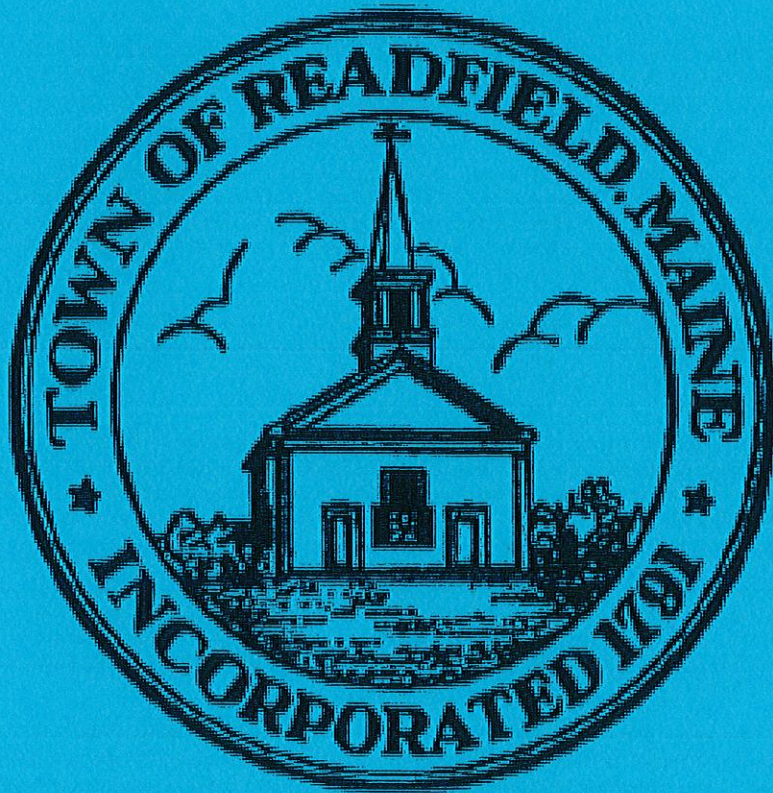


# TOWN OF READFIELD

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



**For the year ending June 30, 2018**

## **"Reflections of READFIELD (The Story of our Town)"**

### **Chapter 1 – The Town's Beginnings\***

Readfield was once part of old Pondtown, now Winthrop, settled in 1764, part of the Kennebec Purchase from Governor Bradford's Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts.

The purchasers were wealthy English colonists and they formed a land company later known as the Plymouth Company. Their names were Antipas Boyes, Edward Tyng, Thomas Brattle, and John Winslow. Their heirs were many, and after the French and Indian wars they reorganized into the Plymouth Company, and were also known as the Kennebec Proprietors. Many familiar names of towns along the Kennebec come from men like Sylvester Gardiner, Benjamin Hallowell and James Bowdoin. Their names still appear as landowners on the map of Readfield as it was in 1791 at the time of its separation from Winthrop.

Romance, adventure and intrigue are all part of the tale of the settling of the Kennebec. Here were the outposts for trade with the Indians. This trade was necessary to pay off the debts of the Plymouth Colony to those who had financed their adventure in America. Robert Cushman had handled much of this early financing in England and in Leyden, sometimes with little thanks. Some of his descendants are living in Readfield today. John Alden was once involved in a murder on the Kennebec, but fortunately for Priscilla he was cleared.

Maine was still a part of Massachusetts, and the Plymouth Colony was still a part of England. It is understandable that Luther Sampson's Kents Hill School has been called "the ripened fruit of the Mayflower" because the benevolent founder, who came from Marshfield, Massachusetts was a descendant of the Plymouth Colony. Now his descendant Luther Russell lives in Kents Hill. Warren Butman's ancestor came as an indentured servant on the third trip. Mayflower descendants are as natural to Maine as salt is to the seashore.

One of the proprietors was a Bostonian named James Bowdoin, later governor of Massachusetts. He was particularly involved in this area, and bequeathed to Readfield its original common lot and muster grounds. Another proprietor named Jonathan Reed often acted as Bowdoin's agent, as did a young man of the same family, Major John Reed from Roxbury, Massachusetts. It is for him that Readfield was named, at one time being spelled Reedfield.

The central portion of the Kennebec Purchase, including Pondtown, was laid out in a tiered system of lots whereby for every two that were granted to settlers, one was reserved by a proprietor for later use. Each lot was 200 acres. On the Plymouth Company maps, settlers' lots were marked with an S, and the proprietors with a P. It is said that the definitions of these lots can still be seen from the air, as can the furrows where the Indians planted their corn before the white man came.

Grants were given not only for money, but if a man would develop the land, and usually help the proprietors with their endeavors in trade, particularly lumber. Many a Maine tree became a mast for the king's navy. John Chandler, one of Pondtown's earliest settlers, was granted three lots upon condition that he would build a sawmill in one year and a grist mill in three years. These were built near Chandler's Pond (now Lake Maranacook.) The grant was signed by James Bowdoin, James Pitts, Benjamin Hallowell, Sylvester Gardiner, and John Hancock. Maine got the famous signature before the United States did.

According to Thurston's History of Winthrop, at that time it took the entire strength of Pondtown "both in men and oxen" nearly a week to get the millstones from the river at the Hook (Hallowell). In those days "roads" were a cleared trail, originally marked by slashed trees and later widened enough for cart wheels and a team of oxen. When it was mirey they threw down logs so they could pass over them. These log roads became known as "corduroy" roads.

These early settlers lived in log cabins, encountered Indians and wild animals, and scrounged the wilderness for fish and game. They were often to the point of starvation. They were used to a milder climate and more fertile soil, and they were overinvolved in lumbering. They had such little success with their crops that when supplies were cut off in the spring of 1776, in desperation they sent a small ship to Boston which had to slip by the British vessels lying offshore.

From the beginning they struggled to clear the land. Thurston says, "They seemed not to know that corn or grain would grow on unplowed ground ...it was not until three brothers, Nathaniel, William, and Thomas Whittier came from New Hampshire to that part of Pondtown, now Readfield, and felled twenty acres of trees and went back. The next spring they came and burned their fallen trees ... They cleared off what the fire had not consumed, planted their corn and returned to New Hampshire. Some thought the course these men took bordered upon insanity, but the corn sprang up and grew." This lesson of burnt land farming was so well learned it became a common practice on new farms according to Foster's "History of Winthrop."

"The common method of starting a farm in the Sandy River Valley," said William Allen, an early pioneer, "was to cut down trees on five or six acres the first year, burn the ground and plant corn the next year, and build a log house, cut more trees, move the family in before harvest time, live on corn meal one year, raise wheat the third year and build a small house, raise English hay, wheat and rye, and corn the fourth year, and then they were in a position to live comfortably. Some of the younger pioneers varied the custom by bringing their brides with them when they returned the second season."

This was the case with Job Fuller of Cape Cod who came one year and visited relatives in Readfield, then went back to bring Elizabeth Wing of Sandwich, Massachusetts, on horseback by a trail of spotted trees, to become the first settlers of New Sandwich (Wayne) in 1774. The next year they went back and convinced her seven brothers to return with them. Relatives followed relatives, and neighbors followed neighbors into the wilderness, especially after the Revolution, when veterans received land grants. But by then Pondtown was already established, and sent, themselves, nineteen young men to fight in the War for Independence.

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## Animal Control

Rabies Clinics are held at the town office twice each year. Vaccinating your pet is for the safety of you and your family, and your community.

There are NO maybes when it comes to Rabies!

### 2018 Animal Control Activities = 113:

Stray Cat- 4  
Livestock loose-5  
Dog at large-18  
Barking dog/Nuisance-5  
Neglect/welfare-2  
Rabies-1  
Sanitation-2  
Dog Bite-2  
Summons-2  
Wildlife-11  
Impounded dogs-2  
Impounded cats- 4  
Unlicensed Dog-55

Rabies Clinics are held at the Town Office in October and January. Dates of the clinics will be posted on the Town's website when set.

*Submitted by Anna Carll, Animal Control Officer*

## Assessing

Greetings Readfield Residents and taxpayers:

This is my second year serving as the Town of Readfield's assessing agent. I have very much enjoyed working for the Town in this capacity and have found the residents of Readfield to be friendly and accommodating and the town's employees to be very knowledgeable and professional. Readfield is a great place to live and work.

The job of the assessing agent is to perform the administrative work for the Board of Assessors such as the reviewing and processing of applications for the homestead and veteran's exemptions and oversight of the filing requirements for the tree growth, farmland and open space current use programs. Duties include the processing of property ownership changes, updating of tax maps, visiting and valuing new construction and assisting taxpayers with property tax related issues. Almost all of the records in the assessing office are available to the public, including the tax commitment book, tax maps, property record cards, and real estate transfer tax Declaration of Value forms.

## Assessing continued

Municipalities are required to follow state law when administering the property tax and the Maine Legislature is responsible for any changes that may occur. Although they have discussed many proposals to provide for enhanced property tax relief through greater homestead and veteran's exemptions, reconstituting an elderly property tax referral program and greater revenue sharing, it would appear the most significant change for this coming fiscal year will be greater revenue sharing. The Homestead Exemption will remain at \$20,000 for now. Businesses looking to take advantage of the **Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program (BETE)** are encouraged to file for an extension if they are unable to file their returns by May 1.

The most recently finalized report from the State indicates the overall assessment ratio (assessed value / sale price) was at 90% for April 1, 2017 with more recent sales information showing the ratio to be closer to 85%. Besides this being an indication of a strong real estate market in Readfield, this means the Board will be considering whether to apply a percentage increase to the assessed value for most properties in order to allow the town to continue to grant a \$20,000 homestead exemption for qualified property owners. That decision may still be a couple months away.

A reminder to all taxpayers a full list of tax relief programs available to businesses and individuals can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/homepage.html>.

And finally, upon receiving your tax bill please review the valuation of your property. If you feel the valuation is excessive you only have 6 months to submit an application for an abatement to reduce your valuation.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

David Ledew, Assessor's Agent

# Code Enforcement

It has been another busy eventful year, with significant compliance issues still to be resolved. The 2018 calendar year had a total of 74 land use permits issued including 11 new homes. A permit is required for new home occupations, junkyards, placement of new signs, timber harvesting within a Resource Protection District, change of use, seasonal conversions, etc.. Building permits are required for any construction costing \$2,000 or more in material and labor. All projects should consult with the CEO for compliance with Readfield's Land Use Ordinances (LUO) and State regulations (i.e. Plumbing Code, DEP). 45 Plumbing permits were issued which requires up to two inspections on most permits.

The LUO has been revised to reflect state law changes over the last few years. These Town approved changes to the LUO may require Planning Board approval prior to any CEO issued permits.

The code office has taken action on documented violation complaints with almost complete cooperation and understanding by the property owners which was greatly appreciated by all town officials when these properties were brought back into compliance. The code office has been dealing with recorded subdivisions issues, pending litigation, illegal sign placement and occupancy issues which have increased the workload.

Development of unimproved lots has created a demand to expand into back lots. These new driveways are required to obtain entrance permits from the road commissioner or DOT. When two or more dwellings / properties are served by one entrance, a new road name is part of the approval. Prior to any work within a public road or right of way, a "Dig Safe" inspection is also required to insure no underground utilities will be affected by construction requiring earth movement.

Buying or selling any portion of an existing lot that creates a non-conforming land use will be deemed by the code office as a violation of the LUO and any future permits cannot be approved. Please inquire as to whether the lot being created is a legally-conforming lot. If you are purchasing property and plan new development or a change in use, the code office can help you through the permitting process.

The agricultural cannabis industry has evolved through State regulations and the approval by a state referendum, which may require a state permit(s) for growers. The LUO allows agriculture town wide but requires compliance with state regulations when an agricultural product is sold commercially. The State also requires a commercial electrical permit for all commercial activities. The LUO standard for commercial growers under state regulations is defined as Agricultural Light Industry requiring Planning Board approval.

