



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Annual Town Meeting Warrant Secret Ballot Tuesday, June 9, 2015

To: Karen Peterson, 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 9th day of June, A.D. 2015, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 57 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 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.

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, 2015—June 30, 2016?

Article 4: 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?

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Pay Interest** at a rate of **.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: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Accept Payment of Taxes** not yet committed?

Article 7: 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?

Article 8: 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?

Article 9: 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?

Article 10: 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, 2015 to October 1, 2015?

Article 11: 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?

Municipal Administration	\$299,370
Insurance	\$24,650
Office Equipment	\$3,505

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 12: 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?

Assessing	\$21,400
CEO/LPI/BI	\$21,746

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: No

Article 13: 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?

Town Boundaries	\$2,500
Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$2,500
Heating Assistance	\$1,500

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$74,905** for the **General Government for Municipal Maintenance** budget category for the following budget lines?

Municipal Maintenance	\$74,905
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Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 15: 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?

Appeals Board	\$407
Conservation Commission	\$4,365
Planning Board	\$2,773

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$35,708** for the **Town Buildings Operations & Maintenance** budget category for the following budget lines?

Fire Station	\$10,700
Gile Hall	\$18,122
Library	\$5,386
Maintenance Building	\$1,500

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$59,122** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines?

Animal Control	\$16,622
Kennebec Land Trust	\$250
KVCOG	\$4,345
Library Services	\$26,438
Readfield TV	\$5,717
Street Lights	\$5,500
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$250

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 18: 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?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 19: 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?

Beach	\$9,060
Recreation	\$9,006

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 20: 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?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$306** for the **Readfield Community Park** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to accept and appropriate an anticipated donation in the amount **\$2,700** for the **Readfield Trails Committee** projects?

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 23: 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?

Operation of Fire Dept.	\$84,790
Fire Dept. Capital Equipment	\$13,500
Ambulance Service	\$22,000
Waterholes	\$500
Tower Sites	\$2,000
Dispatching	\$28,000
Annual Physicals	\$125
Personal Prot. Gear Repl.	\$2,000
Emergency Operations Plan	\$250

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$528,838** 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.	\$247,950
Winter Road Maint.	\$260,500
Vehicles Maint.	\$18,000
Interlocal Work	\$2,388

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: No

Article 25: 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?

Fairgrounds Athletic Fields	\$8,645
Transfer Station	\$38,000

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 26: 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?

Equipment	\$7,200
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$28,000

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: No

Article 27: 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?

Transfer Station	\$253,595
Backhoe	\$2,600

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$305,930** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$19,825
Kennebec County Tax	\$260,000
First Park	\$26,105

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$285,117** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2013 Road & Bridge Bond	\$109,117
2008 Road & Bridge Bond	\$176,000

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 30: 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 31: 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 32: 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 33: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,312** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 34: 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 35: 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 36: 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 37: 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 38: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for a **Revaluation**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 39: 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 40: Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds to cover all **Overdrafts** from the Unassigned Fund Balance?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: No

Article 41: 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?

Article 42: 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?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 43: 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 44: 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?

Article 45: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2015 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$110,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$16,000
Interest on Investments	\$2,500
Veterans Exemption	\$3,000
Homestead Exempt. Reimb.	\$73,000
Tree Growth Reimb.	\$9,000
Bete Reimbursement	\$4,000
Boat Excise Taxes	\$6,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$420,000
Agent Fees	\$8,600
Certified Copy Fees	\$1,250
Other Income	\$2,000
Heating	\$1,500
Plumbing fees	\$3,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$3,000
Dog License Fees	\$3,500
Library Revenue	\$2,075
Cable Television Fees	\$24,000
Beach Income	\$9,060
Recreation Income	\$9,006
Protection	\$5,580
Audrey Luce Live Fence	\$7,000
Local Roads	\$35,000
Interlocal	\$2,388
Transfer Station Capital	\$19,000
Transfer Station	\$145,598
First Park	\$9,500
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$1,436
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$10,000
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$2,100
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$948,093</u>

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 46: 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?

Article 47: 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), in the aggregate for one or more purposes, to meet emergencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 48: Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to set **Miscellaneous Fees** charged for Town services not covered or set by State Statute?

Article 49: Shall the following amendments be made to the Town's **Land Use Ordinance** and be enacted?

- Wind Tower—Commercial & Small Wind Systems
- Expansion of non-conforming structures
- Land Use Tables—Table 1 & foot note changes

Article 50: 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?

Article 51: Shall the Town vote to accept a previously signed trail agreement between the Town of Readfield and the **Union Meeting House** for a pathway?

Article 52: Shall ordinances entitled "**Acceptance of New Town Roads**" adopted in 1986 and in 1990 be **repealed** because new Road Standards were adopted as part of the Land Use Ordinance adopted June 12, 2014?

Article 53: Shall the town vote to amend the following language in the Town's "**Firearms Ordinance**"?

- Adding the words "of any" to the second paragraph.
- Adding the words ", at any time and , beach or Fairgrounds property per the attached map" to the 5th paragraph.
- Change the map to reflect the changes adopted.

Article 54: Shall the Town vote to make the amendments correcting the "Dates, Title and Subsection" of the Town's "**Fire Department Ordinance**" be enacted?

Article 55: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$250,183** from the Unassigned Fund Balance to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: No

Article 56: 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?

- To **accept payment of taxes** prior to commitment
- To **enter into contracts & leases** not to exceed five years.
- To **sell surplus property**
- To **accept gifts and donations** given to the Town

- To retain or **sell tax acquired property**
- To **waive an automatic foreclosure**
- To set **miscellaneous fees**

Article 57: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2016 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 as amended:	_____	Sue Reay, Chair
April 6, 2015	_____	Valarie Pomerleau, Vice Chair
	_____	P. Greg Durgin
	_____	Allen Curtis
	_____	Thomas Dunham

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____
 Robin L. Lint
 Clerk of the Town of Readfield