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ANNUAL REPORT



For the year ending June 30, 2020

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NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Due to clerical error in last year’s report, the 2018 unpaid real estate taxes as of 06/30/2019 on Account #1049 were **incorrectly attributed to the new owner—Ogden, Walter S.** The unpaid taxes were the responsibility of the assessed owner of record—**Berzinis, Gail.**

Union Meeting House “Curbside To Go” Strawberry Shortcake Festival that was held on July 11, 2020.



DEDICATION

Memory of Ken Clark - 05/10/1951-3/30/2020



Ken with wife, Lorene

It is with pride and reverence that Readfield dedicates the Town 2021 Annual Report to Ken Clark. Ken passed away on March 30, 2020 due to complications from Covid 19. Ken's battle with cancer was an epic undertaking that put on display for all to see his courage, perseverance, dedication to family and community, and his zest for life.

Ken's work at CMP over the years elicited numerous glowing remembrance from his co-workers and friends. Statements such as “Ken knew how to take care of that” to “having great memories of his laugh” and from a friend's visit to Ken where she “Witnessed one of the bravest, selfless, kindest, and humblest of men” as Ken stared down what had invaded his body.

Ken served on Readfield's Trails committee (RTC) from 2014 to 2020. As a committee member recalls “ On October 28, 2014, a tall handsome guy with a great smile walked into our Trails meeting for the first time.” Ken

did not waste any time establishing his role and desire to lend his efforts to making the committee a strong voice in our community. His contributions and dedication to the committee's work helped improve the health and welfare of our residents. Space prevents listing all his endeavors and achievements but Readfield now has the Esker Trail that Ken was instrumental in establishing. He worked tirelessly with another resident to secure land easements / agreements to have the trail extend over private property to an esker over a mile from the transfer station. Once established, he helped keep it groomed for those hiking it.

The beautiful maps that are placed in the kiosks at trail heads and the town office are a product of Ken's ingenuity and physical legwork. He walked the town trails and properties with computer in hand gathering GPS tracks for the new map. He worked long hours with other committee members on the map initiative and patiently broke down the jargon to help us all understand the ins and outs of GIS map making.

Administrative duties can sometimes be the bane of committee work. Ken loved helping out by maintaining the trails, and working with student volunteers, but he also saw the need for strategic planning and fulfilling the RTC mission statement. As vice chair, he took on the responsibility of updating both and leading the members to consensus and adopting the end results. Ken was the behind- the- scenes guru updating and refining the Trails Committee Facebook page. In short, he kept our feet to the fire.

One anecdote worth mentioning was Ken working on getting a chain saw started. Another committee member yelled over “Hey, don't you know how to run that thing?” Not missing a beat, Ken shot back “I was cutting trees down while you were still in diapers.” That short exchange gives us an idea how facing a struggle with humor and grit as Ken did can set aside frustration and negativity and get a job done.

Ken's dedication to his responsibilities did not end at his diagnosis. He continued to push himself to be a great husband, father, and community member by example. He would call a trails member to come get him to our meetings so he could continue to help guide the committee.

After Ken's passing, a local book group purchased a sugar maple tree and planted it at the Fairgrounds in his memory. Over fifty individuals and families donated over \$3,500 to RTC for a memorial bench to be purchased and placed near the tree in recognition of Ken's service and dedication to Readfield.

Certainly Ken is missed by many; through his family and his work he built many friendships and strong connections. His volunteering on the RTC has benefited our town and helped to build a stronger community. It is right and good that we remember and honor him this way.

Article written by the Trails Committee



Memorial Bench dedicated in memory of Ken

Animal Control

In 2020 the Maine CDC had 71 confirmed cases of Rabies found in Wild Life, 7 where in Kennebec County!

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/rabies/rabies2020.htm>

Please Vaccinate your pets for Rabies. There are no maybes when it comes to Rabies!

2020 Animal Control Officer Survey = 176:

- ⇒ Dog at Large - 43
- ⇒ Licensing Necessary - 33
- ⇒ Dangerous Dog - 1
- ⇒ Cat Complaints - 4
- ⇒ Cruelty Complaints - 1
- ⇒ Barking Dog Complaints - 76
- ⇒ Possible Rabid Animals - 5
- ⇒ Wildlife Related Calls - 2
- ⇒ Live-Stock Calls - 11



Lucy Carll- Deputy Dog

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

*Submitted by, Anna Carll
Animal Control Officer*

Happy Birthday Maine



Assessing

Effective March 31, 2020, Governor Janet Mills signed an Executive Order extending the April 1, 2020 application deadline for certain property tax exemptions. Ordinarily, applications for property tax exemptions like the Homestead Exemption (\$25,000), Veterans' exemptions (\$6,000), Business Equipment Tax Exemption ("BETE"), and the Solar and Wind Energy Equipment are required to be filed on or before April 1 to be effective for a municipality's next property tax commitment. The Executive Order is still in effect for the 2021 property tax year and therefore extends the April 1 deadline to either the commitment date of the municipality (usually mid to late summer) or 30 days after the termination of the declared emergency, whichever occurs first. Last year the Homestead Exemption reduced Readfield's homeowners' property tax bills by almost \$440. We ask your assistance to make sure every homeowner who qualifies from this exemption receives this benefit so please help spread the word to Readfield's residents as they may still benefit from applying this year.

I am currently in my fourth year as Readfield's Assessing Agent. It is the assessing agent's job to equitably apply Maine property tax laws to all property in the Town of Readfield on behalf of the Board of Assessors. The agent is responsible for discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable property including both real and personal property. This is accomplished through the maintenance of property records, deed transfers, tax maps and code enforcement records. The agent is responsible for the review and processing of applications for various tax relief programs such as homestead exemption and Tree Growth current use applications. 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.

On the real estate front, the real estate market continues to be very strong both in terms of the volume of sales and in the selling prices of property. Because of strong real estate sales prior to Covid 19, we increased Readfield residential values by 10% for the 2020 – 2021 tax year. The strong market of this past year will require increasing assessed values for the 2021 – 2022 if we intend to grant the full \$25,000 for the Homestead Exemption. Factoring values alone does not impact individual tax bills. For last year, factoring values by 10% served to reduce the town's mill rate from 19.55 mills to 17.57 mills. More importantly, new construction has increased significantly this past year as evidenced by the increased work load on the Town's code enforcement officers. This new value added to the tax rolls serves to broaden the overall tax base of the Town and helps to reduce everyone's tax burden.

A reminder to all taxpayers, 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.

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>.

David Ledew

Readfield's Assessor's Agent

Code Enforcement

Permitted Activity in Readfield

FY July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

⇒ New Home	5
⇒ Renovation, Accessory, Addition	35
⇒ Garage, Shed, Barn	20
⇒ Demolition	2
⇒ Junkyard, Auto Graveyard	3
⇒ Solar, Heat pump, Antenna	6
⇒ Driveway	1
⇒ Renew Permit	1
Total Building Permits	73
Plumbing Permits	41

The CEO office was busy in 2019-2020 even with sky high rising lumber and material market and the general state business and personal pause due to COVID-19. The majority of permits were for expanding, renovating and small structures such as garages and sheds. As COVID restrictions are relaxed the building numbers will surely be even higher in next year's CEO report.

Many of the reporting period's Land Use related news involved Shoreline Protection and water related issues. The office has been busy keeping up with the ever changing Federal and State regulations and how they are monitored and regulated here in Readfield. Our lakes and streams are among our greatest assets and the protection of them is critical to our way of life and our financial future.

Know the CEO office is here to help and work with all to work through land use issues, natural resource challenges and all things land, water and building related. This office works with all and continues to address difficulties, fairness and diligence in our work and decisions in concert with our boards and officials. Land Use is all about ordinances, regulations and laws that direct us in doing our jobs and assisting you. Please call if you have a question 685-3290.

Chip Stephens

Code Enforcement Officer



The Jones' circa 1788 house at 1171 Main St. (4 Garden Way) is thought to be the oldest house that remains intact at Readfield Corner.

James Craig, Jr., miller
 ~ CIRCA 1788 ~
 Judge Edward Fuller, Esq. 1809-1856



READFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Lee Mank, Chief

The Readfield Fire Department responded to 91 calls for assistance from January 01, 2020 thru December 31, 2020.

Readfield Calls for Assistance

- ⇒ Car Fire - 2
- ⇒ Medical Assist - 1
- ⇒ Auto Accident - 12
- ⇒ Chimney Fire - 1
- ⇒ Structure Fire - 2
- ⇒ Co Alarm- 0
- ⇒ False Alarm - 3
- ⇒ Brush Fire - 1
- ⇒ Wires or Trees in the road - 25
- ⇒ Propane Problem - 5
- ⇒ Other - 3
- ⇒ Furnace Malfunction - 3

Mutual Aid Calls for Assistance

Includes Structure Fires, Chimney Fires, Auto Accidents,
Brush Fires and Water Rescues
Alarms or Canceled enroute or other calls for assistance - 31

This has been a year like no other. World wide pandemic? Who would have ever thought something like this would happen? Over the past couple of decades we have been extremely lucky cause there have been other virus that had the potential to become a world-wide pandemic such as Swine flu and SARS1, both viruses made it to North American shores and were promptly stomped out and not allowed to spread uncontrollably. COVID/ SARS2 we were not so lucky. COVID 19 has and still is leaving path of destruction with lives lost and lives interrupted, hopefully the worst is behind us. With any luck we will be returning to lives we are used to and the things we all enjoy.

Over the past year the fire department only responded to emergency calls for service. This was a hard call because we like to train weekly. We decided it was better to not gamble with having an outbreak of COVID 19 putting us out of action. With the activity of construction at the fire station with work on the addition it all worked out. Most of last summer the station was in no shape for us to use other than parking the trucks in.

The addition came out very nice and we have mostly moved into the new spaces. It will serve the town well for years to come. We are looking forward to inviting you all to an open house so you can check it out. We are hoping for August if conditions with the virus are safe for things like that to take place.

We know a lot of you look forward to the annual breakfast and the bean hole dinner, again this year we are not going to do them. The last thing we want to do is serve you breakfast or supper with a side of COVID 19 to take home with you, we truly hope you all understand. As firefighters it goes against what we do, we are here to help not cause you harm. Hopefully 2022 will be the year COVID 19 is really behind us, and sitting elbow to elbow will again be safe.

Thank you. Stay healthy and stay safe.