It has been a privilege to serve as the Readfield Code Officer and to work together with everyone including various boards and committees. I can be contacted by phone at 685-3290 or through an e-mail at [ceo@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:ceo@readfieldmaine.org) .

Submitted by Gary Quintal, CEO & LPI



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*Lee Mank*  
*Chief*

The Readfield Fire Department responded to 104 calls for assistance from January 01, 2018 thru December 31, 2018:

Readfield Calls for Assistance

Car fire-1  
Medical assist-0  
Auto accident-21  
Chimney Fire-3  
Structure Fire-3  
Co Alarm-0  
False Alarm-2  
Brush Fire-1  
Wires or Trees in the road-17  
Propane problem-0  
Other-8

Mutual Aid Calls for Assistance

Includes Structure fires, Chimney fires, Auto accidents, Brush fires, Water rescues  
Alarms or Canceled enroute or other calls for assistance-47

The past year was an average year for the Fire Department. We have a strong membership of over 30 firefighters with over half being interior structural fire fighter certified. The fire fighters train every Tuesday evening to learn new techniques or to maintain the skills they have learned. Being an on call fire fighter takes a large commitment of time and dedication. It also is an inherently dangerous profession to undertake as we all were reminded of this year with the line of duty death of Capt. Barnes. Although we train so things like this do not happen, sometimes things go horribly wrong. It takes a special person that will put their life on the line to save another.

Respectively submitted,

Lee Mank, Chief  
Readfield Fire Department

# Governmental Television

Since the last report, Channel 1301 has broadcast 21 live events. Recordings of the events have been accessed on the channel's YouTube site more than 330 times. During the past 12 months the station experienced numerous interruptions due to faults both internally at Gile Hall and externally with the cable service provider. Short duration power losses at the town office continued to be problematic. Beyond viewer frustration with inconsistent playback, power interruptions further weaken aging components--some original since cable service first came available in Readfield. Through donations, the town has acquired commercial, interruptible power supplies (UPS) and purchased new batteries for them. Most power problems should now be solved. The Town's current cable operator, Spectrum, reported both cable connection and encoder failures at their local office. These failures disrupted at least two live broadcasts. It is fortunate that when Spectrum replaced Time Warner Cable, the field engineer remained allowing continued responsive customer support, usually by the next day.

It is intended that programming, whether it be the PowerPoint bulletin board or full motion video, be available at all times. The viewing public is urged to report outages, failed playbacks, or sound problems to the town office as soon as possible. Further, we are asking for help to understand how the public is getting Select Board information. Please contact the town office to indicate your regular method--in person, reading minutes from the website, watching the live broadcasts at home, playback broadcasts or YouTube videos. Phone 685-4939 or email [info@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:info@readfieldmaine.org).

Bill Starrett, Readfield Governmental Television Station Manager

## Registrar of Voters & Town Clerk-*Deborah Nichols*

Readfield residents may register to vote during regular business hours at the Town Office as well as on election day at the polls. Identification and proof of residency are required when registering to vote. The Registrar will need to record your driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number on the back side of your enrollment card. If you have questions about registering to vote please contact me at (207)685-4939 or [clerk@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:clerk@readfieldmaine.org).

**Polls Open:** 8:00 am—8:00 pm unless otherwise stated. Voting is held on the second floor of the Town Office building (Gile Hall).

As of 02/21/2019 the voter enrollments are as follows:

**Democrat-706, Green Independent-107, Republican-643 and Unenrolled-697**  
**Total enrollment-2153**



# Town Clerk/Vital Statistics for 2018

## DEATHS

## 21 BIRTHS

Augusta—16 Portland—2 Readfield—1 Waterville—1 Farmington —1

## MARRIAGES

Decedent Name	Date of Death
Armstrong, Carolyn Marie	03/29/2018
Beaulieu, Eugene George Jr	01/25/2018
Beits, Muriel E.	03/10/2018
Brooke, Paul Kenneth	12/16/2018
Brown, Jack Russell	12/25/2018
Cooper, David P.	08/17/2018
Freeman, Jeffrey A.	05/10/2018
Gosselin, Norman L.	04/09/2018
Henderson, Richard Arthur	02/07/2018
Kastning, Dewey Wayne	09/25/2018
Katz, Harriet	12/14/2018
Liss, Judith Gail	05/02/2018
Mank, Nina Webber	09/12/2018
Morse, Philip Ray SR.	08/11/2018
Pfeiffer, Valerie P.	04/01/2018
Pinkham, Isobel Pearl	02/18/2018
Prescott, Melvin Charles	05/20/2018
Somers, Turner Edwin	10/15/2018
Spillman, Evelyn Mae	03/30/2018
Tufts, Everett Vickery	05/27/2018
Turner, Lois M.	09/19/2018
Wagner, Alvin Clark	10/04/2018
<b>Total deaths in 2018 =</b>	<b>22</b>

Party A Current Name	Party B Current Name	Date of Marriage
Comart, Jack Barry	Rothman, Ellen Jane	01/01/2018
Viraphondeth, Odeth	Somsakul, Khai	01/15/2018
Dumont, Shaelie Ariel	Saindon, Alexander Lee	01/24/2018
Jordan, Michael Charles JR	Plourde, Sienna Rae	04/21/2018
Weymouth, Kenneth Paul	Sebranek, Tracy Marie	04/25/2018
Beaulieu, Rebecca Lynn	Seutter, Joel Robert	07/28/2018
Truong, Bryan Van	Marcoux, Jacqueline Alexis Young	08/04/2018
Stone, Emily Lynn	Coull, Shawn Michael	08/12/2018
Surette, Taylor Karee	Quezada, Phillip Patrick	08/19/2018
Gombert, Nicole Marie	Duplessis, Joseph Philip	09/01/2018
Bennett, Tracy Faye	Hoffmann, Timothy Michael	09/16/2018
Harger, Callyn Alexa	Smalley, Evan Bruce	10/13/2018
Gross, Michelle Nicole	Meserve, Jeffrey Allan	10/20/2018
Horsley, Tanya Rose	Carmichael, Dana Eugene	10/05/2018
Trenholm, Anne Catherine	White, Benjamin Fisher	10/13/2018
Salois, Hannah Elizabeth	Avery, Casey Lee	12/21/2018
Chasse, Michaela Toni	Rines, Benjamin Gerard	10/13/2018
Vining, Michel Winter	Mullin, Michael Leon	11/06/2018
Wicks, Katherine Mary	Goucher, Gregory Stephen	11/18/2018
Dube, Glenn Romeo	Dela Cruz, Evelyn Castaneda	12/06/2018
Solmitz, Kodey Fredrick	Berube, Shawna Ann-Marie	12/22/2018
Davis, Christopher Barrows	Dostie, Amber Lynn	12/31/2018
<b>Total Marriages in 2018 =</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>22</b>

### E-Alerts Subscription: [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org)

An easy way to keep up-to-date with Town Happenings! The Town of Readfield website has a feature to subscribe to e-alerts. Please provide your email address below and select the e-alerts you would like to receive. Your email will be treated as confidential information. Our privacy policy is available on our website [www.readfieldmaine.org](http://www.readfieldmaine.org).

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Emergency notifications and closure information
- General announcements and notifications
- Readfield Messenger newsletter
- Recreation announcements and Youth Sport sign-ups
- Voting, election, and Town Meeting information
- Budget information
- Select Board agendas, packets, and videos
- Planning Board agendas and packets

# Town Manager

## Treasurer, Road Commissioner & Transfer Station Manager

### Finances:

The Town continued to operate in efficiently in Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) and improved our overall financial position. The mil rate increased from 18.93 to 19.29 due almost entirely to a .35 mil increase in the RSU #38 budget. Municipal appropriations remained flat. Other financial highlights are as follows:

- The Town's assets exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$22,884,351 as of the end of the fiscal year. This year's total net position includes an unrestricted portion totaling \$2,383,530 which may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to employees, citizens, and creditors.
- The Town's operations for this year resulted in an increase in net position of \$3,256. The Town's net expenses of \$5,548,960 were offset by general revenues of \$5,552,216.
- Total governmental activities' expenses in fiscal year 2018 were up by \$95,796 from fiscal year 2017. Also, total governmental activities' revenues in fiscal year 2018 were up \$173,196 from fiscal year 2017.
- In the General Fund, the Town's unassigned fund balance increased by \$143,168 from the prior fiscal year.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's General Fund's unassigned fund balance as a percentage of the General Fund's expenditures for the fiscal year was 23.38%, which is up from 19.23% in the prior year.
- The Town's total bonded and other long-term debt decreased by \$317,796 during the current fiscal year. Current year debt repayments were \$317,796 and there were no current year debt issues.

The municipal audit is available in hard copy at the Town Office and on the Town of Readfield website for anyone wishing to review municipal finances in greater detail.

### Roads & Infrastructure:

Road work in FY18 focused on gravel road work and included the placement of over 4,700 tons of material on Gay Rd., Luce Rd., and Recycle Rd. (the new access to the Transfer Station). Several culverts were replaced on Lane Rd. and Sturtevant Hill Rd. Planning work began for repairs to the salt/sand shed, which has begun to spall badly due to corrosion of the underlying rebar.

### Personnel:

The Town hired Maureen Kinder in December of 2017 as our Town Librarian. Maureen replaced Nancy Meservier who had held the position since October of 2007. Welcome to Maureen and many thanks to Nancy for her stewardship and care of our Library!

### Transfer Station:

Several improvements were made to the Transfer Station in FY18. One of the most significant was an overhaul of the parking and traffic flow at the facility that widened the two-lane bottleneck to five standing stalls. This greatly reduced wait times for residents and improved safety. The recycling market began to collapse in the fall of 2017 and the bottom was fully out by the spring of 2018. The Town of Readfield responded by taking steps to reduce contamination in our recycling and redoubled our public outreach and education efforts. These actions allowed us to weather the worst of the market collapse and maintain a program that many residents value.



# Age Friendly Community Committee

## Age Friendly Readfield Update

The Age Friendly Committee has a full complement of 5 members and two associate members. We enjoy consistent attendance at our monthly meetings which are held the second Wednesday of the month, and it is a dedicated and loyal membership.

With significant help from the Town Manager, Eric Dyer, we submitted and received an \$8,000 Challenge Grant from AARP under its Livable Community Initiative. With these funds, the town purchased bleachers for the fairgrounds, a picnic table and benches with backs, which meet ADA requirements. One bench will be located at the top of the hill that overlooks Maranacook Lake and the farm below. The equipment arrived in November and was assembled by a combination of volunteers and town staff. A celebration of the arrival of the equipment will be held in the spring or summer.

The Age Friendly Committee collaborated with the Red Cross – Maine Chapter to install smoke alarms in homes, regardless of the home owner's age or income. All alarms were provided and installed free of charge. They were installed by trained volunteers who were either Red Cross volunteers or one of our Handy Helpers. We installed alarms in about 25 households...and installed 2 and sometimes 3 in each home. While the alarm was installed, another volunteer reviewed safety tips which included the need to develop an escape plan with a meeting place outside, in the event of an emergency. This will be an annual event to be held in the Fall.

This year volunteers for the Handy Helper Program delivered sand to 19 Readfield residents. We have had a number of other requests for Handy Helper services and have the capacity to receive and process more requests. A HUGE thank you to all our Handy Helpers who volunteer their time!

We developed a collaboration with the existing SEARCH program in Kennebec County. This program supports independent living for Maine seniors by providing companionship, telephone reassurance, help with appointments, errands, grocery shopping, and with referrals. The program can also help with transportation to these appointments.

Ongoing publicity about our programs continues to be a challenge as well as a focus of our effort. We are aware that we reach only a portion of people who may benefit, old and young. We do distribute brochures, write for the Messenger and put information in the Advertiser.

