

June 13, 2023 Annual Town Meeting/Secret Ballot Vote Warrant Articles

Article 1: Elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Elect one Select Board members for a three-year term:

Write in: _____

Elect one RSU #38 School Board members 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 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 29, 2023** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 23, 2024** as the dates upon 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 8% 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 8% , which is the same as the State Rate of 8% , 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, 2023 to October 1, 2023?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$697,980** for the **Administration** budget category for the following budget lines?

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| Municipal Administration | \$355,395 |
| Insurance | \$161,835 |
| Office Equipment | \$ 32,850 |
| Assessing | \$ 25,200 |
| CEO/LPI/BI | \$ 85,200 |
| Grants/Planning Ser. | \$ 10 ,000 |
| Heating Assistance | \$ 2,500 |
| Attorney Fees | \$ 25,000 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$176,710** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

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| General Maintenance | \$ 128,760 |
| Building Maintenance | \$ 34,450 |
| Vehicles Maintenance | \$ 13,500 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$79,220** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines?

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| Animal Control | \$ 11,045 |
| Kennebec Valley Council of Governments | \$ 4,500 |
| Age Friendly Initiatives | \$ 2,000 |
| Library Services | \$ 49,925 |
| Readfield TV | \$ 9,700 |

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| Street Lights | \$ 1,500 |
| Maranacook Lake Dam | \$ 550 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$49,548** for the **Recreation, Parks & Activities** budget category for the following budget lines?

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| Beach | \$ 17,568 |
| Recreation | \$ 16,700 |
| Heritage Days | \$ 6,600 |
| Conservation | \$ 4,750 |
| Town Properties | \$ 2,000 |
| Trails | \$ 1,930 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to pursue the development of an expanded multi-use recreational field area at the Fairgrounds property, consistent with the Town's Fairgrounds Management Plan; with any final project plans coming before the voters for approval; and with the project construction to be funded exclusively by Federal, State, and private grant sources and donations which the Town is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$184,835** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines?

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| Fire Department Operating | \$ 76,715 |
| Ambulance Service | \$ 56,070 |
| Tower Sites | \$ 4,550 |
| Dispatching | \$ 46,500 |
| Emergency Operations | \$ 1,000 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,500** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$586,750** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category?

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| Summer Road Maintenance | \$ 118,000 |
| Winter Road Maintenance | \$ 468,750 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 15: Shall the Select Board of the Town be authorized to enter into an agreements providing for (a) the purchase of a **Pumper-Tanker Fire Truck** and (b) borrowing on behalf of the Town, a sum not to exceed **\$348,057** on such terms as it determines are necessary and proper pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §5772 and other applicable Maine law, including the interest rate and the principal payment dates, and the redemption with or without premium, for the purpose of appropriating funds to pay a portion of the costs of the Fire Truck subject to passage of Articles 16 & 17?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Town Indebtedness -

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| A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: | \$ 1,126,011 |
| B. Bonds authorized and unissued: | \$ 0 |
| C. Bonds to be issued if Article 15 is approved: | \$ 348,057 |
| D. Total: | \$ 1,474,068 |

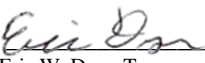
2. Costs - Warrant Article 15, Fire Truck Bond. At an estimated interest rate of four percent (4%) for a term of ten (10) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

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| A. Total Bond Principal: | \$ 348,057 |
| B. Total Estimated Interest: | \$ 77,663 |
| C. Total Estimated Debt Service: | \$ 425,720 |

3. Validity - The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

4. Debt Limit - In accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §5701 & §5702, a municipality may not borrow funds if the borrowing would cause the municipality to exceed its debt limit.

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| A. 2023 State Valuation: | \$360,400,000.00 |
| B. Limit Factor: | x 7.5% |
| C. Debt Limit: | \$ 27,030,000.00 |

Signed by: 
Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$200,000** from the **Fire Department Building Reserve**, being funds originally borrowed to pay for capital improvements to the Fire Station as approved by vote of the June 8, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and **\$75,000** from the **Fire Department Capital Reserve** to be used to offset the cost of a new **Pumper-Tanker Fire Truck**, subject to passage of Articles 15 & 17?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$623,057** for a new **Pumper Tanker Fire Truck** subject to passage of Articles 15 & 16?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$574,225** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines?