Respectively submitted by,

Lee Mank Chief Readfield Fire Department

Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters

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 call (207) 685-4939 or 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 03/05/2021 the voter enrollments are as follows:

**Democrat - 822, Green Independent - 109, Republican - 719, Libertarian - 1
Unenrolled - 677** **Total enrollment - 2328**

Vital Statistics for 2020

DEATHS

20 BIRTHS

Augusta-13 Waterville-2 Portland-3 Lewiston-2

MARRIAGES

Decedent Name	Date of Death
Boynton,Attalie G.	01/02/2020
Chadbourne,Glenn A.	03/26/2020
Clark,Gerald William	04/01/2020
Clark,Kenneth Jesse	03/30/2020
Crabb,Donald G.	11/08/2020
Foster,Brenda Jean	02/25/2020
Hall-Wagner,Lorraine Catherine	07/25/2020
Hewett,Carlene Joyce	07/28/2020
Hewett,William Clyde	04/11/2020
Mitchell,Georgette I.	10/04/2020
Neptune,Edward Earle	01/19/2020
Railo,Dale Rose	02/25/2020
Roy,Nancy Lee	09/16/2020
Scott,Virginia S.	05/29/2020
Sinclair,Myra A.	05/24/2020
Trafton,Lorimer Joseph Jr.	12/14/2020
Violette,Joshua Ryan	08/22/2020
Wilbur,Haldon M.	05/30/2020
Total	18

Party A Current Name	Party B Current Name	Date of Marriage
Mitchell,Amy Marie	Elwell,Darren Timothy	02/22/2020
Quezada,Taylor Karee	Rothert,Gwynne Everatt	06/09/2020
Busque,Odeth	Gimsan,Somluk	06/29/2020
Vilayphan,Chanthalaty	Viraphondeth,Anongsith	06/29/2020
Johnson,Quinton Levi	Rodgers,Brittany Lee	08/29/2020
Farrington,Catherine Mae	Godfrey,Johnathan Raymond	07/18/2020
Michaud,Theresa Marie	Poulin,Richard William	07/25/2020
Baker,William Harrison	Mehnert,Jennifer Margaret	08/14/2020
Leigh,Bethany	Furrow,Thomas Wayne	08/17/2020
Mrazik,June Jennifer	Cotnoir,John Anthony	10/10/2020
Webb,Joline Mary	Frost,Konrad Howard	10/24/2020
Skehan,Scott Anthony	Roy,Tina Marie	11/22/2020
St. Pierre,Grace Elizabeth	Willhoite,Nathan Israel	11/07/2020
Patten,Pamela Marie	Powers,Joseph William	12/31/2020
Michaud,Marion Jill	Michaud,Franklin Sears Sr.	12/10/2020
Menthe,John William Jr	Burnham,Laura Jean	12/31/2020
Favreau,Danny Henry Jr.	Favreau,Kristen Leah	12/31/2020
Total		17

Town Manager

Treasurer, Road Commissioner & Transfer Station Manager

Statement on the COVID-19 Pandemic:

I want to express my sincere thanks to all of our residents, volunteers, and staff for their tremendous response during the second half of the fiscal year as we grappled with the coronavirus pandemic. It was a very uncertain time but we were able to work together to ensure that our families and neighbors were safe and that critical municipal services continued to be provided. Thank you all for your extra effort, compassion, and patience!

Finances:

The Town continued to operate efficiently in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) and improved our overall financial position. The mil rate increased slightly from 19.44 to 19.55. County and RSU #38 tax appropriations increased slightly while Municipal taxes decreased slightly. Other financial highlights are as follows:

This year's total net position includes an unrestricted portion totaling \$2,867,503 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 \$42,471. The Town's net expenses of \$5,845,988 were less than general revenues of \$5,888,459.

Total governmental activities' expenses in fiscal year 2020 were down by \$178,997 from fiscal year 2019.

Also, total governmental activities' revenues in fiscal year 2020 were up \$143,918 from fiscal year 2019.

In the General Fund, the Town's unassigned fund balance decreased by \$13,058 from the prior fiscal year.

The Town's total bonded and other long-term debt increased by \$439,736, which included \$30,419 of capital lease payments and \$172,489 of general obligation bond payments. The Town issued a new general obligation bond in the amount of \$550,000. The Town also entered into two capital lease agreements in the amounts of \$52,594 and \$40,050.

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:

Much work was initiated and completed in FY20 despite the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Road work in FY20 saw investment in gravel road repair and ongoing maintenance of our existing paved roads including striping, crack sealing, brush and tree work, and ditching and culvert work. Major repairs to the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam were completed in FY20. The construction of additions to the Fire Station, including a new apparatus bay off the side and multi-use expansion off the back were significantly completed in FY20. This greatly increased our public safety response capacity and will meet the needs of our community for decades to come. The roof at the Readfield Library was completely replaced from the top plate on up, ensuring the building will continue to serve its purpose for a very long time. The parking area at the Fairgrounds was expanded to address the increasing use of that important recreational facility.

Transfer Station:

The installation of the Attendant Booth at the Transfer Station was invaluable in improving the flow of traffic and managing the special circumstances that arose as a result of the pandemic. We were able to continue to provide essential waste management services while keeping everyone safe. Additionally, revenues at the Transfer Station increased dramatically after a change in staffing. The increase in revenue led directly to a reduction in the net cost and tax impact of operating the facility. Karen Peterson deserves credit for ensuring that fees were collected appropriately and fairly.



Age Friendly Community Committee

The Age Friendly Committee has continued to meet via zoom this past year. We are pleased to provide the following update on our activities.

Our lighthearted and fun ReadfieldU, which featured the talents and interests of local residents had to be halted mid-way due to COVID and could not be held this year for the same reason. Stay tuned as we hope to plan it for next year.

We continued to provide sand buckets to neighbors during the winter. A big thanks to the volunteers who assisted with delivery of the buckets.

The Handy Helper Program was able to assist a number of residents and we hope to increase its usage next year when we can enter people's homes more safely. Vaccinations against COVID 19 will allow us to do so. Again, thanks to the Handy Helper volunteers.

We wrote 2 grants. One has been funded by the Maine Community Foundation. It will purchase more blue stone to help maintain the trails at the Fairgrounds, purchase a bench to sit atop of the hill overlooking Maranacook Lake and support the site preparation for the historic pulling stone exhibition which is planned along one of the Fairground trails. The second grant was submitted to the AARP Challenge grant and proposed amenities to public community/public spaces including the Readfield Community Library, the Readfield Beach and the Food Pantry at Maranacook Community School. We will not hear if this will be funded until sometime in June.

The Age Friendly Committee planted a sugar maple tree at the Fairgrounds in honor of the Bicentennial. The wearing of our masks help capture "A Moment in Time."

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Donna McGinley, Ann Mitchell, Marianne Perry, Romaine Turyn



Memorial Tree in Memory of Ken Clark

Members of the Readfield Age-Friendly Committee gathered at the Fairgrounds to officially place the long-awaited plaque beside the sugar maple sapling purchased by this Committee to commemorate Maine's Bicentennial. This tree is definitely thriving! Committee members (left to right) are Ann Mitchell, Maggie Edmondson, Marianne Perry, Ed Dodge and Romaine Turyn. Absent is Donna McGibney.

Board of Appeals

The Readfield Board of Appeals held one public hearing and issued a decision involving one particular location during Fiscal Year 2020. The Board of Appeals deferred acting on a variance application regarding another location during calendar year 2020 but after Fiscal Year 2020.

On December 4, 2019, the Board of Appeals held an organizational meeting followed by a public hearing on matters brought before it by Samantha Horn, the owner of property located at 46 P Ridge Road. The Town's Code Enforcement Officer had rejected Ms. Horn's application for a building permit to install a heat pump system at her residence for the reason that the outdoor components of the heat pump system would have increased the nonconformity of the structure with respect to setback requirements. In response to the Code Enforcement Officer's ruling, Ms. Horn requested a variance from the setback requirements.

After hearing evidence and argument, the Board of Appeals voted unanimously that a building permit was not necessary for the installation of a heat pump system in the manner proposed by Ms. Horn. The Board concluded that the definition of "structure" set forth in the Town's Land Use Ordinance was ambiguous as applied to the status of outdoor components connected to an interior heat pump. In light of this ambiguity, the Board decided that Ms. Horn could proceed with the planned installation without the need to decide whether her property qualified for a variance. The Board's action was later confirmed in a written decision signed by the Board Chair.

In June of 2020, the voters of the Town adopted an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance which removed the ambiguity for future cases by including heat pump components within the definition of the term "structure."

In August of 2020, the Town's interim Code Enforcement Officer informed the Board of Appeals of a variance application submitted by Scott and Dawn Morash, the owners of property located at 111 Mayo Road. Mr. and Mrs. Morash desired a variance from the road setback requirement with respect to the construction or reconstruction of what was described as a future primary residence.

After consideration of the application and review of the Land Use Ordinance, the Board of Appeals concluded that the pending variance application was incomplete because it did not address one of the criteria required for land that is not (or not yet) the primary year-round residence of the applicants. That criterion requires proof that the land in question cannot yield a reasonable rate of return unless the requested variance is granted. We understand that there is now a related application pending before the Planning Board.

As always, the Board of Appeals is very appreciative of the cooperation of those appearing before it, as well as the technical and administrative support provided by the Town Clerk and other Town employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Bickerman, Board of Appeals Chair

Being the oldest citizen of Readfield wishing to hold the title, the Town of Readfield awarded their Boston Post Cane to **Norma H. Grover** on December 9th, 2019.

Boston Post Cane Holder



Budget Committee

The Budget Committee operated remotely for this season. While Zoom is not a good substitute for in person interaction, it does allow for discussion and information sharing. We continue to have a strong and diverse group, with significant fiscal expertise. We had active participation from several representatives of Town Committees over the process and had productive discussions with them. Eric and Theresa were invaluable resources in our fact finding and deliberation.

The Committee worked with the Selectboard and Town staff to develop a budget that completes a couple of projects, the Fire Station and Town Library, provides for road maintenance and works towards a Beach Master Plan to provide for thoughtful maintenance and development of our beach at Maranacook Lake. There is also the development of an additional field at the fairground, as was planned several years ago. The overall effect of these choices and the rest of the municipal budget is to slightly lower the mil rate. The increase in valuation of properties also contributes to the reduction. This estimate does not include any changes in the School Budget, which is not under the Town's control.

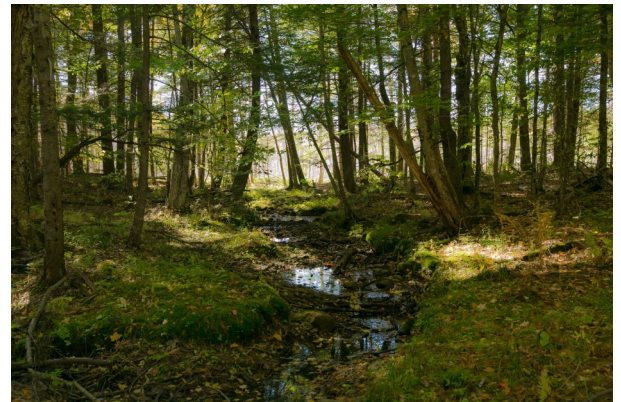
We are hopeful that next year's budget can be developed and refined face to face, but we remain ready to work remotely to fulfil our duties. The long-term Capital Plan assists us in maintaining a consistent budget and allowing the Town to have needed property and equipment maintenance and replacement performed in a timely manner. We aim to avoid surprises in the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Readfield Budget Committee

Photos of the Rosmarin Pools located at the
Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest Trails

Submitted by Kennebec Land Trust



More information on Kennebec Land Trust on page 22

Cemetery Committee & Sexton

Another busy year of work in the cemeteries has come and gone. With the help of the Readfield Cemetery Committee, Anna Carll and Logan Watts, the cemeteries in Readfield have continued to receive plenty of care and attention. Additional tree work and stone work have been carried out, bringing a new look to some of the cemeteries. Looking back on this past year of work surely creates the sense that momentum is being gained and additional attention will be directed to the many beautiful cemeteries we have in Readfield.

Stone work was completed by Collette Monuments in Case Cemetery and Kents Hill Cemetery. 88 stones were addressed in Case Cemetery and another 39 were addressed in Kents Hill Cemetery. The stone work included a combination of leveling stones of various sizes and adjoining broken stones with epoxy. Working with Collette Monuments is always a pleasure and the past year has certainly been no exception.