Please feel free to share your ideas with our Committee on ways Readfield can be more Age Friendly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Dodge  
Maggie Edmondson  
Marjorie Ellis  
Donna McGibney  
Ann Mitchell  
Marianne Perry  
Romaine Turyn (Chair)

# Board of Appeals

The Readfield Board of Appeals took no substantive action during Fiscal Year 2018. However, the latter portion of calendar year 2018 was eventful.

On November 8, 2018, the Board held an organizational meeting which also served a preparation for consideration of two appeals brought by Robert Bittar, the record owner of property located at 26 Mill Stream Road. On November 29, 2018, after public notice, the Board of Appeals conducted a hearing with respect to Mr. Bittar's appeals.

Following extensive testimony and argument, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Bittar's appeal from the action taken by the Code Enforcement Officer to revoke the certificate of occupancy previously issued with respect to 26 Mill Stream Road. On that same date, the Board voted unanimously that it lacked jurisdiction to review the decision of the Planning Board to not recommend a change in the zoning of 26 Mill Stream Road from the Rural Residential Zone to the Rural Zone. These actions by the Board of Appeals were later confirmed in written decisions signed by the Board Chair.

The Board of Appeals is very appreciative of the administrative and technical support provided to it by the Town Clerk and other Town employees.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Bickerman, Board of Appeals Chair

# Budget Committee

The Budget Committee had a productive budget season. We met with representatives on a number of other town boards and committees to understand and refine their budget requests. We also spent some time early in our process discussing the Selectboard's goals for the Town for the year, so that our work could support the fiscally responsible achievement of those goals.

The Town is benefiting from the retirement of Road Bonds, and this reduction allows us to consider capitol items that have been deferred to help control the mil rate. The Selectboard is focused on maintaining Town infrastructure, particularly buildings, that provide important services to the Town. We also chose to focus on controlling the portion of the mil rate that is actually under the Town's control. The goal was to have as close to a level mil rate for municipal services, while maintaining and improving those services.

Members of the committee have diverse backgrounds, and all are committed to providing a thorough review of the budget to assure that we allocate and utilize our resources wisely. We have worked closely with the Town Manager and Finance Officer to provide a transparent, streamlined budget process that is responsive to Town needs. We have listened carefully to requests for funds and projects and worked to make sure that they are well thought out and cost effective.

The most significant budget items this year are building projects. The Town Library needs a new roof, as well as some other important updates. The Library Board has done excellent work in grant writing to provide for a number of needs, and the structural work proposed in this year's budget complements their efforts.

The Fire Station was constructed in the late 1970's and has served the Town and the Department well. Changing requirements for both equipment and training necessitate an expansion and renovation of the current building. We now have valuable equipment stored in areas where it is not well-protected, and training takes place in a renovated basement. The expansion will provide for current and future needs of the Department and enable us to retain the strong corps of volunteer fire fighters we now have.

The Budget Committee has toured both buildings, and has been active in helping frame the projects to provide the maximum benefit while controlling costs. Both were also inspected by building professionals, and this information has helped define the projects. Detailed designs for both projects are currently being prepared by Dirigo and Main Land.

Andrews Tolman, Chair

# Cemetery Committee & Sexton

*Submitted by Anna Carll & Ben Rodriguez*

In 2018 Tree work was continued at Readfield Corner Cemetery. Four hazardous trees were removed; numerous others were trimmed and/or cabled to help with healthy development. The reflection garden in the Readfield Corner expansion continues to thrive with help from our volunteers with watering and routine maintenance. This space is enjoyed by many people visiting loved ones, people walking the trails, and even some wildlife! Collette Monuments was able to repair and straighten nearly twenty-two stones/monuments at Readfield Corner. The previous Sexton Anna Carll continued stone repairs at Kents Hill Cemetery and Whittier Cemetery. Anna will work with the new Sexton Ben Rodriguez on continuing these projects in 2019.

The new Readfield Cemetery Policies were adopted by the Select Board on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This was much needed, as many of our policies and pricing had not been revised since the late 90s. The Cemetery committee put a lot of thought and effort into the new policies and is much appreciated! Their commitment to preserving the Readfield Cemeteries and its historical beauty is valued by many.

Interments: Full burials-6    Cremains-6                      Lots sold:        11

## Conservation Commission

The Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) oversees town-owned open space lands, provides conservation information and works with landowners, agencies and organizations to encourage exemplary stewardship of natural resources. We cooperate with the Select board and other boards and committees. There is a close working relationship with the Readfield Trails Committee which builds some of their trails on town properties, most notably the trails built at the Old Fairgrounds property. We appreciate the help of those who have worked on projects in the past year including Kennebec Land Trust stewards, members of the Readfield Trails Committee and others who have helped work on Readfield conservation properties. We meet in the Town Office at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. We hope all the residents of Readfield will get out to enjoy the trails on town properties to see the natural beauty we have in our town. Maps are available in the town office that show the location of all the trails.

This year we made repairs to trails, bridges and structures at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve, the Fogg Farm Conservation Area and the Town Forest. A trail construction crew from the Appalachian Mountain Club was hired to do the repairs using money from a \$30,517 grant from the Recreational Trails Program and matching funds from the Readfield Conservation Land Account. We owe much thanks to Holly Rahmlow and Jeannie Scudder for letting the crew stay at their camps thereby reducing the project cost.

**Torsey Pond Nature Preserve:** Two bridges were replaced at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve. The location of one was moved to reduce the length of the span, thereby saving costs for lumber used to construct it. This will also reduce the cost of repairs in the future. Four Hundred (400) feet of bog bridging was replaced in the low sections of the trail system where the old material had rotted out. The nature observation platform, commonly known as the duck blind, was replaced complete with roof and walls to make it pleasant to view birds and other wildlife on Torsey Pond even when the weather is cold and rainy.

## Conservation Commission-continued

**Fogg Farm Conservation Area:** One bridge was replaced in the Fogg Farm Conservation Area on the David McPhedran trail. The original bridge had rotted in critical areas making it dangerous to use.

**Old Fairgrounds Property:** Due to the high use of the baseball field and the hiking trails at the Old Fairgrounds Property, the parking lot needs to be enlarged. The parking area will be expanded to the north of the present lot to double the number of cars that can be parked. Money left from the Recreational Trails Grant will be used to complete this project. We hope the work can be done before July 2019.

**Readfield Town Forest:** In a separate project we replaced the oldest bridge in the Town Forest with bog bridging. This was done with the assistance of Jean Luc Theriault and summer interns from Kennebec Land Trust. We appreciate the help of the Land Trust and others on this property. The Town of Readfield and Kennebec Land Trust work as partners at the Town Forest property which offers open space with great recreational and natural resource value.

**Factory Square/Mill Stream Dam:** Work was completed at the Factory Square/Mill Stream Dam area during the summer of 2018, a project put together by an ad hoc committee consisting of volunteers from the Readfield Conservation Commission, the Trails Committee and the Readfield Historical Society. This project was privately funded. It allows safe public access and views of the area above and behind the dam. It complements a pleasant trail overlooking the now-marshland of the former mill pond. The dam which washed out in 1987 was not replaced.

**Plans for 2019-20:** We received the Forest Management Plan for the Town Forest, submitted in October, 2018 by Harold Burnett. The plan covers the 2018 to 2028 planning period. In the summer of 2019 we will blaze and paint the boundary lines and remove invasive shrubs that have grown in the area that was harvested in 2009 and 2013/14. Future timber harvests in 2019/20 and 2024/25 are recommended in the plan.

*Submitted by Bruce Hunter, Chair*

## Library Board of Trustees

The Trustees of the Readfield Community Library are pleased to provide this summary of activities and operations. Maureen Kinder, a Readfield resident, has served as our Librarian for the last 15 months. With her friendly manner she serves the residents of Readfield with a smile and an efficiency that is very much appreciated by all board members and the public. Of course the dedicated volunteers who serve the library year after year are a valuable support to Maureen and the community. Volunteers are vital to keeping the Library running smoothly. New volunteers are always welcome.

Along with the usual Library items residents borrowed snowshoes, puzzles, and a Maine State Park Pass donated by a Readfield resident. Inter-library loans (ILL) of books and movies are available to all residents upon request. The Library also offers free delivery of books and other materials to older homebound or temporarily disabled Readfield Residents. Call the Librarian to arrange delivery.

**Regular programs throughout the year included:**

- Cribbage club for beginners to experienced players - 1st Wednesday at 2:30 and the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30.
- Monthly Book Group - Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Among the titles discussed were Maine authors Monica Wood's "One in a Million Boy" and Paul Doiron's "The Poachers Son"
- The summer reading program - "Libraries Rock", ended with Chewonki Foundation's "Fur, Feet and Feathers".
- The annual August book sale fundraiser held at the Readfield Fire Department
- Trick or Treaters guessed the weight of the pumpkin, received a treat, or took home a good book or movie.
- The Holiday Tree Lighting gathered an enthusiastic crowd on the Library front lawn. A group of middle school singers under the direction of Adam Scarpone filled the air with song and cheer. Cookies and cocoa served at Giles Hall.

# Library Board of Trustees-continued

## Special programs this year included:

- Rock Talk – presented by Cheryl and Bob Marvinney in July and repeated in November.
- A mouse wedding reception – organized and presented by Justine Fontes
- Author Sandra Neily – Talk and Book signing
- Gnomes and Fairy Houses – in conjunction with the Readfield Union Meeting House
- Weekly children’s story time and craft at the beach in the summer, at the Library or RES during the school year.
- Author Paul Doiron – talk and book signing
- Leather Pouch Workshop
- Robert Burns Night – Celebration with Scottish ceremony including a Piper and a Pot luck supper.
- St Patrick’s Day Potluck with Celtic Music
- Drop in knitting for beginners to experienced knitters – Weekly on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00
- AARP Q and A session

Along with an increase in the number of programs offered, the Library building is undergoing some interior renovations made possible by a Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation grant and many hours of volunteer labor.

Also the book drop was completely renovated at no cost by students of CATC, Capital Area Technical Center.

The Library has an active online presence, an attractive and easy to navigate website (<http://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com>), along with a Readfield Community Library Facebook page. Check these sites for scheduled events, the latest additions to the Library collection, weather related closings etc.

In addition to our website and Facebook page, explore Cloud Library (download app) where Library card holders can borrow e-books and e-audio books for free.

I believe there is something of interest for everyone at the Readfield Community Library. Come sign up for your free Library card and start borrowing or participating today.

*Respectfully submitted, Deborah Peale, Chair*

## Planning Board

The Planning Board (“Board”) is a 10 member body (7 full members and 3 alternates). Members are appointed by the Select Board and serve staggered terms of office which vary in length. The Board is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on all land use, construction, and development applications requiring Planning Board approval under the provisions of Readfield’s Land Use Ordinance (“LUO”). The LUO provides that the “purposes of development review are to: provide a level of municipal review that would not otherwise occur for projects that could adversely impact the surrounding community as a whole; maintain and protect the Town’s rural character and natural resources, including scenic and historic resources, by requiring that structures, signs and other alterations on, or to the land, are sited and developed in accordance with certain standards; and, promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the Townspeople, and provide permanent records of conditions that run with ownership of property.”

The Board considered and made decisions on a variety of site review applications and issues during FY 2018. Several applications for modifications of seasonal dwellings in the shoreland zone were decided. The proposals involved the addition of new features to existing structures/properties (e.g. decks and drainage features). In 2 instances, the Planning Board found that certain aspects of these proposals did not meet the standards of the LUO and could not be approved. Review of these types of proposals is sometimes complex because of the need to ensure lake water quality protection and conformity with applicable LUO standards, such as setback

## Planning Board-*continued*

requirements, and the Board often conducts site visits as part of the review process. The Board considered a request to modify the terms of restrictive covenants associated with an approved subdivision, and a proposal to revise the terms of a mixed use (business/residential) land use approval. The Board was also involved, in conjunction with the CEO, in ongoing licensing and compliance matters related to operations at a home occupation business.

