

**Certified Copy of the Voting Results**  
**Attested by:** Deborah Nichols **Deborah Nichols, Clerk**  
**Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

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 Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2019, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 41 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 to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot. **Marilyn Palmer**

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

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Coull, Shawn M. (withdrawn 4/26/2019)~~  
270 Eno Jr., Ralph F.  
226 Parks Sr., Alfred R.  
176 Rodriguez, Marie K.  
239 Woodsum, Kathryn Mills  
156 Blanks  
5 Write-ins

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

48 Write-in winner: **Rebecca Lambert**  
448 Blanks  
88 Write-ins

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

3 Write-in winner: **Marie Rodriguez**  
505 Blanks  
31 Write-ins

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

2 Write-in winner: **Rebecca Lambert (TIE)**  
2 Write-in winner: **Tom Diplock (TIE)**  
520 Blanks  
16 Write-ins

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

6 Write-in winner: **Rebecca Lambert**  
518 Blanks  
18 Write-ins

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, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

**Yes** 386                      No 127                      Blank 23

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 27, 2019** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 28, 2020** 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 9% per year, which is the State rate pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, 505.4?

**Yes** 425                      No 87                      Blank 24

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 9% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

**Yes** 407                      No 104                      Blank 25

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, 2019 to October 1, 2019?

Yes 373 No 131 Blank 32

**Article 7:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 485,750 for the **General Government for Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, CEO/LPI/BI, Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration	\$264,825
Insurance	\$131,340
Office Equipment	\$ 5,400
Assessing	\$ 19,875
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 37,810
Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$ 2,000
Heating Assistance	\$ 1,500
Attorney Fees	\$ 23,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes 403 No 122 Blank 11

**Article 8:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$135,175 for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 91,425
Building Maintenance	\$ 37,000
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 6,750

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes 420 No 101 Blank 15

**Article 9:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,850 for the **Boards and Commissions** budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation budget line carried forward?

Appeals Board	\$ 100
Conservation Commission	\$ 6,050
Planning Board	\$ 1,700

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes 397 No 127 Blank 12

**Article 10:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$65,037 for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Library budget line carried forward?

Animal Control	\$ 12,170
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250
KVCOG	\$ 4,305
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 1,750
Library Services	\$ 35,652
Readfield TV	\$ 4,410
Street Lights	\$ 6,500

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes 415 No 114 Blank 7

**Article 11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$37,412 for the **Recreation, Parks and Activities** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 9,912
Recreation	\$ 12,310
Heritage Days	\$ 10,000
Town Properties	\$ 2,680
Trails	\$ 2,510

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes 386 No 138 Blank 12

**Article 12:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$132,200 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, and Dispatching?

Operations Fire Department	\$ 67,900
Ambulance Service	\$ 26,750

Tower Sites			\$ 2,550
Dispatching			\$ 35,000
<i>Select Board recommends: Yes</i>	<i>Budget Committee recommends: Yes</i>		
<b>Yes 464</b>	No 64	Blank 8	

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$17,000** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?

<i>Select Board recommends: Yes</i>	<i>Budget Committee recommends: Yes</i>		
<b>Yes 421</b>	No 103	Blank 12	

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$370,578** 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 Maintenance	\$ 104,928
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 265,650

<i>Select Board recommends: Yes</i>	<i>Budget Committee recommends: Yes</i>		
<b>Yes 459</b>	No 69	Blank 8	

Article 15: Shall the Select Board of the Town be authorized to enter into one or more agreements providing for (a) capital improvements to the Fire Station and Library and (b) borrowing on behalf of the Town, a sum not to exceed **\$550,000** 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, for the purpose of appropriating funds to pay all or a portion of the costs of capital improvements to the Fire Station and Library?

<i>Select Board recommends: Yes</i>	<i>Budget Committee recommends: Yes</i>		
<b>Yes 339</b>	No 149	Blank 48	

#### MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

##### 1. Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$615,703.44
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0.00
C. Bonds to be issued if Article 15 is approved:	\$550,000.00
Total:	\$1,165,703.44

##### 2. Costs- Warrant Article 15 Town Building Improvements

At an estimated interest rate of three and one-half percent (3.5%) for a term of fifteen (15) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

A. Total Bond Principal:	\$550,000.00
B. Total Estimated Interest:	\$161,640.96
C. Total Estimated Debt Service:	\$711,640.96

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.