Tree work this past year has been carried out by Greg Goucher from G.S Goucher Firewood & Tree Services and Taylor Stevenson from Stevenson Solutions. Greg Goucher completed a more extensive tree project in Whittier Cemetery, removing the large maple that was becoming an increasing danger to the stones in its proximity. While cutting down the maple tree was a sad occurrence, seeing that it had been a part of Whittier Cemetery for a long time, a plan is in place to plant another tree in hope of one day casting a pleasant shadow to get away from the sun and have a few moments of peace and quiet. Taylor Stevenson provided much needed assistance in taking care of larger trees in various cemeteries that had not fared well up against Mother Nature. We are very appreciative of the care and attention both Greg Goucher and Taylor Stevenson demonstrated throughout their work for the Town of Readfield and are looking forward to further opportunities to work together in the future.

While there is always more work to be done, another year of accomplishments in the cemeteries has made for an exciting prospect for additional investments to be made throughout the cemeteries in Readfield. A community is necessary to address the many needs involved in the perpetual care of cemeteries and the past year has demonstrated that we have a strong community in Readfield to take on any challenges that present themselves and to keep pushing forward one project at a time.

Interments: Full - 2
Cremains - 12
Lots Sold - 3

*Submitted by Ben Rodriquez
Cemetery Sexton*



Tree Planting Activities at Case Cemetery

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 have had ZOOM meetings only this year due to COVID19. The meetings start at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of most months. They are open to the public and visitors are welcome, however it was difficult for members of the public to attend the ZOOM meetings. Our goal is to be meeting in person soon. We hope all the residents of Readfield will walk the trails on town properties to see the natural beauty we have in our town. The Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Areas map showing areas where the trails are located has been updated. It is available for free at the Town Office. They are folded so that they can easily fit into a pocket.

New Projects: When the Readfield Solar Facility proposed by Syncarha Solar, LLC for the Highland Ridge Farm went before the Readfield Planning Board, the Conservation Commission led by Jerry Bley worked with Highland Ridge landowner, Dean Sciaraffa, to formulate an agricultural easement which was incorporated into the project permit. The easement will protect the property's agricultural productivity and viewshed of the White Mountains, while allowing for alternative energy production. The easement does not cover the 20-acres where the solar array will be sited; this area will be returned to agricultural land use when the solar array is decommissioned.

The Commission will be working with Town Manager Eric Dyer to protect farmland in Readfield and efforts will be made to attract farmers to our town. The first step will be to work with the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee to ensure that the revised plan supports community based agriculture and sustainable farming. We intend that the town agricultural policies and programs complement the town's wildlife resource goals where feasible. The adoption of Food Sovereignty Ordinances will be encouraged. These ordinances (under the Food Sovereignty law, 2017) are currently adopted by 73 municipalities in Maine. They allow people to buy directly from farmers.

Discussions with the Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) to enable us to build trails on the Carleton Pond property proved fruitful. A trail agreement between GAUD and the town of Readfield has been finalized and approved by Eric Dyer that gives permission for trail building and construction of a kiosk. Trail building will begin on the east side of the property. The Readfield Trails Committee will design and build trails for hiking and cross country skiing with help from volunteers.

Old Fairgrounds Property: A mowing plan was accepted by the Town for the Old Fairgrounds field to maintain diverse flowering plant cover for pollinators with emphasis on milkweed for monarch butterflies. These flowering plants will also be available to other pollinators. Anna Carll, Readfield Maintenance Department, will carry out the plan. Anna also completed the trail around the parking lot.

The Age Friendly Committee has received a grant to make improvements to the Old Fairgrounds trails and place a bench where there is a good view. The Conservation Commission will provide \$2,000 as a match for the grant.

A historical placard will be placed by Readfield Historical Society on the side of the trail near where the pulling stones event was held at summer fairs. The sign will describe the pulling stone contests held in a nearby area. A ceremony to commemorate the installation of the sign will be held during the 2021 Readfield Heritage Days when some of the stones will be moved to the site for viewing.

Town Forest: A new harvest is planned for late summer and fall 2021 in the Town Forest to be done in accordance with the Readfield Forest Management Plan. Harold Burnett of Two Trees Forestry and author of the updated plan offered to give a tour of the areas of the harvest where he will talk about forest management and point out historical areas in the Town Forest. The date and time will be published in the Readfield Messenger.

Fogg Farm McPhedran Trails: Brent West of the Commission stained the main bridge at the Fogg Farm McPhedran Trails. This will lengthen the life of the bridge to help it last longer than the old bridge.

Torsey Pond Nature Preserve: Jerry Bley worked with the Maine State Prison to have some attractive cedar trail signs made. They will be installed in May or June, 2021. I am sad to report that the nature viewing platform (otherwise known as the duck blind) was vandalized. Brent West sanded the walls of the platform to remove the lettering.

Submitted by Bruce Hunter, Chair

Library Board of Trustees

The Trustees of the Readfield Community Library are pleased to share this summary of activities and operations for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020.

Melissa Small began serving as librarian in December of 2019 and has done an amazing job not only keeping the library on an even keel during COVID-19, but moving forward with programs and activities. The library was closed to the public from mid

March, 2020 to the end of May, 2020 due to COVID-19. Curbside Pick-up began on June 1st. The library re-opened to patrons (limited numbers) with full services July 1st. COVID has made this a challenging year, but the library is still thriving. The Library has pursued grants which will enhance the library collection and bolster the Library's offerings.

Readfield Community Library by the numbers for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020:

- ⇒ Total number of circulated physical materials: 7,429 items
- ⇒ Total number of patron visits to the library: 3,599
- ⇒ Total number of Interlibrary loans processed: 337
- ⇒ Total number of patron uses of the public computer: 116
- ⇒ Total number of visits to the library website: 1,004
- ⇒ Total number of new library cards issued: 46
- ⇒ Total number of programs offered: 64
- ⇒ Total number of program attendance: 1,063

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who loyally serve the library year after year-especially this year! Many of our volunteers did projects at home while the library was closed due to COVID. It was wonderful to welcome them back soon after the library re-opened.

Along with the usual library items (books, audio books, magazines, and DVDs) patrons have the opportunity to borrow snowshoes, puzzles and a Maine State Park pass. Interlibrary Loans (ILL) are available to all patrons upon request. The Library also offers free delivery of books and other materials to homebound or disabled Readfield residents. Please call the librarian to arrange delivery.

Regular Library Programs included:

- ⇒ Monthly Book Group: In person, then via Zoom beginning in April, 2020.
- ⇒ Maine Humanities Council (MHC) Book Club "Let's Talk About It"
- ⇒ Summer Reading Program: "A Universe of Stories" (space theme) and a culminating Chewonki presentation event
- ⇒ Weekly children's story time and craft at the beach in the summer, at the library or RES during the school year until March, 2020 at which time we switched to virtual story time via Zoom.
- ⇒ The annual 2019 August Book Sale fundraiser was held at the Readfield Fire Department. It was a huge success as always. Thank you.
- ⇒ Guess the weight of the Pumpkin Contest.
- ⇒ Halloween: 290 Trick or Treaters at the Library
- ⇒ The 2019 Holiday Tree Lighting was held on the front lawn of the library with a group of middle school singers under the direction of Adam Scarpone adding to the holiday cheer. Cookies and cocoa were served by the Board at Giles Hall.
- ⇒ Hannukkah Celebration: Stories, crafts and homemade latkes.
- ⇒ *Drop-in Knitting for beginners to experienced knitters-weekly Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00.
- ⇒ Weekly Story Time with Maple Tree Community School during the winter months.
- ⇒ Special programs included:
- ⇒ Robert Burns Night: 2nd annual ceremonial celebration of Scottish poet Robert Burns. There was a bagpiper and a Pot Luck Supper at Giles Hall.
- ⇒ Readfield U: Author Talk Barbara Walsh
- ⇒ Martin Swinger: Singer/Songwriter
- ⇒ Author and former Readfield Librarian Nancy O'Toole Merservier introduced her newly published books.
- ⇒ "Learn About Census Taking" Workshop
- ⇒ Readfield U, pop up University events: "How to Solve NY Times Crossword Puzzles" Many of the rest of the events were cancelled due to COVID -19.
- ⇒ Poetry Share via Zoom in April, 2020

Library Online presence: Web page, (<http://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com>), along with a Readfield Community Library Facebook page. These sites list scheduled events, the latest additions to the library collection, weather related closings and updated COVID information.

Library Board of Trustees *continued*

Cloud Library: Readfield Library patrons can borrow e-books and e-audio books for free. The Librarian will happily instruct patrons on usage of Cloud Library app.

Digital Maine Library for newspapers, magazines, journals, reference materials, learning resources and ancestry.com access <http://library.digitalmaine.org>.

24/7 WiFi access from the Library building and parking lot.

Support from the librarian person or by e-mail, phone, or Zoom meeting.

The library underwent roof renovations in May, 2019. The trusses were replaced and a new black metal roof added. This is a great improvement for the library.

The Readfield Community Library has many diverse programs and events for varied interests. Please stop by and sign up for a free Library card and start borrowing or participating today. Cards are available by phone, e-mail or in person.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Mitchell

Chair, Library Board of Trustees, Readfield Community Library

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 2019. Several applications for modifications of seasonal dwellings in the shoreland zone were considered and decided. Specifically, the applications involved seasonal conversion of a structure, expansion of a non-conforming deck, and the installation of an electrical station in the shoreland zone. 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, and the Board often conducts site visits as part of the review process. The Board approved a change of use proposal to allow the operation of a warehousing/storage facility at a former church. The Board also initiated its review of the Town’s first application for medical marijuana cultivation.

The Board reviewed and considered a request to rezone several parcels of property in the vicinity of Mill Stream Road from Rural Residential to Rural. The Board, following hearing and deliberation, found that this proposal was not consistent with the standards and requirements of the Comprehensive Plan and LUO, and recommended that the Select Board not approve the proposal for submission to voters.

Finally, the Board prepared a package of changes to the LUO which was adopted by the Town in June 2019. These revisions included modifications and clarifications regarding Standard Conditions of Approval for Site Reviews, and minor changes to the LUO Table of Uses.

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 Association

As a Recreation Committee we continue to support and organize three sports seasons for our youth Pre K-6th grade. Our sports are Soccer, Basketball and Softball/Baseball/T-ball.

While our year was partially interrupted with COVID 19, we were able to complete a basketball season winter 2020. All towns come together for Saturday basketball. We entered a league with surrounding towns to give competition to the Rec Program.

Covid cancelled our annual Easter Egg Hunt, softball and baseball season, and Heritage Days. We look forward to supporting and helping to make all these happen in 2021.

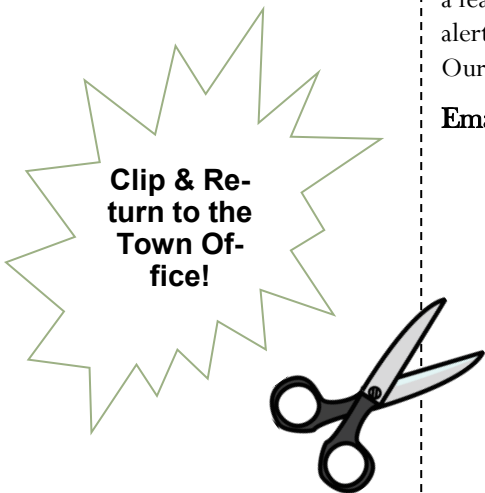
Our Halloween Party in 2020 was an amazing effort by the Rec Committee in using the space of the Readfield Elementary School. We added a full room of haunted walk that was enjoyed by all!