The Board spent a significant amount of time in FY 2018 reviewing and considering separate requests by an applicant for a change of use of property (residential to community center/club), and for rezoning (extension of the Village District into the Rural Residential), to accommodate a proposed music and arts venue. This project was controversial and many interested parties participated in the public process by providing oral and/or written comment, both in favor and in opposition to the proposals. The Board found that these proposals were not consistent with the standards and requirements of the LUO. Legal proceedings related to this project are ongoing.

The Board considered and approved applications put forward by the Readfield Conservation Commission for trail infrastructure replacement at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve, and by the Readfield Trails Committee for dam repair and trail extension at the Mill Stream Dam property.

Finally, the Board prepared a package of changes to the LUO which was adopted by the Town in June 2018. These revisions included, in part, revisions and clarifications to building relocation/reconstruction/replacement standards in the shoreland zone and to road and driveway standards.

As always, the Planning Board would like to thank Readfield residents and others who have participated in meetings, hearings, and site visits, commented on LUO revision proposals, and contributed in other ways to help guide Readfield's land use, growth and development in a manner that is reflective of our town's needs and interests. Your participation is important and is always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula M. Clark, Chair



## Recreation

The Readfield Recreation Committee is focused on providing self-supporting recreational programs for the residents of Readfield through the support of community volunteers. In 2018, we added 2 new members to our committee, Jeff Carlson and Lindsey Morin to keep our board full at 9 members.

The Readfield Recreation Committee had a busy year. We sponsored and facilitated youth soccer leagues, basketball leagues, and softball and baseball leagues for children ages 4 – 11. We also held a Halloween party at the Readfield Elementary School, and an Easter Egg Hunt at the Maranacook Middle School. Unfortunately, we did not hold a Winter Fun Day as the best days to do this were filled with watching our Maranacook Basketball Teams compete in their tournaments. Our basketball programs were helped by the involvement of both the Boys and Girls High School players- a great start to the mentoring we hope will build our programs stronger!

Our committee as a team competed in the first ever Kick Ball Tournament during the Readfield Fun Days! We came in Runners Up! Always next year!!

Our Beach shifted last season to a full time overseer and 3 paid employees- we tried some new programs like Movies at the Beach as well as Story time with the Library at the Beach! We received lots of compliments on the upkeep of the facility and had more Day Passes sold than in years past. Thank you to all who use the Beach! We look forward to continuing and building the programs this season.

Beach passes sold: 180            Day passes sold: 150+

*Submitted by Hannah Flannery, Chair*

# Select Board

Dear Neighbors;

The Readfield Select Board began the 2018/19 year in July with its now customary Annual Retreat, which is an open workshop session. Our main purpose was to discuss goals that are ongoing and to collaboratively develop any goals to focus on during the 2018/2019 fiscal year and beyond.

As the year proceeded our focus sharpened through capital planning work and needed inspections to address our multi-year goals in maintaining and correctly fitting our building facilities to meet constituent needs and expectations. Our buildings represent long term investments in community assets. We are seeking to address needs at the fire department and library this coming year.

One of our long term tasks is to avoid having the town make inefficient and more costly repairs or necessary expansions in the future when we might find ourselves saying, "We should have done this years ago." Readfield by carefully timing its bonding capacity, judiciously using designated and undesignated funds, and with the hard work of many volunteers and staff has achieved the ability to move forward with our recommended buildings update without an increase in the portion of the town's mil rate attributed to town services. In fact, that portion will even decline a bit.

Over many years we have looked at how we might achieve updating the fire department to meet the needs of our key service volunteers to train and properly house the town's equipment investments. Our project addresses the updating and expansion needs for this facility which was built in 1974. The current building was built wisely with a look forward to serve the town for decades and the proposed project has an eye on continuing this forward looking posture for decades more. We have been diligently working with Readfield Fire Chief Lee Mank to ensure our infrastructure investment makes good choices for the town.

The library is a vibrant hub of community activity and it has been determined that continuing at the current location with the appropriate structural investment in the existing building is the best path forward to support the program, its volunteers, and our community as a whole. We will also address the septic system shared by both town buildings. We have worked closely with Library Board of Trustees Chair Deb Peale to address the long term vision for library services.

Along with the Board's attention on these larger projects, we also have other goals that are ongoing. One is seeking approval to negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement to authorize the installation of a solar project at the Readfield Transfer only if the terms lead to a net reduction in electrical utility costs to the town. We recommending annualizing Heritage Days without increasing the yearly appropriations of the town. The board continues to pay attention to governance documents, still desires to develop a local food/farms ordinance, and plans in the future to hold a hearing on cannabis considerations now that state law appears settled.

In closing, it is with great appreciation of the town's sense of community that you lend to it that makes Readfield a wonderful place to live.

Thank you;  
Bruce Bourgoine  
Select Board Chair

# Solid Waste & Recycling (SWRC)

The Readfield Transfer Station continues to operate as expected with costs within the approved budget. We serve three member communities, Fayette, Readfield and Wayne, authorized by a 5-year interlocal agreement with cost sharing based on each town's state property valuation. Residents from each town utilize the station by permits issued at each town office or may arrange for a commercial hauler to deliver their materials at their own expense.

Operations have continued smoothly over the past year. Residents from all towns seem familiar with the facility and adjust easily with each improvement we make. In the past year we have redesigned our Swap Shop where gently used non-clothing items may be left for other residents to pick up for their use. We also reshaped the access drive gravel base and provided proper ditching and drainage in preparation for paving. The first binder coat of asphalt was laid in the fall of 2018 and the wearing surface asphalt will be laid in the spring of 2019. Parking for patrons at the station was studied and redesigned resulting in new lines being painted allowing for pull-through parking for material drop-off. This has largely reduced congestion during high use times at the station. New reflective signage was installed throughout the station to aid folks in knowing where to place various materials and which materials have a fee.

Recycling has become a more complicated waste stream since 2017. The world markets have changed drastically for these raw materials and contamination is a key issue. We have done a stellar job in refining our material collection to have very limited contamination due to the awareness and concern of our citizens to do the right thing and heed advertised instructions for material collection. Combining collection of tires, white goods, metals, e-waste, wood, brush, propane tanks, shingles, compostable materials, and items for the swap shop, our recycling rate is very good. This is something for us to celebrate!

The SWRC is comprised of folks from the three member-towns and the Transfer Station Manager. Each town is represented by their Town Manager, one Select Board member and two other citizens. This committee meets once every three months, rotating meeting location by towns, to review operations, budget, expenses, capital projects and safety reports.

All three member-towns are pleased to be working together for the benefit of each town, and welcome input from the public. We are always looking for ways to increase our recycling rate through education to the public. Look for updates and articles on the Readfield town website and in the Messenger.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair SWRC

# Trails Committee

## Mission Statement

*The Readfield Trails Committee will plan and coordinate the development of environmentally acceptable trails within the town of Readfield. The committee will promote safe, functional connections between the various activity centers of the town and provide linkage, where possible, between recreational trails within the town and with adjacent towns.*

In addition to the above mission statement, the Open Space Plan adopted by the town in 2009 provides direction for the town to incorporate a trail network concept for use in our town's open space areas for outdoor recreation. In the past year the Trails Committee put in place a procedure to help guide residents and members of the trails committee who have ideas for building new trails. The link to the document is on the town's website on the Trails Committee page. The Trails Committee encourages residents to review this procedure and contact the committee with ideas for new trail locations.

Readfield Trails Committee has enjoyed another productive year. Although we lost committee member Ben McIntosh who moved to New Hampshire, Paul Bessette joined the committee this spring. The committee continued its longstanding arrangements with both Maranacook Community High School and Kents Hill School. The two schools have community outreach volunteer days as part of their yearly schedules. Both schools provide groups of students in the fall and Kents Hill has an additional day each spring. In the fall the Maranacook juniors placed geo tech material on the trail that starts at Route 17 near the Old Fairgrounds Road. After getting that material in place, the students put a new coating of blue stone covering the trail from the entrance up to the kiosk. The Kents Hill group did the exact same procedures on the MacDougald trail to help stop water washing over the trail. In fiscal year 2018/19 from July 1 to October 23, seventy one volunteers put in over 150 hours of work on Readfield trails at a savings to the town of \$1672. The Readfield Trails Committee has 10 members so it is heartening to know that other community members share their support, efforts, and enthusiasm for our trails network by volunteering their time and energy.

In October, a ribbon cutting event was held at Factory Square to celebrate the revitalization project restoring the Mill Stream Dam area. The project was completed using only donated and fund raising monies along with resident volunteer labor and 2 local contractors. The project from initial planning to completion took over 4 years to finish. The project was a great example of 3 town groups, Readfield Historical Society, Readfield Conservation Commission, and Readfield Trails Committee and a local land owner working together to enhance the historical Factory Square and to provide an area for hiking and enjoying a truly beautiful section of Readfield from the top of the dam.

Last summer the committee sponsored an "Easter in August" egg hunt at the Fairgrounds that had kids and adults searching for eggs along the trails while competing for prizes. This was a unique event that brought residents to the trails for recreational fun time. Once again, the Trails Committee will host an event at the Readfield Fairgrounds to support Readfield Heritage Days in August.

From late summer through the fall and into the winter, the committee worked with volunteer Don Rahmlow to develop a new Readfield Trails map. This was a time consuming and detail oriented endeavor. Committee members used computers and GPS devices to walk every trail including the new Esker Trail at the transfer station, the trail at Factory Square, and the new Kennebec Land Trust trail on the Rosmarin property off Nickerson Hill Road in order to attain accurate distances. This new multi colored trifold map is available at town locations for residents and visitors alike who enjoy using the trails year round. The map has detailed directions including access points and the trails have highly visible signage.

The Trails Committee looks forward to FY 2019-20 to develop plans for a possible new trail or trails,

# Trails Committee-continued

to use carry over funds from our town account for trail maintenance and construction thereby helping to keep property taxes in check, and to continue our successful working relationship with Maranacook and Kents Hill schools.

Our monthly meetings are held at the town office at 6:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Member terms are for three years and we welcome new members to join our active committee. Serving on any town committee affords residents an opportunity to meet and work with others to help our town prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Durgin  
Chair, Readfield Trails Committee

Committee Members	
Paul Bessette	Nancy Buker
Ken Clark	Greg Durgin
Bob Harris	Jeanne Harris
Greg Leimbach	Rob Peale
Holly Rahmlow	Henry Whittemore

# First Park

2018 saw the first full year of our new executive director, Jim Dinkle. He had a busy first year *trying to meet with officials from the twenty four communities, helping to formulate and execute our plans for future activities, and carrying out efforts to "sell" our development and location.* In my opinion he has settled into his new position very well.

Our marketing committee has been quite busy. We have engaged the services of a new marketing agency, Marshall Communications of Augusta, to help us become more visible to prospective clients looking to add a location. Jim is acting as our liaison with the company. They are assisting us in updating our web site, developing new marketing techniques and providing metrics that will help us determine the effectiveness of our various efforts. Additionally we use the services of an organization that puts us in touch with site selectors from around the country. They have scheduled a number of meetings for Jim so that he might entice them to visit Maine and consider FirstPark as a possible location for expansions they are planning. We anticipate bringing a number of these decision makers to our area in the spring, once the weather becomes a little more cooperative.

Finally, one of the lots we have sold in the park has changed hands. We have been told that 2019 will see the construction of a new building in the park though no plans have been submitted for approval at this time. We remain optimistic.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Stephen Monsulick, Jr.



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April, 2019

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Dear Readfield Residents, Members of the Selectboard, Town Manager, Eric Dyer,

This past year was a busy one for the Kennebec Land Trust. In September of 2017, we dedicated our newest property in Readfield, the 342-acre Rosmarin-Saunders Family Forest. Over forty community members joined us for a hike around the new Beaver Pond Trail and thanked Lisa and John Rosmarin for their generous gift to the Town of Readfield. In April of 2018, Tom Danielson led a wonderful vernal pool walk at the Family Forest. Thirty-one community members of all ages joined us to learn about amphibians, insects, and the many values of wetlands.



