

# **DRAFT Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot** **Tuesday, June 11, 2024      Polls Open 8am – 8pm**

To: Lee Mank, 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 **Kents Hill School - Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main St** in said Town on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2024, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 43 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: Elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Elect two Select Board members for three-year terms:

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Elect one RSU #38 School Board members 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:

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 27, 2024** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 28, 2025** 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 8.5% 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 8.5% , which is the same as the State Rate of 8.5% , 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, 2024 to October 1, 2024?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$695,286** for the **Administration** budget category?

Municipal Administration	\$372,595
Insurance	\$166,269
Office Equipment	\$ 33,000
Assessing	\$ 30,500
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 67,922
Grants/Planning	\$ 10,000
Attorney Fees	\$ 15,000

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$185,680** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 136,630
Building Maintenance	\$ 36,050
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 13,000

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$82,527** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines?

Animal Control	\$ 10,890
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$ 4,500
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 2,000
Library Services	\$ 53,467
Readfield TV	\$ 9,620
Street Lights	\$ 1,500
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 550

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$72,467** for the **Recreation, Parks & Activities** budget category for the following budget lines?

Beach	\$ 10,985
Recreation	\$ 20,800
Community Programming Coordinator	\$ 23,052
Heritage Days	\$ 6,450
Conservation	\$ 6,800
Town Properties	\$ 2,500
Trails	\$ 1,880

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 11: Shall the Town of Readfield authorize the Select Board to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the construction of the Fairgrounds Community Park; and further authorize the Select Board to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project?

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to construct an expanded multi-use recreational field, multi-use sports court, utilities, and amenities at the Fairgrounds property, as identified in the Fairgrounds Community Park Concept Plan attached to this Warrant, with the project construction to be funded exclusively by Federal, State, and private grant sources and donations?

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$195,703** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to carry forward from Fire Department Operations and Tower Sites into the capital reserve account?

Fire Department Operating	\$ 79,601
Ambulance Service	\$ 61,677
Tower Sites	\$ 4,600
Dispatching	\$ 48,825
Emergency Operations	\$ 1,000

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$17,500** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$635,500** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category for the following budget lines?

Summer Road Maintenance	\$ 169,500
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 466,000

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$190,169 in unexpended ARPA funds for use in Road paving projects?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to construct a **sidewalk on Church Road** utilizing up to \$960,000 in federal grant funds, \$50,000 in Sidewalk Reserves, and \$190,000 in Road Reserve balances, consistent with the Church Road Sidewalk plans attached to this Warrant?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$398,015** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Administrative Equipment	\$ 5,000
Municipal Buildings	\$ 40,000
Fire Department	\$ 25,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Roads	\$ 275,000
Equipment Reserves	\$ 34,177
Transfer Station	\$ 13,838

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$173,075** for the **Solid Waste** budget category?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$46,250** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 30,000
First Park	\$ 16,250

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$140,990** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2016 Fire Truck Bond	\$ 47,481
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond	\$ 18,046
2020 Municipal Building Bond	\$ 45,005
2021 Municipal Building and Paving	\$ 30,458

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health**?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 23: 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:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,312** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,887** for **Courtesy Boat Inspection Programs**, with \$2,100 for the Maranacook Lake Association and \$787 for the Torsey Pond Association?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 26: 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 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,625** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 28: 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:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Maranacook Food Bank**?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$1,695** 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:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for **Property Tax Abatements and Overdrafts**?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 33: 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:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2024 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 370,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 15,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 75,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 2,000
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$ 219,687
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 14,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 34,029
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 8,500
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 625,000
Agent Fees	\$ 15,000
Newsletter Advertisements	\$ 100
Business License Fees	\$ 50
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,500
Other Income	\$ 5,000
Plumbing Fees	\$ 6,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 25,000

Dog License Fees	\$ 2,500
Rabies Clinic	\$ 500
Library Revenue	\$ 3,360
Cable Television Fees	\$ 28,000
Beach Income	\$ 2,000
Recreation Income	\$ 19,600
Protection	\$ 2,500
Local Roads	\$ 42,000
Transfer Station	\$ 35,028
First Park	\$ 18,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,695
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,573,549</b>

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated and Trust Funds** to reduce the 2024 Tax Commitment?

Conservation Land Special Revenue	\$ 2,650
Legal Services Special Revenue	\$ 15,000
Recreation Special Revenue	\$ 5,000
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Funds	\$ 10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,650</b>

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **\$15,000** 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:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$335,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment?**

*Select Board recommends:*                      *Budget Committee recommends:*

Article 38: Shall an ordinance entitled 2024Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Marijuana Establishments Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 39: Shall an ordinance entitled 2024Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Administrative Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 40: Shall an ordinance entitled 2024Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Waste Disposal and Recycling Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 41: Shall an ordinance entitled 2024Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Property Tax Assistance Program Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 42: Shall an ordinance entitled 2024Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 43: Shall an ordinance entitled the Town of Readfield **Cable Television Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 44: Shall an ordinance entitled the Town of Readfield **Disposition of Tax Acquired Property Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Voted & Approved on April 22, 2024 by:

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Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair

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Sean Keegan, Vice Chair

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Steve DeAngelis

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Carol Doorenbos

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David Linton

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Parks, Town Clerk  
Town of Readfield