

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Total Votes Cast: 705

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

Article 2: Select Board & School Board Positions:

- Elect one Select Board members for a three-year term:

Linton, David	<u>392</u>
Price, Dennis	<u>299</u>
Blanks	<u>13</u>
Write-ins	<u>1</u>
- Elect one RSU #38 School Board members for a three-year term:

Rodriguez, Marie	<u>204</u>
Tarback, Brian	<u>443</u>
Blanks	<u>56</u>
Write-ins	<u>2</u>
- Elect one Local School Committee member for a one-year term:

Blanks	<u>682</u>
Write-ins	<u>23</u>
- Elect one Local School Committee member for a two-year term:

Blanks	<u>690</u>
Write-ins	<u>15</u>
- Elect one Local School Committee member for a three-year term:

Blanks	<u>692</u>
Write-ins	<u>13</u>

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, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

YES 508 NO 169 BLANKS 28

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 29, 2023** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 23, 2024** as the dates upon each of which one-half of the property taxes are due and payable, and as the dates from which interest will be charged on any unpaid taxes at a rate of 8% per year, which is the State rate pursuant to Title 36 MRSA § 505.4?

YES 537 NO 136 BLANKS 32

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Pay Interest** at a rate of 8% , which is the same as the State Rate of 8% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

YES 536 NO 136 BLANKS 33

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, 2023 to October 1, 2023?

YES 467 NO 186 BLANKS 52

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$697,980 for the **Administration** budget category for the following budget lines?

Municipal Administration	\$355,395			
Insurance	\$161,835			
Office Equipment	\$ 32,850			
Assessing	\$ 25,200			
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 85,200			
Grants/Planning Ser.	\$ 10 ,000			
Heating Assistance	\$ 2,500			
Attorney Fees	\$ 25,000			
		YES 497	NO 188	BLANKS 20

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$176,710 for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 128,760				
Building Maintenance	\$ 34,450				
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 13,500				
YES	530	NO	156	BLANKS	19

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$79,220 for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines?

Animal Control	\$ 11,045				
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	\$ 4,500				
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 2,000				
Library Services	\$ 49,925				
Readfield TV	\$ 9,700				
Street Lights	\$ 1,500				
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 550				
YES	519	NO	167	BLANKS	19

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$49,548 for the **Recreation, Parks & Activities** budget category for the following budget lines?

Beach	\$ 17,568				
Recreation	\$ 16,700				
Heritage Days	\$ 6,600				
Conservation	\$ 4,750				
Town Properties	\$ 2,000				
Trails	\$ 1,930				
YES	495	NO	191	BLANKS	19

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to pursue the development of an expanded multi-use recreational field area at the Fairgrounds property, consistent with the Town's Fairgrounds Management Plan; with any final project plans coming before the voters for approval; and with the project construction to be funded exclusively by Federal, State, and private grant sources and donations which the Town is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend?

YES	412	NO	270	BLANKS	23
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Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$184,835 for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines?

Fire Department Operating	\$ 76,715				
Ambulance Service	\$ 56,070				
Tower Sites	\$ 4,550				
Dispatching	\$ 46,500				
Emergency Operations	\$ 1,000				
YES	604	NO	84	BLANKS	17

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$19,500 for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category?

YES	552	NO	135	BLANKS	18
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Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$586,750 for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category?

Summer Road Maintenance	\$ 118,000				
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 468,750				
YES	573	NO	111	BLANKS	21

Article 15: Shall the Select Board of the Town be authorized to enter into an agreements providing for (a) the purchase of a **Pumper-Tanker Fire Truck** and (b) borrowing on behalf of the Town, a sum not to exceed **\$348,057** 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, and the redemption with or without premium, for the purpose of appropriating funds to pay a portion of the costs of the Fire Truck subject to passage of Articles 16 & 17?

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

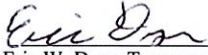
1. Town Indebtedness -

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 1,126,011
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if Article 15 is approved:	\$ 348,057
D. Total:	\$ 1,474,068

2. Costs - Warrant Article 15, Fire Truck Bond. At an estimated interest rate of four percent (4%) for a term of ten (10) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

A. Total Bond Principal:	\$ 348,057
B. Total Estimated Interest:	\$ 77,663
C. Total Estimated Debt Service:	\$ 425,720

3. **Validity** - The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.
4. **Debt Limit** - In accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §5701 & §5702, a municipality may not borrow funds if the borrowing would cause the municipality to exceed its debt limit.
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| A. 2023 State Valuation: | \$360,400,000.00 |
| B. Limit Factor: | x 7.5% |
| C. Debt Limit: | \$ 27,030,000.00 |

Signed by: 
Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer

YES 465 NO 220 BLANKS 20

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$200,000** from the **Fire Department Building Reserve**, being funds originally borrowed to pay for capital improvements to the Fire Station as approved by vote of the June 8, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and **\$75,000** from the **Fire Department Capital Reserve** to be used to offset the cost of a new **Pumper-Tanker Fire Truck**, subject to passage of Articles 15 & 17?