The Readfield Beach was voted in June 2020 to be free access to all Readfield Residents starting this summer of 2021. We are excited to see growth of programs and community opportunities with this new development. While COVID stopped the start of swim lessons last summer we hope to support lessons in the future.

As we worked through COVID, we realized the availability of outside resources was lacking in Readfield. Stay tuned for the revitalized project planning to complete the Fairgrounds Fields plan with some updates. We are excited about this new development.

As always we encourage everyone to get outside, whether with your own family or as a small pick up game of ball. Thank you to all that participate and get involved with coaching and cheering on our many teams.

*Sincerely, Hannah Flannery
President Readfield Recreation Committee*



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Select Board

Dear Neighbors;

The preceding year has been a challenging one for municipal governments and indeed all delivery of services by all levels of governing everywhere. Readfield undertook its obligation very seriously to deliver good services and move forward with meeting the town's needs while protecting the public and our staff.

There are numerous people to thank and I am sure that any attempt by me to list those so deserving of our appreciation by name would have several unintentional omissions. The Covid19 pandemic entered every aspect of our lives and for those involved in town matters it presented many obstacles and challenges. It now appears that we are beginning to emerge from the coronavirus shadow.

We were continually served by our wonderful and dedicated staff. Our fine emergency personnel worked hard to keep us safe. Members of committees and boards learned to engage on Zoom and kept positive energy and helpful connections for the public alive. Contractors showed up and delivered flexibly on work we depended on seeing done. Schools, churches, and community groups reached out to us. And very importantly, you helped us with your understanding and cooperation with necessary operational changes and your willingness to assist to others. What a great community you are, Readfield!

There were changes made to our budget to adjust for the impact of Covid19 not only on town operations but to ensure we would not create unnecessary tax burdens for the most economically vulnerable. The School District also responded with the same sensitivity. And while this year may present economic recovery for many, we've approached matters with the same sensitivity. Again, the municipal portion of the budget is flat in terms of actual property tax impact on what you pay.

I am also pleased to report that the Select Board, while addressing an ever-changing year did focus on the goals set at our annual retreat. Some goals are a continuation of prior years' work, others are new, and several are of a multi-year nature. Here is the status of those goals:

- ⇒ We revised governance documents as needed with some attention given to temporary Covid19 policies.
- ⇒ The multiyear effort to bring high quality broadband to town is underway with a dedicated committee.
- ⇒ Our solar energy plan for town facilities was not realized due to changes in incentives for municipalities.
- ⇒ A Church Road sidewalk has been approved by DOT for an 80% state investment in a subsequent year.
- ⇒ A new direction regarding Parks and Rec is underway with the beach now free and open to all residents.
- ⇒ We appointed a great team of volunteers and are supporting a two-year Comprehensive Plan update.
- ⇒ The need to determine how to best repair or replace the Salt and Sand Shed still lies ahead.
- ⇒ Initial steps to improve the Pension Plan for employee participation and retention is underway.

This is my fifth and final report to you as Chair. Any accomplishments are due to the highly collaborative efforts and many hours put in by my fellow Select Board members. I tip my hat to each and every one.

Thank you for being a strong and resilient community. I hope to see many of you at our now annual Readfield Heritage Days celebrations in August!

Very best wishes; Bruce Bourgoine, Select Board Chair

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Solid Waste & Recycling (SWRC)

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Annual Report 2021 for the fiscal year 7-1-2019 through 6-30-2020

The Readfield Transfer Station continued operations in the fiscal year with increased revenues and expenses along with implementing revised operating procedures due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus and resulting worldwide pandemic. We continue to 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.

Revenues increased steadily throughout the year due to operational changes and expected expenses fell within the approved budgeted amounts. Two large expenses planned for the future had to be covered this year due to earlier than planned for equipment failure. The backhoe was failing too often with large repair bills and was replaced with a new JCB machine acquired through partial funding from capital reserves and then a lease purchase agreement. This machine will not be used to compress materials in any cans which was determined to be the root cause of the early failure of the former machine. The MSW compactor suffered similar issues, causing two days of closure during the year, and was acquired through a lease purchase agreement. Each purchase will be paid for from capital funding which each partner town contributes to annually. Thus, other planned capital improvements have been pushed farther into the future and there is a revised capital funding formula allowing us to cover future expenses in a timely manner. Even with these issues, we were able to present a reduced overall budget for the Transfer Station for the coming year.

Operations have continued smoothly over the past year though at times we experienced increased wait times for folks bringing waste to the site. Residents from all towns seem familiar with the facility and adjust easily with each improvement we make. The new attendant booth has been completed with electricity, heat, lights inside and outside, and counters, and has allowed for greater control over access to the site and fee collection. Several site improvements were made by relocating various collection sites and bins, removing accumulated special wastes, and the staff have been positioned differently around the site, all of which has helped with the operational flow. The station continues to pass annual safety inspections and all recommendations for improvement are implemented to the best of our ability. Plans are to have a HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) collection day locally on 7-25-2020 with assistance from KVCOG. We are hoping for increased participation by changing the event to Readfield from Augusta. Current employees are doing a great job with improving operations and customer service while having to implement Covid-19 operating changes for employees and residents.

Recycling continues strongly here at the Transfer Station. We continue 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. A key component has been removing all plastic film from the single-stream collection and placing it separately in a bin. These materials are then taken locally to be used to manufacture composite decking. Combining collection of tires, white goods, metals, e-waste, fluorescent lamps, wood, brush, propane tanks, shingles, compostable materials, items for the swap shop, and utilizing the bins for Paint Care and Apparel Impact, 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

The recent worldwide health crisis reached out in March of 2020 and curtailed some, but not all, of Readfield Trails Committee (RTC) work. We did lose our 4 student and staff volunteer days from KHS and Maranacook that scrubbed needed maintenance as well as new initiatives we were planning. In spite of those losses, our committee members logged in over 100 hours of work representing about \$1,200 of in-kind savings to the town. What follows in this report are brief summaries of our accomplishments.

With the passing of member Ken Clark, his legacy with our committee and town continued with over \$3,000 in donations to the Trails Committee in his memory. These donations provided a beautiful engraved bench and sugar maple tree (donated by a local book club) to be placed on the Fairgrounds Trails.

- ⇒ The Carlton Pond trail project continued with the Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) and the Select Board signing a trail agreement allowing a trail to be constructed on the GAUD property.
- ⇒ A trail on the Morrill Road was partially re-routed for an approach from Route 17 with consultation from the MDOT. Some signage and a “landing” area will be added.
- ⇒ A portion of the Esker trail was re-routed to avoid a significant trouble spot for hikers and was enhanced with donated wood chips.
- ⇒ Three major wind/rain storms caused significant tree blow down and water damage to town trails at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve, Fairgrounds, Fogg Farm, and the Esker Trail that required extensive damage control by Trails and Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) members.
- ⇒ The joint venture by the Historical Society, RCC, and RTC to create a pulling stone display including signage at the Fairgrounds, was put on hold due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The project, including an on-site ceremony, is planned for 2021.
- ⇒ Trails at the Town Forest and Fairgrounds as well as the Esker Trail (accessed at the Bus Garage off North Road), have been re-blazed for clarity by volunteers.
- ⇒ Readfield was awarded a grant of \$2,500 by the Maine Community Foundation that will provide new blue stone covering for sections of the Fairgrounds trails as well as a new bench on the trail looking out over Maranacook. The application was submitted by the Age Friendly Committee.
- ⇒ A Fairgrounds trail sign and support structure that “disappeared” has been replaced at the trail head for the North Trail.
- ⇒ A new trail constructed by town maintenance personnel on the outside of the large rocks at the Fairgrounds parking lot provides more safety for bikers, walkers, strollers etc. The RTC cleaned and maintained the kiosks at trail heads as well as keeping trail maps available at the kiosks and the Town Office.
- ⇒ The committee started the process of updating our Mission Statement and Strategic Plan as well as helping update Readfield's Comprehensive Plan.
- ⇒ All town trails and KLT properties in Readfield have experienced huge growth in use this past year as people look to get outside and enjoy what Readfield has to offer for recreation possibilities.
- ⇒ The RTC welcomed two new members in Spring, 2021: Jacki Drouin and Steve Hayes. The RTC now meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month instead of the 4th Tuesday. Meetings are conducted via ZOOM.

RTC Members 2020/2021

Paul Bessette	Bob Harris
Nancy Buker	Jeanne Harris
Jacki Drouin	Steve Hayes
Greg Durgin	Greg Leimbach

Rob Peale
Holly Rahmlow
Henry Whittemore

*Respectfully submitted,
Greg Durgin, Chair RTC*



*Fiesta Sugar Maple
planted in fond memory
of member Ken Clark.*



First Park

KRDA Annual Report for Readfield

On April 29, 2021, at a public meeting, the annual budget for the 2021-2022 year for the KRDA passed unanimously. For the first time in its twenty plus years of existence, this new budget will essentially be “revenue neutral.” While towns will still be required to pay in an assessment, an amount equal to that assessment will be returned to the towns at a later date, once the tax revenue Oakland receives is refunded to the Kennebec Regional Development Authority. This is the procedure agreed to by the towns and provided for in the KRDA by-laws and the inter-local agreement with the town of Oakland. The revenue is sufficient this year because the organization paid off its bonded debt in late 2020.

As has been the case with most activities, 2020-2021 has been a challenging year for the operation of the KRDA and FirstPark. In-person meetings and site visitations have been severely curtailed. Still, the marketing effort has persisted. There has been a noticeable uptick in interest in the sites we have for sale. A number of the properties in the park have changed hand, though none of those were owned by the Authority. We have one site being developed, which should bring a new building on line, hopefully before the end of 2021. We also had another property under contract, but the potential buyer backed out of the sale a day before the scheduled closing. Nevertheless, we are seeing more interest by potential buyers than I have witnessed in the last ten years.

With our new budget position set to lessen the financial burdens required from the member communities, and with the hopeful outlook regarding Covid 19, perhaps 2021-2022 will be a substantially more productive year for the KRDA.

Respectfully, Stephen Monsulick, Jr.

Readfield Blizzard Busters

On behalf of Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club volunteers we would like to thank the community of Readfield for their support over many, many years. It is hard to believe that our club was established over 45 years ago, with a few of the charter members still active volunteers.

To assist in expenses, the club holds several fundraisers; you might have seen some of our volunteers at Readfield’s Family Fun Days, Heritage Days or wrapping holiday purchases at Central Maine Power Sports in Lewiston. This year we are in need of a new groomer, which the club is responsible for purchasing.

On the business side, Readfield has approximately thirty miles of trails it maintains for the use of residents and visitors alike. We are extremely thankful to Readfield property owners who allow winter access on the trails. 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 five hundred hours this year preparing and grooming for appreciative outdoor individuals. Working together we will continue to enjoy our beautiful town. Thank you again for your support

Marge Livingston, Secretary

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club





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Dear Readfield Residents,

Since 1988, with the support of 1,100 member households and over forty Maine businesses, the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) has worked cooperatively with landowners and communities to conserve our region's natural resources. KLT holds conservation easements on, accepts gifts of, and purchases significant lands to further the mission of the organization.