A. 2019 State Valuation:	\$274,950,000.00
B. Limit Factor:	x 7.5%
C. Debt Limit:	\$20,621,250.00

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Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$566,070** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Town Buildings Improvements	\$ 260,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Roads	\$ 230,000
Equipment	\$ 15,000
Equipment Leases	\$ 19,150
Transfer Station	\$ 26,420
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 8,000
Fire Dept. Waterholes	\$ 500
Fire Dept. Personal Protective Gear Replacement	\$ 2,000

<i>Select Board recommends: Yes</i>	<i>Budget Committee recommends: Yes</i>		
<b>Yes 420</b>	No 97	Blank 19	

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$300,700** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget category with all accounts to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    406                              No    109                              Blank    21

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$47,852** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed                              \$ 22,852  
First Park    \$ 25,000

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    389                              No    132                              Blank    15

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$275,000** for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    438                              No    76                                 Blank    22

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$184,673** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2016 Fire Truck Bond                              \$ 55,583  
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond              \$ 19,973  
2013 Road & Bridge Bond                        \$109,117

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    442                              No    76                                 Blank    18

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for **Local Tax Relief** budget category, with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    411                              No    107                              Blank    18

Article 22: 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: Yes  
Yes    387                              No    135                              Blank    14

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,376** for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    408                              No    113                              Blank    15

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    411                              No    110                              Blank    15

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,362** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program to the **Maranacook Lake Association** for **\$1,575** and the **Torsey Pond Association** for **\$787** on Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    405                              No    117                              Blank    14

Article 26: 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  
Yes    412                              No    110                              Blank    14

Article 27: 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: Yes  
Yes    332                              No    187                              Blank    17

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: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    373                              No    150                              Blank    13

Article 29: 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  
Yes      397                      No      124                      Blank      15

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$40,000** for the **Unclassified** budget category for the following budget lines with Readfield Enterprise Fund and Revaluation unexpended balance to carry forward?

Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$10,000
Real Estate Property Revaluation	\$10,000
Overdraft	\$ 5,000
Abatements	\$15,000

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes      332                      No      184                      Blank      20

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,500** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes      406                      No      117                      Blank      13

Article 32: 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: Yes  
Yes      441                      No      70                      Blank      25

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2019 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 158,500
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 30,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 6,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 4,000
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$ 181,150
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 9,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 13,805
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 8,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 525,000
Agent Fees	\$ 10,000
Newsletter	\$ 100
Business License Fees	\$ 50
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,500
Other Income	\$ 2,000
Heating	\$ 1,500
Plumbing fees	\$ 6,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 7,000
Dog License Fees	\$ 2,500
Library Revenue	\$ 1,271
Cable Television Fees	\$ 28,000
Beach Income	\$ 9,912
Recreation Income	\$ 11,210
Protection	\$ 3,350
Local Roads	\$ 35,000
Bond Proceeds	\$ 550,000
Municipal Building Projects Donations	\$ 25,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 11,646
Transfer Station	\$ 191,025
First Park	\$ 15,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,344
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,250

**Total                      \$1,851,113**

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes      482                      No      45                      Blank      9

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the 2019 Tax Commitment?

Conservation	\$ 6,050
Heritage Days	\$ 10,000
Library	\$ 2,000
Local Tax Relief	\$ 10,000
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 10,000
Recreation	\$ 1,100
Roads	\$ 60,000
Trails	\$ 2,510
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,660</b>

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    455                                      No    68                                      Blank    13

Article 35: 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 as necessary to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    384                                      No    139                                      Blank    13

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$257,488** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

Select Board recommends: Yes      Budget Committee recommends: Yes  
Yes    451                                      No    72                                      Blank    13

Article 37: Shall an ordinance entitled 2019 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted?

Yes    287                                      No    200                                      Blank    49

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to hold the Heritage Days celebration annually and limit the amount raised each year to \$5,000 or less?

Yes    372                                      No    138                                      Blank    26

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to consolidate the following **Fire Department reserve accounts** (Physicals, Equipment, Personal Protective Gear, Tower Sites, and Water Holes) into a single reserve account?

Yes    417                                      No    94                                      Blank    25

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to negotiate a **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** with one or more service providers, and authorize **the installation of a solar project at the Readfield Transfer Station** upon such terms and conditions as are determined to be in the best interests of the Town, only if the terms and conditions represent a net reduction in electrical utility costs to the Town over the life of the project?

Yes    375                                      No    133                                      Blank    28

Article 41: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting?

Yes    402                                      No    110                                      Blank    24

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 536