

# Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot

## Tuesday, June 14, 2022      Total Votes Casted 844

Article 1: Elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting: Robin Lint, Elected Moderator

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

- Bittar, Robert                    316
- DeAngelis, Steve                501
- Johnson, Eric                    305
- Mills-Woodsum, Kathryn 402
- Blanks:                            159
- Write-ins:                         4

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

- Alvarado, Cristobal            122
- Bickerman, Peter               120
- Frautten, Travis                110
- Lambert, Rebecca              243
- Blanks:                            244
- Write-ins:                         5

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

- Blanks:                            817
- Write-ins:                         27

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

- Blanks:                            822
- Write-ins:                         20

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

- Blanks:                            824
- Write-ins:                         20

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, 2022 through June 30, 2023?

**YES    612                    NO    182                    BLANKS    50**

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 30, 2022** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 24, 2023** 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 4% per year, which is the State rate pursuant to Title 36 MRSA § 505.4?

**YES    685                    NO    111                    BLANKS    48**

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Pay Interest** at a rate of 4% , which is the same as the State Rate of 4% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

**YES    665                    NO    128                    BLANKS    51**

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, 2022 to October 1, 2022?

**YES 559 NO 208 BLANKS 77**

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$679,930** for the **Administration** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration	\$342,855				
Insurance	\$157,875				
Office Equipment	\$ 6,900				
Assessing	\$ 29,675				
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 82,060				
Planning Board	\$ 1,015				
Appeals Board	\$ 50				
Grants/Planning Ser.	\$ 7,000				
Heating Assistance	\$ 2,500				
Attorney Fees	\$ 50,000				
<b>YES</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>34</b>

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$160,300** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 117,600				
Building Maintenance	\$ 34,450				
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 8,250				
<b>YES</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>31</b>

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$74,703** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Age Friendly and Library budget line carried forward?

Animal Control	\$ 9,530				
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250				
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$ 4,500				
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 2,000				
Library Services	\$ 44,928				
Readfield TV	\$ 7,245				
Street Lights	\$ 5,750				
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 500				
<b>YES</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>26</b>

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an approximately two (2) year construction contract and an operating contract with an initial term not to exceed twelve (12) years, with a third-party service provider, to construct and operate a municipally owned fiber to the premises (FTTP) network to offer every household and business in Readfield access to **High-Speed Broadband Internet**, and to appropriate **\$135,770** in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and up to **\$4,864,230** from the previously approved twenty (20) year municipal bond to complete the project?

**YES 309 NO 517 BLANKS 18**

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$58,707** for the **Recreation, Parks & Activities** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 18,339				
Recreation	\$ 21,300				
Heritage Days	\$ 6,600				
Conservation	\$ 6,300				
Town Properties	\$ 3,000				
Trails	\$ 3,168				
<b>YES</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>21</b>

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate *up to* \$500,000 for the **Fairgrounds Community Park and Conservation Project** to include the construction of a softball field, basketball court, kiosk, concession stand, pollinator garden, trails, and associated utilities and structures at the town Fairgrounds Property (a copy of the draft plan is attached to this Warrant), to pursue wetland and habitat impact mitigation on that and other Town properties, and to pursue fundraising and grant opportunities to minimize the cost of the project?

**YES 344 NO 483 BLANKS 17**

Article 13: Shall the Select Board of the Town, on behalf of the Town, be authorized to enter into one or more agreements providing for (a) capital improvements to the Fairgrounds property and other Town properties and (b) borrowing on behalf of the Town, a sum not to exceed **\$500,000** 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 Fairgrounds other town properties?

**MUNICIPAL TREASURER’S FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**1. Town Indebtedness**

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,274,697.16
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$5,000,000.00
C. Bonds to be issued if Article 13 is approved:	\$500,000.00
Total:	\$6,774,697.16

**Costs- Warrant Article 13 Fairgrounds Improvements**

At an estimated interest rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) for a term of twenty (20) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

A. Total Bond Principal:	\$500,000.00
B. Total Estimated Interest:	\$138,428.28
C. Total Estimated Debt Service:	\$638,428.28

2. **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.

3. **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. 2022 State Valuation:	\$325,050,000.00
B. Limit Factor:	x 7.5%
C. Debt Limit:	\$24,378,750.00

Signed by:   
Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer

**YES 245 NO 341 BLANKS 258**

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$175,975** 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	\$ 77,025				
Ambulance Service	\$ 53,400				
Tower Sites	\$ 4,550				
Dispatching	\$ 40,000				
Emergency Operations	\$ 1,000				
<b>YES</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>60</b>

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,500** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?