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| Gile Hall | \$ 10,000 |
| Library Building | \$ 5,000 |
| Open Space | \$ 50,000 |
| Cemetery | \$ 17,000 |
| Sidewalk | \$ 67,500 |
| Roads | \$ 325,000 |
| Equipment | \$ 33,000 |
| Equipment Leases | \$ 6,177 |
| Transfer Station | \$ 60,548 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$390,752** for the **Solid Waste** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$47,665** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

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| Cobbossee Watershed | \$ 27,665 |
| First Park | \$ 20,000 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$355,185** for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$154,192** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

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| Fire Truck Bonds | \$ 59,766 |
| 2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond | \$ 18,459 |
| 2020 Municipal Building Bond | \$ 45,498 |
| 2021 Municipal Building and Paving | \$ 30,469 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Local Tax Relief** Program budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,513** for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 26: 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:

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$787** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, for

the **Torsey Pond Association**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 28: 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:

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,500** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$5,000** for continued restoration of the **Readfield Union Meeting House**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Maranacook Food Bank**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,000** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, for the **Maranacook Lake Association**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$1,735** paid to the Town by the State (based on snowmobile registrations) for the **Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club** to be used for trail creation and maintenance?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$60,000** for the **Unclassified** budget category for the following budget lines?

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| Readfield Enterprise Fund | \$10,000 |
| Real Estate Property Revaluation | \$25,000 |
| Overdraft | \$ 5,000 |
| Abatements | \$20,000 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to authorize **Expenditure of Revenues** from Federal, State, and private grant sources for those purposes for which the grant is intended?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Revenues** estimated below to reduce the 2024 Tax Commitment?

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| State Revenue Sharing | \$ 430,000 |
| Interest on Property Taxes | \$ 20,000 |
| Interest on Investments | \$ 37,000 |
| Veterans Exemption | \$ 2,500 |
| Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement | \$ 229,036 |
| Tree Growth Reimbursement | \$ 14,000 |
| BETE Reimbursement | \$ 6,422 |
| Boat Excise Taxes | \$ 8,500 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes | \$ 600,000 |
| Agent Fees | \$ 14,000 |
| Public Notice Fees | \$ 500 |
| Business License Fees | \$ 50 |
| Certified Copy Fees | \$ 1,500 |
| Other Income | \$ 5,000 |
| Heating | \$ 2,500 |
| Plumbing Fees | \$ 6,000 |
| Land Use Permit Fees | \$ 15,000 |
| Interlocal CEO/LPI | \$ 42,000 |
| Dog License Fees | \$ 1,500 |
| Rabies Clinic | \$ 500 |
| Library Revenue | \$ 4,500 |

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| Cable Television Fees | \$ 30,000 |
| Beach Income | \$ 2,000 |
| Recreation Income | \$ 19,100 |
| Protection | \$ 3,700 |
| Local Roads | \$ 36,000 |
| Bond Proceeds | \$ 348,057 |
| Grants- Sidewalk | \$ 30,000 |
| Transfer Station Capital | \$ 17,726 |
| Transfer Station | \$ 260,561 |
| First Park | \$ 20,000 |
| Snowmobile (State reimb.) | \$ 1,735 |
| Enterprise Fund | \$ 3,000 |
| General Assistance (State reimb.) | \$ 2,500 |
| Total | \$2,214,887 |

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Fund** balances to reduce the 2023 Tax Commitment?

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| Age Friendly | \$ 2,000 |
| Attorney Fees | \$ 5,000 |
| Capital Equipment | \$ 10,000 |
| Cemeteries | \$ 5,000 |
| Cemeteries Capital | \$ 12,000 |
| Conservation | \$ 4,000 |
| Grants & Planning | \$ 5,000 |
| Heritage Days | \$ 1,000 |
| Library Operating | \$ 2,000 |
| Local Tax Relief | \$ 10,000 |
| Readfield Enterprise Fund | \$ 7,000 |
| Revaluation | \$ 25,000 |
| Roads Capital | \$ 75,000 |
| Sidewalk (Church Rd.) | \$ 7,500 |
| Town Properties | \$ 2,000 |
| Transfer Station Capital | \$ 29,803 |
| Transfer Station Operating | \$ 5,000 |
| Trust Funds Cemetery Perpetual Care | \$ 10,000 |
| Total | \$397,303 |

Select Board recommends: Budget Committee recommends:

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **\$25,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (General Fund), in the aggregate for one or more purposes as necessary to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$275,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends:

Article 41: Shall an ordinance entitled 2023 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 42: Shall an ordinance entitled **Town Beach Ordinance** of the Town of Readfield Maine be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 43: Shall the Town vote to adopt the 2023 **Comprehensive Plan** for the Town of Readfield, said plan to replace the existing 2009 Comprehensive Plan in its entirety? (A copy of said 2023 Comprehensive Plan is attached to this Warrant.)