The 342-acre KLT Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest includes an established snowmobile trail and three miles of new hiking paths. We are continuing to improve and expand the trail network, and we appreciate the support of our many community volunteers, KLT land stewards in Readfield, and the Kents Hill Day-of-Caring students.

It is rewarding to know that Readfield residents and seasonal visitors enjoy our 6,000 acres of conservation lands and fifty miles of trails which provide public access to woodlands, undeveloped lake shorelines, islands and blueberry fields, as well as year-round recreation for hiking, fishing, hunting, snowshoeing, skiing and snowmobiling.

We welcome this opportunity to communicate with Readfield residents and the Selectboard about our conservation work. Please contact us if you have questions about our properties or education programs.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

Kim Vandemeulen, President



\*In Readfield, with the help of generous land donors and town residents KLT has helped conserve the following properties:

- Avery-Smith Shore Land:** 7 acres, owned by KLT
- Echo Lake Watershed Preserve:** (part in Fayette), 304 acres, owned by KLT
- Fogg Farm Conservation Area:** 15 acre conservation easement, *owned by Town of Readfield*
- Gannett Woods:** 120 acres, owned by KLT (part in Manchester)
- Macdonald Conservation Area** (part in Wayne: 100 acres owned by KLT)
- Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest:** 342 acres owned by KLT
- St. Andre Fields:** 9 acre conservation easement
- Tyler Conservation Area:** 45 acre conservation easement
- Torsey Pond Nature Preserve:** 92 acre conservation easement, *owned by Town of Readfield*
- Torsey Pond Outlet Conservation Area:** 13 acre conservation easement
- Westman Woods Preserve:** 26 acres owned by KLT
- Wyman Memorial Forest:** 40 acres owned by KLT

## Readfield Blizzard Busters

On behalf of the Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club we would like to thank the community of Readfield for their support over many, many years. The club was established on January 28, 1976, over 42 years ago, with a few of the charter members still active volunteers as well as many new members. The club holds several fundraisers each year; you might have seen some of our volunteers at Readfield Heritage Days or Longfellow's Greenhouses grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, or wrapping holiday purchases at Central Maine Power Sports in Lewiston. Currently the Club is hosting a raffle with the grand prize of a Ruger American Rifle, with Scope (assorted calibers available) from Audette's Ace Hardware in Winthrop. The winner will be drawn October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 – just in time for hunting season. Tickets can be purchased from any club member or at Fike's Custom Cutting located on Church Road, Readfield. Proceeds of the fundraiser are for the purchase of a groomer. The town has approximately thirty miles of trails that the Club maintains for the use of residents and visitors alike. We are extremely grateful to Readfield property owners who allow access to the trails. During the 2018/2019 winter season Augusta Water District allowed the club to create an additional trail that connects to Winthrop's trails. As we met up with other winter sportsman, all commented positively. Trail use is by no means limited to snowmobilers. Often times we meet cross-country skiers, big wheel bikers, dog walkers and hikers. Club members volunteered a solid four hundred hours this year preparing and grooming for zealous outdoor individuals. Working together we will continue to enjoy our beautiful town. Thank-you again.

Marge Livingston, Secretary  
Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club



# MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

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April, 2019

Dear Community Members,

The ending of the 2018 - 2019 school year rapidly approaches and preparations for the 2019 -2020 have begun. The cyclical nature and pace of the school year encourages us to pause for a few minutes and reflect on the accomplishments of our students, staff, and personnel that make the Maranacook Area Schools so dynamic and successful.

At Maranacook High School the Thomas College Summer Intensives are set to run from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. We have almost 50 students signed up. Students will spend a week on campus taking college classes in a Maranacook cohort. There is no cost for the students and they will earn 3 college credits when they pass the course. This is always such a great experience for our students.

The high school boys and girls Nordic teams received the Maine Principals' Association Sportsmanship Banner at the state championships during February vacation. This is a very honorable recognition, especially because the boys also won the state title. It's not very often that the winning team also receives this recognition of sportsmanship.

The middle school drama play was presented on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30. Because of the generosity, dedication, and hard work of Adam Scarpone, Kristen Levesque and a few others, it was a great event.

This year, at the middle school teachers were able to receive high quality professional development while collaboratively learning and working with fellow teachers. Teachers participated in math and reading/writing learning labs in which they team teach a class together then talk about best practices, and learning outcomes they saw.

At Readfield Elementary math interventionist, grade level colleagues and the principal, have been discussing math curriculum, priority standards, learning targets, and math strategies. During math labs, which occur once per trimester, we identify and reflect on the implementation of Mathematics Teaching Practices, use feedback from our colleagues to improve our own instruction, and assist in cultivating a community of practice where teachers' interactions with each other are instrumental in working through and understanding the details of their students' thinking.

Mount Vernon and Wayne Elementary Schools hosted Math Nights for students and families, led by Math Interventionists Deb Hatt and Susan Hogan. There was an amazing turnout at both schools that included students, siblings, parents and grandparents. Special guest, Christopher Danielson, author of the math picture books [Which One Doesn't Belong](#) and [How Many?](#), and creator of amazing math manipulatives like 21st Century Pattern Blocks and Tiling Turtles, joined us via video chat from Minnesota! Students interviewed Mr. Danielson about his inventions and books. Mrs. Hatt and Mrs. Hogan talked to families about ways that they can incorporate conversations about math with their children into everyday life.



Manchester Elementary School celebrates the growth of every student. Teachers acknowledged student growth in reaching learning goals, work habits or social skills. Students were celebrated each week during an all school morning meeting and recognized on the school bulletin board.

This is just a small part of a larger list of successes that make our schools such dynamic learning environments. Thank you to the citizens of RSU #38 for supporting our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of RSU #38 for your continued support. These efforts have contributed to the growing successes of our students and our district. RSU #38 offers a variety of opportunities for our students from the strong academic program Pre-K through dual enrollment, to the co- and extracurricular activities available. The district continues to be a model of “a caring school community dedicated to excellence.”

Enrollment data for the District – October 1, 2018 (does not include non-resident tuition students)

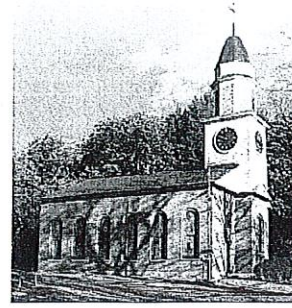
Grade	Manchester	Mt. Vernon	Readfield	Wayne	Totals
Pre-K	17	20	29 (includes 4 from Wayne)	0	66
K	25	12	40	11	88
1	26	12	35	13	86
2	37	12	26	11	86
3	20	18	33	12	83
4	29	25	25	10	89
5	23	14	36	10	83
6	22	21	31	11	85
7	34	18	28	12	92
8	22	23	29	12	86
9	34	18	28	6	86
10	22	19	33	7	81
11	18	17	29	15	79
12	31	14	29	13	87
<b>Totals</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1177</b>
October 1, 2018 (does not include non-resident tuition students)					

Sincerely,



James Charette  
Superintendent of Schools

# Union Meeting House



Mission: “Restore and maintain the Readfield Union Meeting House for the benefit of the community and to continue its status on the National Register of Historic Places.”

## Restoration

The progress achieved in our 2018 restoration program continues into 2019. Our Five Year Plan itemizes the planned work and finances each year over the next five years.

The Meeting House is now wide open to events, with the replacement of the entire floor timbers and supports, completed last May. The crawl space was covered with a waterproof membrane to reduce humidity in the crawl space and sanctuary. The bathroom was updated, with new plumbing and fixtures, and, now with hot water! New electrical service will provide power for entertainers, and for restoration workers in the attic and steeple.

The ceiling plaster, with it's historic art, is being reattached, where separated from the laths, and the entire plaster ceiling is being strengthened with specialized injected materials from the attic side. The ceiling work will be completed this fall. Other work planned for 2019 includes restoration of the eaves, repairs and painting of the southerly side windows, miscellaneous masonry repairs and landscape repairs on the north side of the building. And in 2020, the long awaited restoration of the steeple begins!

Repairs to the adjacent Capt. John Smith Esq. building, also known as the Vestry, has begun. Separate funding is needed to support Vestry work.

## Events

Our popular International Dinner, Strawberry Festival and Halloween Festival are back in 2019. **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** will introduce great music and terrific comedy to the Meeting House. Saturday's will bring Children's programs, a naturalist talk, and Dave Mallet on Heritage Day. See our Activity Schedule, and **“Meet Me at the Meeting House”**.

## Thank you

We are reminded of how fortunate we are to have the generosity of our loyal directors, members, volunteers, donors, grantors, sponsors, and the Readfield community. You are absolutely essential to move our mission forward.

Jim Tukey, President



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PAUL R. LEPAGE  
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.


We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our state have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act I* authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act I* authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act I* authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
January 3, 2019

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Dear Friends,

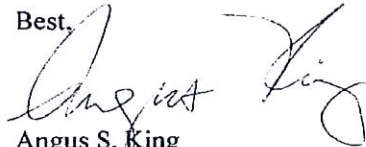
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)— that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you— it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King  
United States Senator

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CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
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Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about the direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends and Residents of Readfield,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again as your State Senator. I am honored and humbled to be your voice in the Maine Senate, and I promise to continue working hard on your behalf.

The legislative session is shaping up to be a busy one in Augusta. I have been appointed to serve as Senate Chair of the Legislature's Labor and Housing Committee and to serve as a member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. Over the last two years I've come to learn more fully that committees give legislators the opportunity to hear from and work with the public on the laws that shape our lives. As I have dedicated my career to issues of economic development and civil rights, I am particularly excited to have the opportunity to serve on these two vital committees.

Whenever I talk with people from our area, I hear concerns about rising property taxes because of the State's failure to pay its fair share back to the towns and cities. I have submitted a bill to bring back fairness to Maine's revenue sharing and reduce the burden on local property owners. While I have submitted bills covering a wide variety of topics, this revenue sharing bill will be one of my top legislative priorities. Our communities can't survive with the status quo any longer.

I am also reaching out to Republican, Democratic and Independent colleagues to cosponsor important initiatives including broadband and school-based health centers. I am excited to work as I have always done – building bipartisan coalitions to get things done. I know that people may not always agree, but we should always be willing to listen to and learn from each other.

I want to hear your perspectives on the issues facing our state. You can reach me on my cell at (207) 776-5404 or at the State House at (207) 287-1515. Please also feel free to email me any time at [Shenna.Bellows@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Shenna.Bellows@legislature.maine.gov). I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Please visit [www.mainesenate.org](http://www.mainesenate.org) to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you in 2019!

Take care,

*Shenna Bellows*

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve our community during the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature. This marks my final two years in the Maine House due to term limits. It is truly an honor to represent you in the Legislature.

During this year's legislative session, we will take up roughly 2,000 bills covering a wide variety of topics. Top priorities include expanding health care coverage, bringing relief from the opioid crisis, expanding access to renewable energy, reducing student debt, repairing our roads and bridges, increasing protections for workers and consumers, getting prescription drug costs under control, protecting the independence of seniors, caring for our neighbors with disabilities, workforce development, protecting small businesses from unfair trade agreements, and combatting climate change.

This session, we are also charged with passing a balanced two-year state budget. We will work to do so in a way that restores revenue sharing funds.

I serve as House chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as well as a senior member of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Both committees work on issues near and dear to my heart — supporting our veterans, alleviating hunger for all people and strengthening food sovereignty, enhancing the economic and social wealth of rural communities, and protecting voting rights for all citizens.