**YES 638 NO 140 BLANKS 66**

**Article 16:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$539,650** 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				\$ 119,000		
Winter Road Maintenance				\$ 420,650		
<b>YES</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>113</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>58</b>

**Article 17:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$546,685** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Technology Equipment				\$ 9,000		
Fire Dept.				\$ 10,000		
Gile Hall				\$ 20,000		
Library Building				\$ 15,000		
Open Space				\$ 50,000		
Cemetery				\$ 10,000		
Roads				\$ 350,000		
Equipment				\$ 15,000		
Equipment Leases				\$ 6,177		
Transfer Station				\$ 61,508		
<b>YES</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>191</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>71</b>

**Article 18:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$342,575** for the **Solid Waste** budget category with all accounts to be carried forward?

<b>YES</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>192</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>89</b>
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**Article 19:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,613** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed				\$ 25,613		
First Park				\$ 25,000		
<b>YES</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>234</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>73</b>

**Article 20:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$319,743** for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

<b>YES</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>130</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>74</b>
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**Article 21:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$236,946** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2016 Fire Truck Bond				\$ 53,324		
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond				\$ 18,857		
2020 Municipal Building Bond				\$ 45,978		
2021 Municipal Building and Paving				\$ 30,530		
2023 Municipal Bonds				\$ 88,257		
<b>YES</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>136</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>75</b>

**Article 22:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for **Local Tax Relief** budget category, with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

<b>YES</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>163</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>79</b>
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**Article 23:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health**?

<b>YES</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>172</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>73</b>
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**Article 24:** 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**?

<b>YES</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>159</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>69</b>
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**Article 25:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,250** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

<b>YES</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>178</b>		<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>32</b>
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Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,362** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, with **\$1,575** for the **Maranacook Lake Association** and **\$787** for the **Torsey Pond Association**?

**YES 622 NO 190 BLANKS 32**

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$910** for the **Sexual Assault Agency**?

**YES 656 NO 154 BLANKS 34**

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,500** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

**YES 503 NO 301 BLANKS 40**

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$5,000** for continued restoration of the **Readfield Union Meeting House**?

**YES 535 NO 277 BLANKS 32**

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$1,748** 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?

**YES 648 NO 162 BLANKS 34**

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$39,000** 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	\$ 4,000				
Overdraft	\$ 5,000				
Abatements	\$20,000				
<b>YES</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>49</b>

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

**YES 614 NO 173 BLANKS 56**

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?

**YES 645 NO 138 BLANKS 61**

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2022 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 400,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 25,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 6,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 2,500
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$ 194,673
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 10,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 6,590
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 8,500
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 650,000
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	\$ 5,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 6,000
Interlocal CEO/LPI	\$ 38,800
Dog License Fees	\$ 2,000
Rabies Clinic	\$ 500
Age Friendly	\$ 2,000

Library Revenue	\$ 3,475
Cable Television Fees	\$ 30,000
Beach Income	\$ 1,500
Recreation Income	\$ 11,800
Protection	\$ 3,200
Local Roads	\$ 36,000
Bond Proceeds	\$ 5,364,230
Grants	\$ 135,770
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 15,109
Transfer Station	\$ 228,389
First Park	\$ 25,000
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,748
Enterprise Fund	\$ 3,000
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,242,834</b>

**YES 722 NO 78 BLANKS 44**

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the 2022 Tax Commitment?

Conservation	\$ 5,450
Local Tax Relief	\$ 10,000
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 7,000
Roads Capital	\$150,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 34,803
Trust Funds Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$213,253</b>

**YES 695 NO 98 BLANKS 51**

Article 36: 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?

**YES 593 NO 204 BLANKS 47**

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$225,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to reduce the total tax commitment?

**YES 686 NO 105 BLANKS 53**

Article 38: Shall the Town authorize the installation of up to five new LED streetlights, and authorize any associated multi-year contracts or agreements with Central Maine Power?

**YES 544 NO 256 BLANKS 47**

Article 39: Shall an ordinance entitled 2022 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted?

**YES 419 NO 315 BLANKS 110**

Article 40: Shall an ordinance entitled 2022 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Board of Appeals Ordinance**, be enacted?

**YES 435 NO 303 BLANKS 106**

A true copy of the June 14, 2022 voting results for the Town Meeting Warrant.

Attest: 

Kristin Parks, Town Clerk, Town of Readfield

