A	N/A
#51	Union House Trail Agreement	Shall the Town vote to accept a previous signed trail agreement between the Town of Readfield and the Union Meeting House?	<i>New Article this year</i>		N/A	N/A
#52	Acceptance of New Town Roads	Shall ordinances entitled " Acceptance of New Town Roads " adopted in 1986 and in 1990 be repealed because they now can be found in the current Land Use Ordinance adopted June 12, 2014?	<i>These ordinances are now found in the Land Use Ordinance but never repealed.</i>		N/A	N/A
#53	Firearms Ordinance	Shall the town vote to amend the following language in the Town's " Firearms Ordinance "?	<i>This ordinance is being amended to address hunting on recreation areas like the Fairgrounds and beach.</i>		N/A	N/A

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#54	Fire Department Ordinance	Shall the amendment correcting “Dates, Title and Subsection” be made to the Town’s " Fire Department Ordinance " be enacted?	<i>This article is only correcting the Date, Title used along with the Subsection number to correct the ordinance.</i>		N/A	N/A
#55	Reduce the Total Tax Commitment	Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$250,180 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce the total tax commitment ?		\$100,000	\$250,183	NO
#56	Administration Ordinance	Shall the Town adopt an ordinance entitled Town of Readfield " Administration Ordinance " giving the Select Board additional authorization of powers and duties to act on the following items now found as articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?	<i>This ordinance, if passed, would allow the Select Board to do the house keeping items and decrease the number of articles on this warrant by 8.</i>			
#57	Town Meeting Vote	Shall the Town vote by Secret Ballot on warrant articles at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting?	<i>The Town went to this secret ballot voting method after a vote on a petition submitted last year. This will be an advisory vote that the Select Board will consider when determining if you will continue to vote by secret ballot next year.</i>			

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\$7,000+more

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\$2,000+for cameras
\$500+additional

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Site repaving & demo covers.
Includes new truck and removes holder attachments.
\$2,000+for cameras

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