Last year KLT experienced a marked increase in interest from people who are just discovering our close-to-home conservation lands and fifty-three miles of trails. It was rewarding to be able to make people's lives a bit brighter during these challenging times. With this increased interest, we've been busier than ever with trail and parking lot improvements and communications with member communities and neighbors of our properties.

In 2020, we completed two new projects in Readfield. At the Macdonald Woods, adjacent to the Town Forest, volunteers and our stewardship staff cleared a trail reroute and installed cedar bridging. At the Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest the trail system was expanded with the addition of a 1.3 mile loop that transitions between a pine-hemlock forest and hardwood forests. A heartfelt thank you to our trail volunteers!

We value our strong partnership with the Town of Readfield. Our preserves and conservation areas provide recreation opportunities, protect open space, and contribute to the rural character of the town. We remain committed to taking care of all of the lands we've conserved – now near 7,000 acres in 21 municipalities.

KLT is also developing new programs to promote and expand conservation in ways that serve our communities more effectively. And, as a landowner in Readfield, we do participate by paying taxes on the properties we own at the open space rate.

We welcome this opportunity to communicate with Readfield residents and the Selectboard about our conservation work. Everyone is welcome to visit our properties and trails and to attend our public programs.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more information, 207-377-2848 or info@tklt.org. You can also visit our website, www.tkl.org for trail maps, directions, and more information about our organization. Thank you to all those in Readfield who have chosen to support KLT as members or volunteers.

Sincerely,

Kim Vandermeulen, President

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

Marie Ring, Director of Membership and Programs



MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

A Caring School Community Dedicated to Excellence

April 12, 2021

Dear Community members,

As I write this letter it is the beginning of April and I am reflecting on the unprecedented school year we have experienced in the 2020 - 2021 school year. The year began with the tremendous task of opening our schools to in person learning while keeping health and safety at the forefront of the work we were undertaking. Our district made a herculean effort to be prepared for students to return to school by developing remote, hybrid, and fully in person plans. We prepared for all scenarios. As the school year progressed the virus reminded us all that it is in control. Using guidance and protocols from the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) and the Maine Center for Disease Control (MCDC) we have had periods of time where students and staff have had to work remotely but we have also been able to maintain in person learning for a good part of the year. Now with vaccines being available we are seeing a light at the end of the tunnel that brightens not just the 2021-2022 school year but also the remainder of this year.

We took a four prong approach to addressing the needs of our students and staff to return to in person learning. We looked at four “pillars” in order of addressing the hierarchy of needs that included; the need for safety in the physical environment, technological access for all, supporting social emotional wellbeing and learning (mental health), and planning for academics and academic recovery. We, like other school districts, received monetary support from the federal government that flowed through the MDOE to support us in the return to school planning. In order to receive the funds we had to agree to implement the six standards proposed in the MDOE framework, which included Covid-19 screening each school day, masking, social distancing, hand hygiene, personal protective equipment (PPE), and return from illness protocols.

We received two allocations of funds through the Emergency and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds (ESSERF) totaling \$825,512.71. The monies had to be used in a way that addressed issues directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our uses included an extra nursing position so the students in our six school buildings had access to quality nursing support, networking upgrades to increase capabilities at all our buildings, K-12 summer programming (currently in development), increasing the part time literacy interventionist position to full time at Wayne Elementary School, social emotional learning curriculum for grades K-8, and laptops to replace our current 5 year old models for grades 6, and 9-12. These funds will be expended over a 2 year period to capitalize on student needs directly related to learning loss.

We received two allocations from the Corona Relief Funds (CRF), another federal grant in which again the funds through MDOE, totaling \$1,843,225.88. This money, like the ESSERF, had to be used to address issues associated with our reopening plans and the Covid 19 health emergency. The money was used to purchase iPads and laptops for students grades K-5, software programming that allowed for remote learning such as Zoom and Seesaw as well as academic software including Dreambox (math), Lexia



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(literacy), Mystery Science and Edpuzzle. We also repaired, upgraded, or installed upgraded ventilation in all of our schools, PPE, cleaning supplies and equipment, food service equipment, nursing supplies, desks and other classroom supplies associated with social distancing, long term substitute teachers, technology for remote meetings, camera systems for contact tracing and Ruvna software to track health symptoms of Covid 19. Each of the purchases with the funds is tied directly into the four pillars we used to re-open schools to in-person learning in the fall. We sought suggestions from all employee groups as well as with the Board of Directors, particularly when it came to facility needs.

Thank you to the communities that make up RSU #38/Maranacook Area Schools for your continued support of our students. We continue to strive toward our mission of “a caring school community committed to excellence.”

Sincerely,

James Charette

Enrollment data for the district

Grade	Manchester	Mt. Vernon	Read-field	Wayne	Totals
Pre-K	13	7	10	3	33
K	17	11	25	10	63
1	25	15	27	10	77
2	19	9	34	10	72
3	31	15	30	11	87
4	34	16	22	10	82
5	14	18	27	11	70
6	29	26	23	10	88
7	24	20	30	8	82
8	21	20	29	10	80
9	29	18	23	11	81
10	15	20	24	10	69
11	32	16	26	5	79
12	21	17	31	6	75
Totals	324	228	361	125	1038
October 1, 2020 (does not include enrolled non-resident students)					



THE READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE
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on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

Mission

1) Restore and maintain the Meeting House for the benefit of the community and continue its status on the National Register of Historic Places. 2) Renovate the Vestry as a multipurpose community center.

Restoration

A year was lost on fundraising and restoration, but we're back with our most ambitious fundraising and restoration program in history.

This June, the south side stenciled and stained glass windows will be scraped, refilled and painted. The eaves and molded cornices on all sides will be restored and painted, and the broken attic window will be rebuilt.

The Vestry kitchen and an ADA compliant bathroom will be rebuilt. Donated materials and labor make the Vestry work very affordable.

The long awaited "Push to the Top" is shaping up. Phase 1 is the complete restoration of the tower and belfry, including the reinstallation of a fully restored clock and three new 8' diameter

clock dials. Phase 2 is the construction and erection of a replica of the original 30' spire with weathervane and lightning protection. (The drawing, above, is a skeletal view of the tower and spire framing) We aim to have the work under contract this fall for 2022 construction. Phase 1 is a go at this point; Phase 2 is dependent on additional funding.

Events

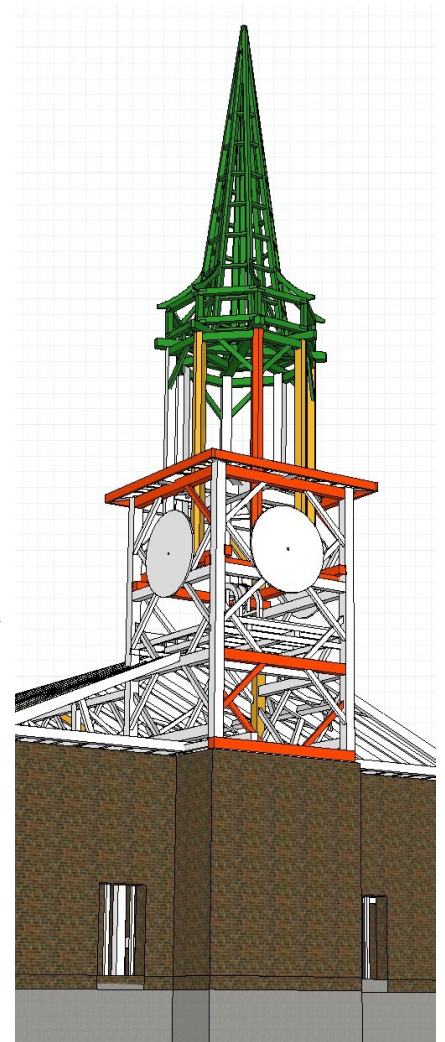
Our popular "Meet Me at the Meeting House" events are back. Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and select Saturdays will bring great music back to our striking venue. The popular Strawberry and Pumpkin Festivals return. All CDC guidelines will be honored.

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. There is still a ways to go, but we now see the light at the end of the tunnel. And with you, we'll complete our mission together.

Thank you all!

Jim Tukey, President
Board of Directors





Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office as Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a deadly pandemic. But that is our reality, and it is my responsibility to guide our state through this time, to keep Maine people safe and healthy, and to put our economy on a path to recovery.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, and leaving millions of people unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of hundreds of people and sickened many more. Since the arrival of the first vaccines in December 2020, we have been working to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

While our spirits are lifted and we share in a collective sense of relief, particularly for frontline health care workers who are exhausted and have been working around the clock to save lives, it will take months to administer the vaccine to all Maine people and we must keep our guard up. In the coming months, I look forward to working with you in fully opening our schools and businesses across the state. We will hasten our state's recovery if we wear our masks, watch our distance, avoid gatherings, and wash our hands.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy. We also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge to be a stronger, better state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,

Janet T. Mills
Governor

P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.



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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 reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



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January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

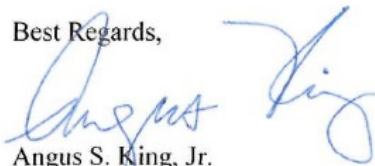
2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher– made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
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Dear Friends,

2020 has been a year of unconscionable loss and hardship. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged our nation, magnifying long-unaddressed inequities. I hear daily from constituents whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. As we navigate these ongoing challenges, my top priority in Congress has been to advocate for the resources Maine residents, businesses, and institutions need to weather this crisis.

In March, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing much-needed relief to Mainers, including expanded unemployment benefits, stimulus checks, grants and loans for small businesses and nonprofits, and funding for health care providers on the front lines of this crisis. As this crisis wore on, I saw increased need; that's why I voted for the Heroes Act in May and again in October to provide further support. I'm relieved we passed another relief package at the end of December, but I know another round of support is still much needed in the coming year.

The pandemic isn't the only crisis we face. Climate change threatens Maine's environment and industries. This summer, the Gulf of Maine recorded its hottest day, and we experienced the longest, most severe drought in 20 years. Maine farms continue to be stymied by climate change, but they can also play a crucial role in combatting it. In February, I introduced the Agriculture Resilience Act to ensure American agriculture is net-zero by 2045. The release of Maine's Climate Action Plan is a major step in the fight against climate change. I will continue to work with state leaders to ensure they have federal support to achieve this agenda.

2021 will offer different challenges. We must distribute a vaccine to millions, restore jobs, uplift the economy, and repair the divisions that undermine our ability to make meaningful change. I look forward to working with the incoming presidential administration to meet these challenges and emerge as a stronger, more resilient nation.

As always, the needs of Mainers guide my work as we recover from this crisis. If there is anything my office can do to help, please reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chellie Pingree".

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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The *CARES Act* was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the *CARES Act* were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

I've been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful. Construction starts next year on a new, 24-bed facility at Togus that will ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021.

Respectfully,

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Member of Congress

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Dear Readfield Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the 130th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community.

This new legislative session looks quite different because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but things are slowly returning to normal. We were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center in January, and much of our work has taken place remotely, with both legislators and the public participating via the internet. Beginning in June, our remaining work will take place in the State House.

We are as determined as ever to continue to do the work you elected us to do accessibly and transparently. All our work is available to access online, either live or after the fact, and I encourage you to visit www.legislature.maine.gov if you are interested. I also hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions about how to stay informed about our proceedings.