As always, please reach out to share your questions, concerns, perspectives, and solutions to the challenges we face. I can be reached at 377-3276 or at [craig.hickman@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:craig.hickman@legislature.maine.gov). I also send out periodic email updates on my work at the State House, so please let me know if you would like to receive these.

Take care of your blessings,

Craig Hickman  
State Representative

District 81: Readfield, Winthrop and part of Monmouth



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January 22, 2019

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2018. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2018 Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacity logged thousands calls for service. As a result deputies made 602 arrests, issued 742 traffic summonses, and responded to 619 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 410 alarms, 155 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 714 times. Deputies and Detectives made 64 drug seizures, 37 of which most were opiate related.

Sergeant Jacob Pierce resigned his position as a patrol sergeant and will be working with the Oakland Police Department. His professionalism will be missed at Kennebec.

Deputy Aaron Moody resigned his position within the patrol division, taking a position with the U.S. Secret Service.

Deputies Ivano Stefanizzi, Devon Polizzotti and Keith Madore were hired to fill those open positions within the patrol division. We welcome them and their families to the Sheriff's Office family.

Our Civil Process deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2018, the four civil deputies received over 9,031 requests for service in Kennebec County.

Danny Boivin a retired Augusta Police Sergeant, filled the vacant Civil Deputy position and has made a great addition to the civil team.

In 2018, our Correctional Facility managed 2,744 inmates, 211 less than 2017. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Burglaries to Homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns.

Our correctional facility has also been helping out our fellow counties that have had serious overcrowding issues. Overcrowding can create an unsafe working environment for the corrections officers as well as the inmates.

The CARA Program (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy) continues and we have added two weeks to the program. The last two weeks of the program involve the participants working at area businesses. Upon their release, the participants have steady employment and a brighter future. Our program not only benefits Kennebec County inmates, it benefits all 16 counties who have individuals who meet the criteria.

Qualifying inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised by our programs officers on outside projects.

The outside work crews have partnered with local municipalities providing snow removal to those individuals who are elderly or have disabilities. Programs Officer Gagnon and Matthews and their work crews raised 16,847 pounds of produce and gleaned 4,930 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2018.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

Highway fatalities and serious injury accidents continue to soar as a result of individuals using electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle. Please do not be a statistic or make others a statistic because of carelessness.

As your Sheriff, in 2019 my focus will remain on my staff, risk management and professional services to the residents of Kennebec County.

Ken Mason, Sheriff

# 2017 Real Estate Taxes as of June 30th 2018

All accounts with an (\*) before the name have paid their 2017 taxes as of 4-11-19

Paid 4/11/19	Acct Name ----	Amount Due	Paid 4/11/19	Acct Name ----	Amount Due
*	11 Alleborn Douglas A	939.05		351 Eric E. Elvin, Trustee	222.09
*	20 Ames Peter	2,450.76		353 Ertha, E Darlene	1,858.08
*	27 Ashby Leroy J devisees	1,487.68		1037 Evans Tina Z & Ronald	1,487.68
	1862 Atwood Traci A	1,375.54	*	2048 Fike Brandon E & Jessica	858.46
*	1179 Ballard, Michelle S.	2,426.73		379 Fogg Timothy	2,935.29
*	678 Barnes Nancy D	480.51	*	380 Folsom Robert E & Elaine B Joint Livin	9,437.82
*	1078 Barton Debra L	2,574.89	*	1053 Foyt Scott C & Catherine	1,029.96
*	1259 Berry Dawn E	530.59	*	89 Fraley Annette D	1,671.88
*	100 Berube Mason Katie L.	2,105.71		402 Frazee Richard Jr	1,790.01
*	71 Berube Michael R	1,091.69		403 French Lloyd A & Lori	664.75
	1049 Berzinis Gail	2,064.32		1715 Gagnon Peter F.	1,145.29
*	651 Bethanis Peter N	2,114.37	*	321 Gogan Kabary I. & Jessica C	3.92
	710 Billington Lisa L.	1,529.72		683 Goodall, Richard E & Young, Sharon	1,369.55
	14 Blake Michael J	2,614.93		463 Goucher Audrey M	1,872.10
	687 Boucher, Kevin J. & Noreen	3,087.47		462 Goucher Ted Forest Products Inc	897.01
	122 Broad Robert L	1,818.53	*	1473 Great Northern Motorworks	3,792.26
	253 Brown , Cassandra	1,950.20	*	610 Great Northern Motorworks LLC	100.11
	257 Brush Catherine	2,218.49	*	276 Guilmet Eric J	2,136.51
*	1847 Buuck Clifford & Deane	4.15	*	1750 Hanson Diane	332.37
*	819 Cahn Russell D	2,271.61	*	500 Harriman David E & Daniel O	3,029.40
*	980 Cahn Russell D & Tracey	746.16	*	502 Harriman David E	2,200.47
*	894 Cantone Gina & Natasha (Trustees)	1,337.50	*	1421 Harriman David E	4,162.68
*	1765 Caprara, Carl V. & Jodi	1,395.35	*	1593 Harriman David E & Dube, Karen	2,552.87
*	173 Carter Vanessa G	2,390.20	*	535 Harrison Jane E & Lawrence Jr	1,998.24
*	175 Carver Kenneth H	2,138.53	*	1812 Hatch, Crystal	352.39
*	1223 Cellamare, Pia M	1,334.31	*	1134 Hatch, Zackary G	1,075.94
*	2110 Cellamare, Pia M & Joseph	616.69	*	765 Hopkins, Terry	2,700.08
*	1520 Chandler, Jr Bruce & Antoinia	1,149.59	*	13 Hounsell Kathleen B	100.68
*	1343 Chick Keith J & Laurie	2,869.23	*	344 Hounsell Kathleen B	1,904.05
*	1327 Choate Richard W	884.99	*	985 Hutchinson Kristina M	695.51
*	1068 Clark Christopher & Jaime	2,444.74	*	157 Iredale Nancy	1,680.09
	1069 Clark Christopher & Jaime	684.77	*	2087 Kents Hill Orchards Inc.	2,044.30
*	203 Clark Gloria L	1,420.51	*	1706 King Lori Ann	1,106.49
	2017 Colpitt Isreal T	690.78	*	621 Klinoff Helen & Andrew	2,993.36
*	225 Cormier Michael F	805.44	*	556 Kutz Barry L & Sandra	2,719.06
*	227 Cormier Michael F	842.95	*	738 Lawrence John T	3,846.32
	189 Curtis Matthew J	654.73		675 Leighton Brian, Shannon, Robert & Bo	3,115.49
	791 Curtis Matthew J	712.79		106 Leighton, Devin R. & Brandi	3,107.49
*	260 Cushing John P	2.39		2130 Little Bucket LLC	7,350.26
*	1393 Davis Christopher	807.36		705 Lucas James	356.40
	1052 Davis, Lindsay	3,574.02		712 Lucas Robert L Jr & Michelle	1,021.15
*	221 Derosby Craig & Tamara	5,519.86		1889 Lucas Robert L Sr	750.84
*	1800 Douin Jessica	2,522.83		1890 Lucas Robert L Sr & Inez	2,899.26
*	989 Dubois Duane H	1,627.83	*	714 Lucas Scott	923.03
*	1717 Dulac Godfrey	2,943.30	*	1455 Lucas Scott	1,331.49
*	330 Dunn Lawrence & Sharon	3,035.40	*	1321 Mason Bert E Kimberly	2.05
*	1764 Dunn Matthew & Cathy	1,643.86	*	750 Mason Gerald & Terri	674.75
*	1414 Dyer Aaron F.	490.55	*	2108 Mason Gerald	40.04
	1870 Dyer Karl & Angela D	2,178.44	*	902 Mason, Gerald	2,122.38
*	334 Edgecomb, Mark A.	1,917.80	*	2146 Mason, Kellie	420.47
*	1534 Edgecomb, Mark A.	1,311.61	*	1215 McClure Aaron & Sara	5,225.87
*	363 Emmet Laurie A, Payton, Jayne M	1,389.20	*	171 McCollett Rita M & Peter	602.11
			*	777 McCurdy John L & Allison, Cynthia	2,216.49
			*	782 McGeorge, Kevin	4.03

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4/11/19	789 McKenney Herbert G	356.06
*	1759 Menatoma Woodland Preserve LLC	110.12
*	1895 Menatoma Woodland Preserve LLC	44.06
*	1896 Menatoma Woodland Preserve LLC	46.06
*	804 Merrithew Warren	1,645.85
*	1257 Merritt, Lionel O	1,540.22
*	754 Meyerhans Steven E & Marilyn	1.92
*	814 Miller Archie P Jr & LeeAnn	2,285.05
*	830 Mondics Robert B devisees	1,225.38
*	2008 Morin Andrew & Susan	550.62
*	848 Morrow David B	2,598.92
*	308 Moskowitz Anna	2,905.26
*	1094 Mrazik Jeffrey & Gloria	7,322.23
*	1433 Munson Edward	1,243.39
*	1854 Munson Edward	122.14
*	2122 Neptune, Edward	748.85
*	633 Oakes Robert D & Laurie	552.62
*	2163 Padgett, Kellie Mason	428.49
*	28 Parent Judith M	38.04
*	854 Parks Thelma	2,342.63
*	690 Parks, Alfred R.	2,208.48
*	937 Pinkham George & Isabel	796.89
*	2016 Piper Granville William	4.25
*	1681 Pomerleau Valerie G	146.48
*	1524 Potcher Elaine Lucas	1,403.58
*	521 Rec Nominee Realty Trust	4,088.59
*	1011 Rexford Dean , heirs & devisees	176.20
*	1564 Rourke-Parks Nancy	265.95
*	993 Samara Property Management LLC	2,146.57
*	715 Savage Eric & Peaslee, Melissa	889.00
*	1090 Scheele David T Trust	1,748.10
*	965 Schwarz Lorraine	244.81
*	1904 Sederlund Elaine H	454.50
*	1128 Siracusa Richard Jr	480.54
*	249 Smith Kenneth O	2,629.33
*	1220 Sparda, Andrew & Jennifer	3,656.11
*	1757 Spearin Nina A	870.98
*	1191 Strong George Alan	2,254.53
*	834 Sullivan William	584.66
*	2161 Therrien Jacob M. & Amy C.	464.53
*	856 Thompson, Bradley & Telli	302.34
*	1803 Tims William Jr	786.89
*	1519 True Dean & Josette	213.66
*	1295 Urquhart Heather	1,139.28
*	1609 Urquhart Heather	580.65
*	155 Violette Ronald	3,988.48
*	1500 Walters Russell & Joy	1,269.36
*	850 Weibel Frederick J	3,876.35
*	2145 Whitehouse Matt	2,735.24
*	930 Wilbur Haldon M & Hodgson, Rebecca	567.46
*	1568 Willman Jana L & Dale	4,713.30
*	844 Young, Priscilla R & McCollett, Rita	380.02
	<b>Total for 159 Accounts:</b>	<b>260,326.34</b>

## Tax Supplementals & Abatements 2017-18

### Supplementals Issued:

#2061 Sullivan, Thomas J. & Laura E.	\$ 416.66
#2170 Stehle, Margaret	<u>\$1,572.14</u>
<b>Total Supplementals</b>	<b>\$1,988.80</b>

### Abatements Issued:

#1171 Shaw, Jaaron A. & Hoyt, Lacaya M.	\$1,364.76
#2061 HM Development LLC	\$ 416.66
#503 Shaw, Jaaron	\$ 25.07
#364 Fickett, Audrey F.	\$ 501.54
#1004 DiBonaventure, Robert & Rebekah	<u>\$5,399.78</u>
<b>Total Abatements</b>	<b>\$7,707.81</b>