As of this writing, our major work this session was the creation of a balanced, two-year state budget. Because of the pandemic and economic uncertainty, we chose to essentially pass a continuation of the state budget from two years ago that preserves current and essential services. While I am proud to report that this means continued funding for our schools and help for local governments and property tax payers, there is still work to be done. Any new spending proposals will be taken up in a supplemental budget. One of my goals for this supplemental budget includes making sure our recovery from the economic fallout of the pandemic leaves nobody behind, especially people and businesses in rural areas like ours.

We will also need to continue to improve access to affordable health care, expand high-speed internet coverage, augment workforce training and invest in Maine's large infrastructure network. And, given the bad experiences of so many Mainers last year, we need to address the serious shortcomings in our unemployment insurance system that were brought to light by the current situation.

This session I was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. Our work includes, but is not limited to, business regulation, real estate practices, professional and occupational licensing, consumer protection, trade programs, research and development and oversight of the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME).

Through both my committee work and other legislative business, I am committed to working with all my colleagues, regardless of party, to advocate for our community and move our state forward. Please contact me if I can be of any help to you and your family, or if you want to discuss any legislation. I fully welcome your questions and feedback.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tavis Hasenfus".

Tavis Hasenfus
State Representative

District 81: Readfield, Winthrop and part of Monmouth



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February 26, 2021

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 2020. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including, Two K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE).

I would like to begin by saying that 2020 was certainly a challenging and unusual year for all of us. COVID -19 changed all of our lifestyles and daily activities. It did not, however, change the fact that your Sheriff's Office continued to respond to calls for service as well as caring for the inmates incarcerated at our facility. In other words, it was business as usual for my staff. We just went about it a little differently.

In 2020, Law Enforcement Deputies in full-time and part-time capacity logged thousands of calls for service. There was a brief time of about three months from the middle of March to about the middle of June when calls for service were actually down, likely due to the COVID-19 outbreak. It was a welcome relief, as the threat of the viral infection was yet another caution our Deputies added to their daily routine.

Thanks to the Stanton Foundation, Kennebec received a \$25,000.00 grant to purchase another K-9. That grant paid for the dog (Brock) and all associated equipment training for Brocks handler, Deputy Zack Carey.

Since the beginning of the year, four new full-time patrol deputies have joined our ranks due to resignations or expansion of the division. Due to the State Police reducing their commitment to our call-sharing agreement, the Sheriff's Office has increased its patrol staff by three members.

The patrol division welcomes Phil Lynch, Brandon Van Wyk, Jordan Gaudet and Nathan Johnson. Deputy Lynch was a part time reserve deputy already working with us. Deputy Van Wyk came to us from the correctional division and Jordan Gaudet and Nathan Johnson were already certified full time officers and came to us from Hallowell PD. We will be bringing on two new deputies in January of 2021 to fill our roster.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2020, the three civil deputies received over 6,876 requests for service in Kennebec County. Some of the services include, civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1920 inmate intakes. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility.

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 on outside projects. One may think that this only benefits the county, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well.

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.

I would like to thank all of my administrative staff who support the patrol division, detective division, correctional division and the civil deputies. The copious amounts of paperwork that is handled by these individuals is staggering and their work is greatly appreciated. Job well done by all.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2021, my focus will remain steadfast in serving the people of Kennebec County and our visitor's.

Ken Mason, Sheriff

2019 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 6/30/2020—*paid as of 3/11/21

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850 Weibel, Frederick J		3,784.88 *
1444 Whittington, Susan L		1,984.46 *
930 Wilbur, Haldon M		840.65
2032 Wilcox, Richard		396.76
1361 Yannelli, Ronald		1,477.00 *
TOTAL		200266.87

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NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Due to clerical error in last year's report, the 2018 unpaid real estate taxes as of 06/30/2019 on Account #1049 were incorrectly attributed to the new owner—*Ogden, Walter S.* The unpaid taxes were the responsibility of the assessed owner of record—*Berzinis, Gail.*

ABATEMENTS 19/20:

Acct		
PP 191	Urquia, David	146.63
RE 1890	Lucas, Robert & Inez	391.00
RE 1286	Alland, Garon	391.00
RE 458	Webb, Mark	217.00
RE 390	Tims, Allen & Charlene	224.82
RE 246	Diplock, David & Lindsay	391.00
RE 1518	Wagner, June & Alan	391.00
RE 1284	Zwetsloot, Mark & Jana	8.80

Assessed in 12/13 - Abated in 19/20:

RE 690	Lions Club of Readfield	1203.66
TOTAL		3364.91

SUPPLEMENTAL

Assessed in 18/19, supplemented in 19/20:

Acct		
RE 2178	Brann, Marianne	1325.81

Outstanding Personal Property Taxes AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

Acct	Name ----	Year	Tax
76	P AMES PETER	2000	120.90
76	P AMES PETER	2001	129.35
76	P AMES PETER	2002	139.75
76	P AMES PETER	2003	152.75
76	P AMES PETER	2004	26.18
76	P AMES PETER	2005	23.20
76	P AMES PETER	2006	24.80
76	P AMES PETER	2007	26.18
76	P AMES PETER	2008	26.18
76	P AMES PETER	2009	26.18
76	P AMES PETER	2010	25.36
76	P AMES PETER	2011	18.96
116	P BLAKE SUZANNA	2006	37.20
189	P BRUEN CONSTRUCTION	2020	281.12
105	P CHURCHILL JOHN	2010	3.17
105	P CHURCHILL JOHN	2011	1.58
119	P CIT FINANCIAL USA, INC.	2017	40.51
119	P CIT FINANCIAL USA, INC.	2018	40.82
119	P CIT FINANCIAL USA, INC.	2019	41.06
111	P CLARK ROBERT E JR&KRISTIE F	2010	30.12
111	P CLARK ROBERT E JR&KRISTIE F	2011	30.02
208	P CLARK'S CUSTOM CABINETRY	2017	96.45
208	P CLARK'S CUSTOM CABINETRY	2018	97.20
208	P CLARK'S CUSTOM CABINETRY	2019	97.75
203	P Conopco Inc	2018	2.80
203	P Conopco Inc	2019	41.06
115	P Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Co., LLC	2020	17.57
123	P DIRECT TV LLC	2020	142.32
121	P DISH NETWORK LLC	2020	66.77
32	P Drake, Terry	2011	434.50
32	P Drake, Terry	2012	353.16
32	P Drake, Terry	2013	396.76
32	P Drake, Terry	2014	403.30
32	P Drake, Terry	2015	394.14
32	P Drake, Terry	2016	412.67
32	P Drake, Terry	2017	420.52
160	P DUBE KAREN	2011	20.54
160	P DUBE KAREN	2012	21.06
16	P EDGECOMB KENNETH L JR	2018	36.94
96	P ELVIN ELMER	2020	340.86
198	P FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	2018	6.71
198	P FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	2019	19.55
198	P FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	2020	17.57
216	P Fike's Custom Cutting	2018	188.57

Acct	Name ----	Year	Tax
216	P Fike's Custom Cutting	2019	189.64
99	P FIRST DATA MERCHANT SERVICES	2020	8.79
178	P Grayhawk Leasing LLC	2020	94.88
94	P HIGHLAND RIDGE FARM LLC	2020	70.28
169	P HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS, LLC	2020	10.54
159	P HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	2015	104.86
159	P HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	2016	109.79
159	P HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	2017	111.88
172	P KENTS HILL ORCHARD INC	2011	67.94
144	P L&M ENTERPRISE AUTO REPAIR	2020	35.14
187	P Linton, David	2014	277.50
187	P Linton, David	2015	271.20
187	P Linton, David	2016	283.95
187	P Linton, David	2017	289.35
187	P Linton, David	2018	252.72
187	P Linton, David	2019	234.60
187	P LINTON, DAVID	2020	210.84
190	P Maine RSA #1 Inc	2020	24.60
209	P MARANACOOK FAMILY HEALTH CARE	2020	75.55
217	P Merrill's Investigations & Securit	2020	183.57
180	P Miller, Jeffrey	2012	63.18
180	P Miller, Jeffrey	2013	141.96
180	P Miller, Jeffrey	2014	144.30
223	P Mobile Mini, Inc.	2020	26.35
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2013	34.58
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2014	35.15
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2015	34.35
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2016	35.97
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2017	36.65
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2018	36.94
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2019	35.19
93	P MORSE PHILIP	2020	31.63
200	P NELSON BRANDI & DEREK	2019	54.74
200	P NELSON BRANDI & DEREK	2020	49.20
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2011	112.18
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2012	16.20
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2013	18.20
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2014	18.50
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2015	18.08
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2016	18.93
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2017	19.29
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2018	19.44
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2019	19.55
58	P READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	2020	17.57
71	P SAUNDERS MFG CO	2019	14,662.50
71	P SAUNDERS MFG CO	2020	6,764.45
87	P SCIENTIFIC GAMES INTERNATIONAL	2020	21.08
197	P Spectrum Northeast, LLC	2020	12,144.38
213	P THE COCA-COLA COMPANY	2018	1.18
213	P THE COCA-COLA COMPANY	2019	21.70
138	P THE PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP	2013	191.68

Acct	Name ----	Year	Tax
106	P TOBIE DAVID	2014	35.15
72	P Tripp,Michael S. & Chrystal M.	2007	18.48
72	P Tripp,Michael S. & Chrystal M.	2008	35.42
167	P VERIZON WIRELESS	2020	154.62
113	P VIOLETTE RONALD	2010	190.20
113	P VIOLETTE RONALD	2011	26.86
113	P VIOLETTE RONALD	2012	27.54
113	P VIOLETTE RONALD&SUSAN	2009	127.53
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2012	228.42
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2013	220.22
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2014	223.85
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2015	218.77
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2016	229.05
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2017	233.41
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2018	235.22
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2019	236.56
25	P WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	2020	87.85
210	P WOLTERS KLUWER UNITED STATES,	2017	1.91
210	P WOLTERS KLUWER UNITED STATES,	2018	17.50
210	P WOLTERS KLUWER UNITED STATES,	2019	17.60
210	P WOLTERS KLUWER UNITED STATES,	2020	5.92

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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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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

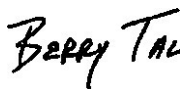
Required Supplementary Information

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 34-38 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.



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Certified Public Accountants

Falmouth, Maine

May 17, 2021

Statement of Net Position	\$ 2,627,253
As of June 30, 2020	419,367
	15,030
	252,347
	20,333
Assets	
Cash and equivalents	3,334,330
Investments	
Accounts receivable	2,865,844
Taxes receivable	28,222,442
Personal property tax receivable, net	(10,487,255)
Total current assets	<u>20,601,031</u>
Land	
Depreciable capital assets	23,935,361
Accumulated depreciation	
Net capital assets	108,693
Total Assets	11,965
	6,072
Liabilities	206,795
Accounts payable	
Accrued wages	333,525
Accrued interest	
Long-term debt - due within one year	17,715
Total current liabilities	912,119
Accrued compensated absences	
Long-term debt - due beyond one year	929,834
Total non-current liabilities	
Total Liabilities	1,263,359
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Prepaid property taxes	25,624
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	
Restricted for:	19,476,045
Nonexpendable permanent fund principal	133,358
Expendable permanent fund balances	169,472
Unrestricted	<u>2,867,503</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 22,646,378</u>
	Statement 1
Governmental	
Activities	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Statement 2

Net (Expense)
Revenue
and
Changes in

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Operating		
		Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities				
General government	\$ 422,624	\$ 2,894		\$ (419,730)
Boards and commissions	3,205			4,150
Community services	63,332	31,835	2,853	(28,644)
Recreation, parks, and activities	29,031	19,460		
Protection	165,704	4,932		(160,772)
Cemeteries	9,252		100	(9,152)
Roads and drainage	452,533		36,560	(415,973)
Solid waste	308,119	223,547		(84,572)
Education	3,710,394			(3,710,394)
Regional assessments	332,993			(332,993)
Capital improvements	525,041			(525,041)
Debt service	11,588			(11,588)
Municipal maintenance	121,430			(121,430)
Other expenses	20,410	-	132	(20,278)
Total Primary Government	\$ 6,175,656	282,668	47,000	(5,845,988)
		General Revenues		
		Taxes		5,301,326
		Intergovernmental		437,648
		Licenses, permits, and fees		27,213
		Penalties and interest		32,852
		Other Revenues		75,420
		Gain on sale of asset		14,000
		Total general revenues		5,888,459
		Change in Net Position		42,471
		Beginning Net Position		<u>22,603,907</u>

	Ending Net Position		<u>\$ 22,646,378</u>
Balance Sheet		Other	
Governmental Funds		Total	
As of June 30, 2020	2,621,203	\$ 6,050	\$ 2,627,253
	127,200	292,167	419,367
	15,030		15,030
	188,693		188,693
	11,965		11,965
Assets	<u>29,381</u>		<u>29,381</u>
Cash and cash equivalents		9,381	9,381
Investments			
Accounts receivable			
Taxes receivable	130,039		130,039
Personal property tax receivable, net			
Due from other funds	25,624		25,624
Total Assets	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances			
Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,036,113</u>	30	
Accounts payable			
Accrued wages			
Due to other funds			142,357
Total liabilities			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	116,733	116,733	133,358
Prepaid property taxes		142,357	
Unavailable property taxes			
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,378,384		
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable			
Restricted			1,378,384
Committed		4,768	4,768
Assigned	1,385,333		
Unassigned	2,763,717	307,598	<u>3,071,315</u>
Total fund balances			
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	3,036,113	307,598	<u>\$ 3,343,711</u>

Statement 3

Reconciliation Statement

Statement 4

Total Governmental Fund Balances to the Net Position of Governmental Activities
As of June 30, 2020

Total governmental funds balance, per Statement 3 3,071,315

<p>Capital assets are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. They are, however, economic resources of governmental activities and are reported in the Statement of Net Position.</p>		
Net capital assets		20,601,031
<p>Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. They are, however, economic liabilities of governmental activities and are reported in the Statement of Net Position.</p>		
Accrued interest		(6,072)
Accrued compensated absences (17,715) Long-term debt (1,118,914)		
<p>Taxes that are not expected to be collected within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year are not considered current financial resources and, therefore, are excluded from the governmental fund balances. They are, however, considered economic resources of governmental activities and are included in the net position.</p>		
Unavailable property taxes		116,733

Net position of governmental activities, per Statement 1		<u>\$ 22,646,378</u>
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances		Statement 5
Governmental Funds	Revenues	
For the Year Ended June 30,	Taxes	
2020	Intergovernmental	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Statement 5

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 5,372,770	\$ -	\$ 5,372,770
Intergovernmental	474,340	-	474,340
Licenses, permits, and fees	27,213	-	27,213
Charges for services	282,669	-	282,669
Penalties and interest	32,852	-	32,852
Contributions	10,308	-	10,308
Other revenue	<u>65,915</u>	<u>9,505</u>	<u>75,420</u>
Total revenues	6,266,067	9,505	6,275,572
Expenditures			
General government	462,965	-	462,965
Boards and commissions	3,205	-	3,205
Community services	63,332	-	63,332
Recreation, parks, and activities	24,472	-	24,472
Protection	120,942	-	120,942
Cemeteries	9,252	-	9,252
Roads and drainage	384,788	-	384,788
Solid waste	300,932	-	300,932
Education	3,710,394	-	3,710,394
Regional assessments	332,993	-	332,993
Capital improvements	660,751	-	660,751
Debt service	184,672	-	184,672
Municipal maintenance	121,430	-	121,430
Other expenses	<u>20,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,410</u>
Total expenditures	6,400,538	-	6,400,538
Revenue Surplus (Deficit)	(134,471)	9,505	(124,966)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Gain on sale of asset	14,000	-	14,000
Bond Proceeds	<u>550,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>550,000</u>
	564,000	-	564,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	429,529	9,505	439,034
Beginning Fund Balances	<u>2,334,188</u>	<u>298,093</u>	<u>2,632,281</u>
Ending Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,763,717</u>	<u>\$ 307,598</u>	<u>\$ 3,071,315</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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, 2020	
Net change in fund balances of governmental funds, per Statement 5	439,034
Issuance of new debt is reported as an other financing source in the governmental funds, but is not reported as revenue for governmental activities. Instead, it is reported as increases in long-term debt in the Statement of Net Position.	
Bond Proceeds	(550,000)
Capital lease proceeds	(92,644)
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.	
Bond principal payments	172,489
Capital lease obligation principal payments	30,419
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.	
Decrease in unavailable property taxes	(71,444)
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.	
Capital asset acquisitions	714,657
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.	
Depreciation expense	(603,675)
Increase in accrued interest expense	595
Decrease in accrued compensated absences	3,040
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Change in net position of governmental activities, per Statement 2	42,471

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Schedule 1

General Fund - Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Taxes				
Property taxes	\$ 4,707,543	\$ 4,707,543	\$ 4,763,547	\$ 56,004
Motor vehicle excise taxes	525,000	525,000	601,249	76,249
Boat excise taxes	8,000	8,000	7,974	(26)
	<u>5,240,543</u>	<u>5,240,543</u>	<u>5,372,770</u>	<u>132,227</u>
Intergovernmental				
State revenue sharing	158,500	200,000	230,696	30,696
Homestead exemption	181,150	185,822	180,460	(5,362)
Local road assistance	35,000	35,000	36,560	1,560
Tree growth reimbursement	9,000	9,000	8,553	(447)
BETE reimbursement	13,805	12,625	12,661	36
Covid-19 reimbursement	-	-	1,000	1,000
Veterans exemption	4,000	4,000	2,802	(1,198)
General assistance	2,250	2,250	132	(2,118)
Snowmobile fees	1,344	1,344	1,476	132
	<u>405,049</u>	<u>450,041</u>	<u>474,340</u>	<u>24,299</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees				
General permits and fees	24,700	24,700	25,119	419
Animal control fees	2,500	2,500	2,094	(406)
	<u>27,200</u>	<u>27,200</u>	<u>27,213</u>	<u>13</u>
Charges for Services				
Transfer station: Operating	191,025	191,025	207,359	16,334
Transfer station: Capital	11,646	11,646	16,189	4,543
Cable tv franchise fees	28,000	28,000	30,910	2,910
Tower site	3,200	3,200	4,932	1,732
Recreation	21,122	21,122	19,460	(1,662)
Miscellaneous charges	1,700	1,700	3,819	2,119
	<u>256,693</u>	<u>256,693</u>	<u>282,669</u>	<u>25,976</u>
Other Revenue				
Interest on taxes	30,000	30,000	32,852	2,852
Interest on investments	6,000	6,000	15,184	9,184
Contributions	1,171	1,171	10,308	9,137
Miscellaneous	42,000	42,000	50,732	8,732
Proceeds from sale of asset	-	14,000	14,000	-
Proceeds from bond	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
	<u>629,171</u>	<u>643,171</u>	<u>673,076</u>	<u>29,905</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,558,656</u>	<u>6,617,648</u>	<u>6,830,068</u>	<u>212,420</u>

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Schedule 1 (Continued)

General Fund • Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures				
General Government				
Administration	\$ 264,825	\$ 264,825	\$ 259,716	\$ 5,109
Insurance	131,340	130,995	119,921	11,074
Office equipment	5,400	5,670	7,015	(1,345)
Assessing	19,875	19,875	17,532	2,343
CEO/LPI/BI	37,810	37,810	32,385	5,425
Grant writing	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Heating assistance	1,500	1,575	1,596	(21)
Attorney Fees	23,000	23,000	24,800	(1,800)
	<u>485,750</u>	<u>485,750</u>	<u>462,965</u>	<u>22,785</u>
Municipal Maintenance				
General maintenance	91,425	87,466	69,050	18,416
Building maintenance	37,000	38,850	45,287	(6,437)
Vehicles maintenance	6,750	7,087	7,093	(6)
	<u>135,175</u>	<u>133,403</u>	<u>121,430</u>	<u>11,973</u>
Boards and Commissions				
Appeals board	100	100	-	100
Conservation commission	6,050	6,050	3,047	3,003
Planning board	1,700	1,700	158	1,542
	<u>7,850</u>	<u>7,850</u>	<u>3,205</u>	<u>4,645</u>
Community Services				
Age friendly initiatives	1,750	1,750	192	1,558
Animal control	12,170	12,170	11,715	455
Kennebec land trust	250	250	250	-
KVCOG	4,305	4,305	4,301	4
Library services	35,652	37,424	37,424	-
Readfield television	4,410	4,410	3,375	1,035
Street lights	6,500	6,500	6,075	425
	<u>65,037</u>	<u>66,809</u>	<u>63,332</u>	<u>3,477</u>
Recreation, Parks, and Activities				
Beach	9,912	9,912	8,722	1,190
Recreation	12,310	12,078	5,682	6,396
Town Properties	2,680	2,680	497	2,183
Trails	2,510	2,510	1,667	843
Heritage days	10,000	10,000	7,904	2,096
	<u>37,412</u>	<u>37,180</u>	<u>24,472</u>	<u>12,708</u>

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2020

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Schedule 1 (Continued)

General Fund - Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued)				
Protection Department				
Fire department operations	\$ 67,900	\$ 66,198	\$ 53,131	\$ 13,067
Ambulance service	26,750	26,750	26,240	510
Tower sites	2,550	2,678	7,695	(5,017)
Dispatching	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>33,876</u>	<u>1,124</u>
	132,200	130,626	120,942	9,684
Cemetery Materials and Services				
Town cemeteries	17,000	17,000	9,252	7,748
Roads and Drainage				
Summer road maintenance	104,928	110,174	123,851	(13,677)
Winter road maintenance	<u>265,650</u>	<u>260,937</u>	<u>260,937</u>	<u>-</u>
	370,578	371,111	384,788	(13,677)
Capital Improvements				
Town Buildings Improvements	810,000	810,000	283,808	526,192
Cemetery	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Roads	230,000	230,000	97,145	132,855
Equipment	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Equipment Backhoe	-	44,260	44,260	-
Equipment Leases	19,150	19,150	16,138	3,012
Gile Hall	-	570	570	-
Transfer Station	26,420	26,420	17,175	9,245
Fire Dept Equipment	8,000	8,000	6,680	1,320
Fire Dept Waterholes	500	500	-	500
Fire Debt Per. Protective Gear Rep	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Maranacook lake dam	<u>-</u>	<u>194,975</u>	<u>194,975</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,116,070	1,355,875	660,751	695,124
Solid Waste Department				
Transfer station	297,500	298,541	298,541	-
Backhoe operation	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>2,391</u>	<u>809</u>
	300,700	301,741	300,932	809
Regional Assessments				
Cobbossee watershed	22,852	22,852	22,797	55
Kennebec county tax	275,000	285,400	285,399	1
First park	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,796</u>	<u>204</u>
	322,852	333,252	332,992	260