# Outstanding Personal Property Taxes

All accounts with an (\*) have paid as of 4-11-19

Pd	Acct Name ----		
	76 AMES PETER	1999	176.85
	76 AMES PETER	2000	348.55
	76 AMES PETER	2001	374.83
	76 AMES PETER	2002	329.11
	76 AMES PETER	2003	307.49
	76 AMES PETER	2004	49.10
	76 AMES PETER	2005	43.44
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2005	453.43
*	113 VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2005	336.68
*	113 VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2005	24.25
	76 AMES PETER	2006	44.70
	116 BLAKE SUZANNA	2006	67.06
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2006	466.60
*	113 VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2006	346.46
	76 AMES PETER	2007	53.59
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2007	526.41
	72 Tripp,Michael S. & Chrystal M.	2007	37.44
*	113 VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2007	390.87
	76 AMES PETER	2008	46.17
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2008	453.63
	72 Tripp,Michael S. & Chrystal M.	2008	62.48
*	113 VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2008	336.82
	76 AMES PETER	2009	39.60
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2009	449.09
	113 VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2009	348.92
	76 AMES PETER	2010	33.02
	105 CHURCHILL JOHN	2010	4.12
	111 CLARK ROBERT E JR&KRISTIE F	2010	39.22
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2010	334.32
	113 VIOLETTE RONALD	2010	247.64
	76 AMES PETER	2011	23.89
	105 CHURCHILL JOHN	2011	1.99
	111 CLARK ROBERT E JR&KRISTIE F	2011	37.83
	32 Drake, Terry	2011	547.51
	160 DUBE KAREN	2011	25.88
	172 KENTS HILL ORCHARD INC	2011	85.61
*	139 MARANACOOK MOTORS	2011	33.84
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2011	141.37
	113 VIOLETTE RONALD	2011	33.84
	32 Drake, Terry	2012	431.52
	160 DUBE KAREN	2012	25.73
	180 Miller, Jeffrey	2012	76.67
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2012	19.80
	113 VIOLETTE RONALD	2012	33.65
	25 WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2012	279.10

# Outstanding Personal Property Taxes

All accounts with an (\*) have paid as of 4-11-19

(continued)

	32 Drake, Terry	2013	468.95
	180 Miller, Jeffrey	2013	167.79
	93 MORSE PHILIP	2013	40.87
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2013	21.51
	138 THE PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP	2013	226.41
	25 WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2013	260.29
	32 Drake, Terry	2014	460.58
	187 Linton, David	2014	316.92
	180 Miller, Jeffrey	2014	164.80
	93 MORSE PHILIP	2014	40.15
*	163 PEPSICO SALES INC	2014	105.66
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2014	21.13
	106 TOBIE DAVID	2014	40.15
	25 WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2014	255.64
	32 Drake, Terry	2015	434.25
	159 HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	2015	115.53
	187 Linton, David	2015	298.80
	93 MORSE PHILIP	2015	37.85
*	163 PEPSICO SALES INC	2015	41.84
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2015	19.92
	25 WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2015	241.03
	32 Drake, Terry	2016	457.19
	198 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	2016	3.46
*			
*	178 Grayhawk Leasing LLC	2016	347.06
	159 HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	2016	121.64
	187 Linton, David	2016	314.58
	93 MORSE PHILIP	2016	39.85
*	163 PEPSICO SALES INC	2016	44.04
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2016	20.97
	25 WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2016	253.76
	119 CIT FINANCIAL USA, INC.	2017	42.04
	208 CLARK'S CUSTOM CABINetry	2017	100.11
	32 Drake, Terry	2017	436.49
	198 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	2017	20.82
*			
*	178 Grayhawk Leasing LLC	2017	120.13
*	94 HIGHLAND RIDGE FARM LLC	2017	1,387.17
	159 HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	2017	116.13
	187 Linton, David	2017	300.33
	93 MORSE PHILIP	2017	38.04
*	57 PERROW SCOTT	2017	18.75
	58 READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2017	20.03
	25 WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2017	242.27
	210 WOLTERS KLUWER UNITED STATES,	2017	18.02
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16813.07</b>



## Independent Auditor's Report

Town Selectmen and Manager  
Town of Readfield, Maine

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Readfield, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Town's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Readfield, Maine as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 - 11 and 33 - 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Readfield, Maine's basic financial statements. Schedules 2 through 6 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Schedules 2 through 6 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedules 2 through 6 are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Berry Talbot Royer  
Certified Public Accountants  
Falmouth, Maine  
March 13, 2019

**Statement of Net Position**

Statement 1

As of June 30, 2018

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,053,482
Investments	384,921
Accounts receivable	15,112
Taxes receivable	320,028
Personal property tax receivable, net	<u>8,263</u>
Total current assets	2,781,806
Land	2,865,844
Land improvements	213,952
Buildings	807,841
Machinery and equipment	276,992
Vehicles	1,235,580
Infrastructure	24,971,311
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,364,217)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>21,007,303</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>23,789,109</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	59,180
Accrued wages	3,533
Accrued interest	12,768
Long-term debt - due within one year	<u>304,131</u>
Total current liabilities	379,612
Accrued compensated absences	20,283
Long-term debt - due beyond one year	<u>468,135</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>488,418</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>868,030</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Prepaid property taxes	<u>36,728</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	20,222,269
Restricted for:	
Nonexpendable permanent fund principal	130,208
Expendable permanent fund balances	148,344
Unrestricted	<u>2,383,530</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,884,351</u></b>



**Statement of Activities**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Statement 2

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
				Governmental Activities
<b>Primary Government</b>				
Governmental Activities				
General government	\$ 435,643	\$ 1,216	\$ -	\$ (434,427)
Boards and commissions	1,249	-	38	(1,211)
Community services	56,922	29,691	2,498	(24,733)
Recreation, parks, and activities	36,734	20,367	-	(16,367)
Protection	177,635	17,200	42	(160,393)
Cemeteries	11,278	-	21	(11,257)
Roads and drainage	793,288	-	35,924	(757,364)
Solid waste	313,538	214,492	-	(99,046)
Education	3,527,596	-	-	(3,527,596)
Regional assessments	305,861	-	-	(305,861)
Capital improvements	12,904	-	-	(12,904)
Debt service	41,494	-	-	(41,494)
Municipal maintenance	125,989	-	-	(125,989)
Other expenses	27,144	-	1,316	(25,828)
Bad debt expense	4,490	-	-	(4,490)
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 5,871,765</b>	<b>\$ 282,966</b>	<b>\$ 39,839</b>	<b>(5,548,960)</b>
General Revenues				
				5,094,787
				299,254
				26,426
				34,139
				42,225
				<u>55,385</u>
				<u>5,552,216</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				3,256
<b>Beginning Net Position (Restated)</b>				<u>22,881,095</u>
<b>Ending Net Position</b>				<u>\$ 22,884,351</u>

**Balance Sheet**

Statement 3

Governmental Funds

As of June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,039,306	\$ 14,176	\$ 2,053,482
Investments	124,013	260,908	384,921
Accounts receivable	15,112	-	15,112
Taxes receivable	320,028	-	320,028
Personal property tax receivable, net	8,263	-	8,263
Due from other funds	<u>181</u>	<u>8,416</u>	<u>8,597</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,506,903</u>	<u>\$ 283,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,790,403</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 59,180	\$ -	\$ 59,180
Accrued wages	3,533	-	3,533
Due to other funds	<u>8,416</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>8,597</u>
Total liabilities	71,129	181	71,310
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Prepaid property taxes	36,728	-	36,728
Unavailable property taxes	<u>189,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,570</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	226,298	-	226,298
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable	-	130,208	130,208
Restricted	-	148,344	148,344
Committed	894,804	-	894,804
Assigned	-	4,767	4,767
Unassigned	<u>1,314,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,314,672</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,209,476</u>	<u>283,319</u>	<u>2,492,795</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 2,506,903</u>	<u>\$ 283,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,790,403</u>

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**

Statement 5

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 5,069,313	\$ -	\$ 5,069,313
Intergovernmental	336,494	-	336,494
Licenses, permits, and fees	26,426	-	26,426
Charges for services	282,966	-	282,966
Penalties and interest	34,139	-	34,139
Contributions	2,599	-	2,599
Other revenue	<u>28,037</u>	<u>14,189</u>	<u>42,226</u>
Total revenues	5,779,974	14,189	5,794,163
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General government	418,970	-	418,970
Boards and commissions	1,249	-	1,249
Community services	56,922	-	56,922
Recreation, parks, and activities	32,175	-	32,175
Protection	158,606	-	158,606
Cemeteries	11,278	-	11,278
Roads and drainage	288,215	-	288,215
Solid waste	306,351	-	306,351
Education	3,527,596	-	3,527,596
Regional assessments	305,861	-	305,861
Capital improvements	12,904	-	12,904
Debt service	328,475	-	328,475
Municipal maintenance	144,036	-	144,036
Other expenses	27,118	27	27,145
Bad debt expense	<u>4,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,490</u>
Total expenditures	<u>5,624,246</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>5,624,273</u>
<b>Revenue Surplus (Deficit)</b>	155,728	14,162	169,890
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Proceeds from foreclosed property	55,385	-	55,385
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	211,113	14,162	225,275
<b>Beginning Fund Balances (Restated)</b>	<u>1,998,363</u>	<u>269,157</u>	<u>2,267,520</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 2,209,476</u>	<u>\$ 283,319</u>	<u>\$ 2,492,795</u>

**Reconciliation Statement**

Statement 6

Net Change in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities  
For the Year Ended June, 30, 2018

<b>Net change in fund balances of governmental funds, per Statement 5</b>	\$ 225,275
<p>Capital assets acquired during the year are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are not reported as expenses of governmental activities. Instead, they are reported as increases in capital assets in the Statement of Net Position</p>	
Capital asset acquisitions	30,183
<p>Repayment of debt principal and principal on capital lease obligations are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are not reported as expenses of governmental activities. Instead, they are reported as reductions in long-term debt in the Statement of Net Position.</p>	
Bond principal payments	299,749
Capital lease obligation principal payments	18,047
<p>Taxes not collected within sixty days after year end are not considered available financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as revenue in the governmental funds. However, they are reported as revenue in the Statement of Activities.</p>	
Increase in unavailable property taxes	25,474
<p>Certain expenses and expense adjustments reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.</p>	
Depreciation expense	(587,670)
Increase in accrued interest expense	(12,768)
Decrease in accrued compensated absences	<u>4,966</u>
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities, per Statement 2</b>	<u>\$ 3,256</u>

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

Schedule 1

General Fund ▪ Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes				
Property taxes	\$ 4,544,652	\$ 4,544,652	\$ 4,519,917	\$ (24,735)
Motor vehicle excises taxes	460,000	460,000	541,599	81,599
Boat excise taxes	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,798</u>	<u>298</u>
	5,012,152	5,012,152	5,069,314	57,162
Intergovernmental				
State revenue sharing	135,000	135,000	137,773	2,773
Homestead exemption	145,330	145,330	138,363	(6,967)
Local road assistance	35,000	35,000	35,924	924
Tree growth reimbursement	9,800	9,800	9,358	(442)
BETE reimbursement	8,436	8,436	8,474	38
Veterans exemption	3,200	3,200	3,909	709
General assistance	2,325	2,325	1,316	(1,009)
Snowmobile fees	<u>940</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>437</u>
	340,031	340,031	336,494	(3,537)
Licenses, permits, and fees				
General permits and fees	21,800	21,800	23,589	1,789
Animal control fees	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,837</u>	<u>1,337</u>
	23,300	23,300	26,426	3,126
Charges for Services				
Transfer station	192,611	192,611	214,492	21,881
Cable tv franchise fees	26,000	26,000	28,391	2,391
Tower site	25,000	25,000	17,200	(7,800)
Recreation	21,782	21,782	20,367	(1,415)
Miscellaneous charges	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,516</u>	<u>716</u>
	267,193	267,193	282,966	15,773
Other Revenue				
Interest on taxes	20,000	20,000	34,139	14,139
Interest on investments	3,000	3,000	7,948	4,948
Contributions	1,030	1,030	2,599	1,569
Miscellaneous	21,500	21,500	20,088	(1,412)
Proceeds - foreclosed property	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,385</u>	<u>55,385</u>
	45,530	45,530	120,159	74,629
<b>Total Revenues</b>	5,688,206	5,688,206	5,835,359	147,153