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Schedule 1 (Continued)

General Fund • Budgetary Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued)				
Debt Service				
2018 Maranacook dam bond	\$ 19,973	\$ 19,973	\$ 19,973	\$ -
2015 fire truck bond / lease	55,583	55,583	55,583	-
2013 road and bridge bond	<u>109,117</u>	<u>109,117</u>	<u>109,117</u>	-
	184,673	184,673	184,673	-
Education				
RSU # 38	3,658,515	3,710,394	3,710,394	-
Other Expenditures				
Tax relief	10,000	10,000	384	9,616
Snowmobile club	1,344	1,344	1,344	-
Non-profit agencies	14,148	14,148	13,148	1,000
Readfield enterprise fund	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Real estate prop. revaluation	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
General assistance	4,500	4,500	188	4,312
Contingency	25,000	25,000	1,875	23,125
Abatements and overlay	<u>15,000</u>	<u>22,713</u>	<u>3,472</u>	<u>19,241</u>
	89,992	97,705	20,411	77,294
Total Expenditures	<u>6,923,804</u>	<u>7,233,369</u>	<u>6,400,539</u>	<u>832,830</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (365,148)</u>	<u>\$ (615,721)</u>	<u>\$ 429,529</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,250</u>
Change in Fund Balance Summary				
Committed fund bal additions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Committed fund bal reductions	(107,660)	(333,233)	-	
Unassigned fund bal additions	-	-	-	
Unassigned fund bal reductions	<u>(257,488)</u>	<u>(282,488)</u>	-	
	<u>\$ (365,148)</u>	<u>\$ (615,721)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Permanent Funds
As of June 30, 2020

Schedule 4

	Cemetery Funds				
	Perpetual Care Fund	Whittier Fund	Kents Hill Fund	Cemetery Expansion Fund	Kesner Fund
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,089	\$ 74	\$ 406	\$ 422	\$ 20
Investments	149,195	3,562	19,636	20,377	956
Due from other funds	<u>2,263</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 154,547</u>	<u>\$ 4,236</u>	<u>\$ 20,042</u>	<u>\$ 22,550</u>	<u>\$ 976</u>
Liabilities					
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable - principal	84,900	500	4,910	-	300
Restricted	<u>69,647</u>	<u>3,736</u>	<u>15,132</u>	<u>22,550</u>	<u>610</u>
Total fund balances	<u>154,547</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>20,042</u>	<u>22,550</u>	<u>910</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 154,547</u>	<u>\$ 4,236</u>	<u>\$ 20,042</u>	<u>\$ 22,550</u>	<u>\$ 976</u>

Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Permanent Funds
As of June 30, 2020

Schedule 4 (Continued)

	Cemetery Funds				
	Kolreg Fund	Lincoln Fund	Walker Fund	Townsend Fund	Couture Fund
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 56	\$ 53	\$ 55	\$ 65	\$ 774
Investments	2,688	2,558	2,672	3,149	37,362
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,744</u>	<u>\$ 2,611</u>	<u>\$ 2,727</u>	<u>\$ 3,214</u>	<u>\$ 38,136</u>
Liabilities					
Due to other funds	\$ 84	\$ -	\$ 74	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable - principal	500	500	600	1,738	20,000
Restricted	<u>2,160</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>1,476</u>	<u>18,136</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,660</u>	<u>2,611</u>	<u>2,653</u>	<u>3,214</u>	<u>38,136</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,744</u>	<u>\$ 2,611</u>	<u>\$ 2,727</u>	<u>\$ 3,214</u>	<u>\$ 38,136</u>

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Polls Open 8am – 8pm

To: Lee Mank, resident of the Town of Readfield, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Readfield in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Kents Hill School - Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main St** in said Town on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A.D. 2021, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 42 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, said articles being the following:

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

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

- Doorenbos, Carol
- Keegan, Sean
- Neily, Aaron
- Write in: _____
- Write in: _____

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

- Gordon, Patricia
- Roderick, Shawn
- Write in: _____
- Write in: _____

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

- Write in: _____

Article 3: Shall the Town of Readfield vote to allow the Select Board to establish **Salaries and or Wages** of town officers and employees, not elsewhere established, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 24, 2021** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 25, 2022** 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 6% 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 4% , which is the same as the State Rate of 4% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

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, 2021 to October 1, 2021?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 620,098 for the **Administration** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration	\$321,375
Insurance	\$150,913

Office Equipment	\$ 6,720
Assessing	\$ 23,675
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 76,715
Planning Board	\$ 1,100
Appeals Board	\$ 100
Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$ 12,000
Heating Assistance	\$ 2,500
Attorney Fees	\$ 25,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$144,915** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 100,765
Building Maintenance	\$ 35,900
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 8,250

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$75,466** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Age Friendly and Library budget line carried forward?

Animal Control	\$ 14,445
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$ 4,500
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 2,100
Library Services	\$ 37,666
Readfield TV	\$ 7,085
Street Lights	\$ 4,000
Broadband	\$ 5,000
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 420

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,321** for the **Recreation, Parks, Activities and Open Space** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 17,235
Recreation	\$ 18,586
Heritage Days	\$ 5,000
Conservation	\$ 6,250
Town Properties	\$ 2,750
Trails	\$ 500

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$154,335** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines with the any unexpended balances to carry forward from Fire Department Operations and Tower Sites into capital reserve account?

Fire Department Operating	\$ 74,425
Ambulance Service	\$ 38,110
Tower Sites	\$ 4,550
Dispatching	\$ 36,750
Emergency Operations	\$ 500

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$22,700** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$417,850 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	\$ 125,200
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 292,650

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 14: 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, Library and Road Improvements (b) borrowing on behalf of the Town, a sum not to exceed \$395,000 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, Library and Roads?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$939,372.03
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0.00
C. Bonds to be issued if Article 14 is approved:	\$395,000.00
Total:	\$1,334,372.03

Costs- Warrant Article 14 Town Building Improvements and Paving

At an estimated interest rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) for a term of fifteen (15) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

A. Total Bond Principal:	\$395,000.00
B. Total Estimated Interest:	\$ 81,115.74
C. Total Estimated Debt Service:	\$476,115.74

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

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

A. 2021 State Valuation:	\$301,400,000
B. Limit Factor:	x 7.5%
C. Debt Limit:	\$22,605,000.00

Prepared by: Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$892,858 for the Capital Improvements budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Fire Dept.	\$ 10,000
Fire Station Addition	\$ 200,000
Gile Hall	\$ 10,000
Parks & Recreation	\$ 75,000
Library Building	\$ 50,000
Open Space	\$ 10,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Sidewalk	\$ 45,000
Roads	\$ 422,000
Equipment	\$ 15,000
Equipment Leases	\$ 6,177
Transfer Station	\$ 44,681

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$323,665 for the Solid Waste budget category with all accounts to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$49,000 for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 24,000
First Park	\$ 25,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$310,000 for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$125,224 for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2016 Fire Truck Bond	\$ 54,132
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond	\$ 19,242
2020 Municipal Building Bond	\$ 46,442
2021 Municipal Building and Paving	\$ 5,408

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 20: 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 21: 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 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$1,513 for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$1,250 for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$2,362 for the **Courtesy Boat Inspection Program**, with \$1,575 for the **Maranacook Lake Association** and \$787 for the **Torsey Pond Association**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 25: 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 26: 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 27: 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 28: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,569 paid to the Town by the State (based on snowmobile registrations) for the **Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club** to be used for trail creation and maintenance?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000 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	\$45,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 31: 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 32: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2021 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 225,000
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 30,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 6,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 4,000
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$211,911
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 9,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 6,955
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 7,500
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$575,000
Agent Fees	\$ 9,000
Newsletter	\$ 100
Public Notice Fees	\$ 500
Business License Fees	\$ 50
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,500
Other Income	\$ 5,000
Heating	\$ 2,500
Plumbing Fees	\$ 5,000
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 6,000
Inter local CEO/LPI	\$ 36,135
Fuel Tax Reimbursement	\$ 200
Dog License Fees	\$ 2,500
Rabies Clinic	\$ 1,000
Library Revenue	\$ 3,167
Cable Television Fees	\$ 30,000
Beach Income	\$ 3,500
Recreation Income	\$ 14,210
Heritage Days	\$ 500
Protection	\$ 3,450
Local Roads	\$ 32,000
Bond Proceeds	\$395,000
Ballfields Donations	\$ 45,000
Sidewalks	\$ 36,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 14,533
Transfer Station	\$216,838
First Park	\$ 25,000

Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,569
Enterprise Fund	\$ 2,000
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 5,000
Total	\$1,972,618

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the 2021 Tax Commitment?

Conservation	\$ 5,450
Local Tax Relief	\$ 10,000
Municipal Building Bond	\$ 25,000
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 8,000
Recreation	\$ 5,000
Roads Operating	\$ 50,000
Sidewalk Capital	\$ 9,000
Transfer Station Capital	\$ 19,820
Trust Funds Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 6,000
Total	\$138,270

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **\$25,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (General Fund), in the aggregate for one or more purposes as necessary to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$225,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to reduce the total tax commitment?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to transfer **\$10,000** from the **Cemeteries Operating Reserve** to the **Cemeteries Capital Reserve Account**?

Article 37: Shall an ordinance entitled **Town of Readfield Solar Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 38: Shall an ordinance entitled **2021 Amendments to the Town of Readfield Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

Article 39: Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 2501(3), Shall the Town vote to be governed by Title 21-A, § 696(2)(C) and Title 21-A, § 722-A, intending that votes for write-in candidates in municipal elections beginning with the 2022 Annual Town Meeting will be counted only if each write-in candidate has filed a timely declaration of write-in candidacy with the Municipal Clerk.

Article 40: The following is a non-binding question to establish interest and guidance for future town considerations: Should the Select Board in 2021 and 2022 pursue the establishment of a fiber to the home high speed internet network available to all residents?

Article 41: To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to state legislators, Members of Congress, Governor, and President of the United States that the town hereby calls upon our Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect Maine from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support Cash-Back Carbon Pricing that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis with monthly dividend checks. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to the above mentioned parties by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of this vote.

Article 42: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting?

Voted & Approved on _____, 2021 by:

Bruce Bourgoine, Chair

Dennis Price, Vice Chair

Ralph Eno

Christine Sammons

Kathryn Mills Woodsum

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____
Kristin Parks, Interim Town Clerk
Town of Readfield

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Dates to Remember

January 1	New Year's Day Holiday
January 8	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 1	Dog License Late Fees Begin
February 15	President' Day
February 26	Second Half of 2020 Taxes Due
February 27	Interest begins on unpaid Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes
April 19	Patriots' Day
May 19	RSU 38 On Floor Vote
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday
June 8	Town Meeting Secret Ballot/RSU Validation
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
September 6	Labor Day Holiday
September 24	First Half of 2021 Taxes Due
September 25	Interest begins on unpaid Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes
October 11	Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday
October 15	2021 Dog Registrations Begin
November 2	Election Day
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 25	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
November 26	Thanksgiving Friday Holiday
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day

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