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

Schedule 1 (Continued)

General Fund - Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>General Government</b>				
Administration	\$ 259,945	\$ 259,945	\$ 233,405	\$ 26,540
Insurance	128,130	128,130	116,750	11,380
Office equipment	3,350	3,350	6,037	(2,687)
Assessing	24,655	24,655	26,743	(2,088)
CEO/LPI/BI	36,505	36,505	40,156	(3,651)
Grant writing	4,000	4,000	-	4,000
Heating assistance	1,500	1,500	370	1,130
	<u>458,085</u>	<u>458,085</u>	<u>423,461</u>	<u>34,624</u>
<b>Municipal Maintenance</b>				
General maintenance	83,825	83,825	73,078	10,747
Building maintenance	29,470	29,470	29,493	(23)
Vehicles maintenance	46,600	46,600	41,465	5,135
Interlocal work	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>169,895</u>	<u>169,895</u>	<u>144,036</u>	<u>25,859</u>
<b>Boards and Commissions</b>				
Appeals board	100	100	55	45
Conservation commission	7,750	7,750	669	7,081
Planning board	1,450	1,450	524	926
	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>1,248</u>	<u>8,052</u>
<b>Community Services</b>				
Age friendly initiatives	2,000	2,000	219	1,781
Animal control	11,420	11,420	11,458	(38)
Kennebec land trust	250	250	-	250
KVCOG	4,295	4,295	4,295	-
Library services	26,090	26,090	29,491	(3,401)
Readfield television	6,830	6,830	5,638	1,192
Street lights	6,000	6,000	5,820	180
Maranacook lake dam	250	250	-	250
	<u>57,135</u>	<u>57,135</u>	<u>56,921</u>	<u>214</u>
<b>Recreation, Parks, and Activities</b>				
Beach	9,142	9,142	10,065	(923)
Recreation	10,561	10,561	12,770	(2,209)
Trails	2,483	2,483	846	1,637
Heritage days	10,000	10,000	8,091	1,909
Millstream dam project	8,300	8,300	403	7,897
	<u>40,486</u>	<u>40,486</u>	<u>32,175</u>	<u>8,311</u>

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

Schedule 1 (Continued)

General Fund - Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Expenditures (Continued)</b>				
Protection Department				
Fire department operations	\$ 87,650	\$ 87,650	\$ 70,378	\$ 17,272
Fire department equipment	8,000	8,000	-	8,000
Ambulance service	25,400	25,400	24,032	1,368
Waterholes	500	500	-	500
Tower sites	27,000	27,000	38,179	(11,179)
Dispatching	30,200	30,200	26,018	4,182
Annual physicals	125	125	-	125
Personal protective gear	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	180,875	180,875	158,607	22,268
Cemetery Materials and Services				
Town cemeteries	16,050	16,050	11,278	4,772
Roads and Drainage				
Summer road maintenance	117,500	117,500	34,749	82,751
Winter road maintenance	<u>256,450</u>	<u>256,450</u>	<u>253,466</u>	<u>2,984</u>
	373,950	373,950	288,215	85,735
Capital Improvements				
Roads	60,000	60,000	-	60,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Gile hall	24,000	24,000	-	24,000
Parks and recreation	7,762	7,762	4,766	2,996
Transfer station	39,050	39,050	3,500	35,550
Maranacook lake dam	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>4,638</u>	<u>120,362</u>
	260,812	260,812	12,904	247,908
Solid Waste Department				
Transfer station	277,376	277,376	294,339	(16,963)
Backhoe operation	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>12,012</u>	<u>(6,812)</u>
	282,576	282,576	306,351	(23,775)
Regional Assessments				
Cobbossee watershed	22,000	22,000	21,436	564
Kennebec county tax	270,000	270,000	259,977	10,023
First park	<u>25,600</u>	<u>25,600</u>	<u>24,449</u>	<u>1,151</u>
	317,600	317,600	305,862	11,738

**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

Schedule 1 (Continued)

General Fund - Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Expenditures (Continued)</b>				
Debt Service				
2015 fire truck bond / lease	\$ 56,857	\$ 56,857	\$ 56,857	\$ -
2013 road and bridge bond	109,117	109,117	109,117	-
2008 road and bridge bond	<u>162,850</u>	<u>162,850</u>	<u>162,501</u>	<u>349</u>
	328,824	328,824	328,475	349
Education				
RSU # 38	3,527,596	3,527,596	3,527,596	-
Other Expenditures				
Snowmobile club	940	940	940	-
Non-profit agencies	10,832	10,832	9,857	975
Readfield enterprise fund	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
General assistance	4,650	4,650	1,880	2,770
Contingency	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Abatements and overlay	<u>16,149</u>	<u>16,149</u>	<u>14,440</u>	<u>1,709</u>
	<u>67,571</u>	<u>67,571</u>	<u>27,117</u>	<u>40,454</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>6,090,755</u>	<u>6,090,755</u>	<u>5,624,246</u>	<u>466,509</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ (402,549)</u>	<u>\$ (402,549)</u>	<u>\$ 211,113</u>	<u>\$ 613,662</u>
<b>Change in Fund Balance Summary</b>				
Committed fund bal additions	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Committed fund bal reductions	(194,818)	(194,818)	-	
Unassigned fund bal additions	-	-	-	
Unassigned fund bal reductions	<u>(217,731)</u>	<u>(217,731)</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>\$ (402,549)</u>	<u>\$ (402,549)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

**Note 1 Budgetary Accounting**

On an annual basis, the Town adopts an appropriated budget for the General Fund. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device. The budget is prepared on budgetary basis of accounting that differs from the modified accrual basis of accounting used to prepare financial statements of the General Fund.



**Combining Balance Sheet**

Schedule 2

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

As of June 30, 2018

	Town Boundary Line	Readfield Corner Sewage	Beach Tractor Replacement	Beach Equipment	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Due from other assets	\$ 656	\$ 1,705	\$ 2,400	\$ 6	\$ 4,767
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
Assigned	\$ 656	\$ 1,705	\$ 2,400	\$ 6	\$ 4,767

**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances**

Schedule 3

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Town Boundary Line	Readfield Corner Sewage	Beach Tractor Replacement	Beach Equipment	Total
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenditures</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	656	1,705	2,400	6	4,767
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	\$ 656	\$ 1,705	\$ 2,400	\$ 6	\$ 4,767

**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**Nonmajor Permanent Funds**  
 As of June 30, 2018

Schedule 4

	Cemetery Funds				
	Perpetual Care Fund	Whittier Fund	Kents Hill Fund	Cemetery Expansion Fund	Kesner Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,203	\$ 174	\$ 963	\$ 963	\$ 47
Investments	132,567	3,210	17,715	17,715	861
Due from other funds	<u>1,363</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 141,133</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,989</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,679</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,116</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 908</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable - principal	81,750	500	4,910	-	300
Restricted	<u>59,383</u>	<u>3,489</u>	<u>13,769</u>	<u>20,116</u>	<u>570</u>
Total fund balances	<u>141,133</u>	<u>3,989</u>	<u>18,679</u>	<u>20,116</u>	<u>870</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$ 141,133</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,989</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,679</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,116</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 908</u></b>

Town of Readfield

Other Supplementary Information

**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**Nonmajor Permanent Funds**  
 As of June 30, 2018

Schedule 4 (Continued)

	Cemetery Funds				
	Kolreg Fund	Lincoln Fund	Walker Fund	Townsend Fund	Couture Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 132	\$ 125	\$ 132	\$ 155	\$ 1,832
Investments	2,426	2,296	2,426	2,844	33,709
Due from other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,558</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,433</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,558</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,999</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 35,543</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Due to other funds	\$ 59	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ 2	\$ -
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable - principal	500	500	600	1,738	20,000
Restricted	<u>1,999</u>	<u>1,933</u>	<u>1,894</u>	<u>1,259</u>	<u>15,543</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,499</u>	<u>2,433</u>	<u>2,494</u>	<u>2,997</u>	<u>35,543</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,558</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,433</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,558</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,999</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 35,543</u></b>

**Combining Balance Sheet**  
 Nonmajor Permanent Funds  
 As of June 30, 2018

Schedule 4 (Continued)

	Other Permanent Funds				Total
	War Memorial Fund	Beach Improvement Fund	Trails Fund	Governor Huntton Fund	
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 193	\$ 1,975	\$ -	\$ 282	14,176
Investments	3,548	36,344	-	5,247	260,908
Due from other funds	-	-	25	203	3,649
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 3,741</u>	<u>\$ 38,319</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 5,732</u>	<u>\$ 278,733</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Due to other funds	\$ 11	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ -	181
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable - principal	2,157	16,915	-	338	130,208
Restricted	<u>1,573</u>	<u>21,397</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>5,394</u>	<u>148,344</u>
Total fund balances	<u>3,730</u>	<u>38,312</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>5,732</u>	<u>278,552</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 3,741</u>	<u>\$ 38,319</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 5,732</u>	<u>\$ 278,733</u>

Town of Readfield

Other Supplementary Information

**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures,  
 and Changes in Fund Balances**

Schedule 5

Nonmajor Permanent Funds  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Cemetery Funds				
	Perpetual Care Fund	Whittier Fund	Kents Hill Fund	Cemetery Expansion Fund	Kesner Fund
<b>Revenues</b>					
Investment income	\$ 5,583	\$ 135	\$ 747	\$ 746	\$ 36
Other revenue	<u>2,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenue	7,983	135	747	1,546	36
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Program expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	7,983	135	747	1,546	27
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<u>133,150</u>	<u>3,854</u>	<u>17,932</u>	<u>18,570</u>	<u>843</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 141,133</u>	<u>\$ 3,989</u>	<u>\$ 18,679</u>	<u>\$ 20,116</u>	<u>\$ 870</u>

**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances**

Schedule 5 (Continued)

Nonmajor Permanent Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Cemetery Funds</u>				
	<u>Kolreg Fund</u>	<u>Lincoln Fund</u>	<u>Walker Fund</u>	<u>Townsend Fund</u>	<u>Couture Fund</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Investment income	\$ 101	\$ 96	\$ 102	\$ 121	\$ 1,420
Other revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenue	101	96	102	121	1,420
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Program expenditures	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	92	96	93	121	1,420
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>2,337</u>	<u>2,401</u>	<u>2,876</u>	<u>34,123</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 2,499</u>	<u>\$ 2,433</u>	<u>\$ 2,494</u>	<u>\$ 2,997</u>	<u>\$ 35,543</u>

Town of Readfield

Other Supplementary Information

**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances**

Schedule 5 (Continued)

Nonmajor Permanent Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Other Permanent Funds</u>				
	<u>War Memorial Fund</u>	<u>Beach Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Trails Fund</u>	<u>Governor Huntoon Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Investment income	\$ 150	\$ 1,531	\$ -	\$ 221	\$ 10,989
Other revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,200</u>
Total revenue	150	1,531	-	221	14,189
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Program expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	150	1,531	-	221	14,162
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<u>3,580</u>	<u>36,781</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>5,511</u>	<u>264,390</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 3,730</u>	<u>\$ 38,312</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 5,732</u>	<u>\$ 278,552</u>

# Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot

## Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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 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.

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

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ M. **WITHDRAWN**
- Eno Jr., Ralph F.
- Parks Sr., Alfred R.
- Rodriguez, Marie K.
- Woodsum, Kathryn Mills
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_
- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Write in: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

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?

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?

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?

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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

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

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

### 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

Prepared by Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,851,113</b>

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

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*

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*

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*

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

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?

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?

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?

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

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**Library Hours:** Mon. 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Wed. 2:00 pm-8:00 pm, Thurs. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sat.  
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