YES 490 NO 194 BLANKS 21

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$623,057** for a new **Pumper Tanker Fire Truck** subject to passage of Articles 15 & 16?

YES 454 NO 228 BLANKS 23

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$574,225** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines?

Gile Hall	\$ 10,000
Library Building	\$ 5,000
Open Space	\$ 50,000
Cemetery	\$ 17,000
Sidewalk	\$ 67,500
Roads	\$ 325,000
Equipment	\$ 33,000
Equipment Leases	\$ 6,177
Transfer Station	\$ 60,548

YES 429 NO 254 BLANKS 22

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$390,752** for the **Solid Waste** budget category?

YES 492 NO 189 BLANKS 24

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$47,665** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 27,665
First Park	\$ 20,000

YES 498 NO 184 BLANKS 23

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$355,185** for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

YES 551 NO 129 BLANKS 25

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$154,192** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Fire Truck Bonds	\$ 59,766
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond	\$ 18,459
2020 Municipal Building Bond	\$ 45,498
2021 Municipal Building and Paving	\$ 30,469

YES 541 NO 136 BLANKS 28

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Local Tax Relief Program** budget category?

YES 522 NO 161 BLANKS 22

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health**?

YES 496 NO 188 BLANKS 21

Article 25: 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**?

YES 518 NO 163 BLANKS 24

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,312** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

YES 514 NO 166 BLANKS 25

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$787 for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, for the **Torsey Pond Association**?

YES 510 NO 175 BLANKS 20

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$910 for the **Sexual Assault Agency**?

YES 522 NO 162 BLANKS 21

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$2,500 for the **30 Mile River Association**?

YES 420 NO 261 BLANKS 24

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$5,000 for continued restoration of the **Readfield Union Meeting House**?

YES 430 NO 246 BLANKS 29

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$1,000 for the **Maranacook Food Bank**?

YES 581 NO 108 BLANKS 16

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of \$2,000 for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program, for the **Maranacook Lake Association**?

YES 521 NO 162 BLANKS 22

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,735 paid to the Town by the State (based on snowmobile registrations) for the **Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club** to be used for trail creation and maintenance?

YES 548 NO 137 BLANKS 20

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the **Unclassified** budget category for the following budget lines?

Readfield Enterprise Fund \$10,000
Real Estate Property Revaluation \$25,000
Overdraft \$ 5,000
Abatements \$20,000

YES 375 NO 304 BLANKS 26

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the **General Assistance** budget category?

YES 507 NO 168 BLANKS 30

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to authorize **Expenditure of Revenues** from Federal, State, and private grant sources for those purposes for which the grant is intended?

YES 544 NO 129 BLANKS 32

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Revenues** estimated below to reduce the 2023 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing \$ 430,000
Interest on Property Taxes \$ 20,000
Interest on Investments \$ 37,000
Veterans Exemption \$ 2,500
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement \$ 229,036
Tree Growth Reimbursement \$ 14,000
BETE Reimbursement \$ 6,422
Boat Excise Taxes \$ 8,500
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes \$ 600,000
Agent Fees \$ 14,000
Public Notice Fees \$ 500
Business License Fees \$ 50
Certified Copy Fees \$ 1,500
Other Income \$ 5,000
Heating \$ 2,500
Plumbing Fees \$ 6,000
Land Use Permit Fees \$ 15,000
Interlocal CEO/LPI \$ 42,000
Dog License Fees \$ 1,500
Rabies Clinic \$ 500
Library Revenue \$ 4,500
Cable Television Fees \$ 30,000
Beach Income \$ 2,000
Recreation Income \$ 19,100
Protection \$ 3,700
Local Roads \$ 36,000
Bond Proceeds \$ 348,057

Grants- Sidewalk	\$	30,000			
Transfer Station Capital	\$	17,726			
Transfer Station	\$	260,561			
First Park	\$	20,000			
Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$	1,735			
Enterprise Fund	\$	3,000			
General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$	2,500			
Total		\$2,214,887			
YES	607	NO	73	BLANKS	25

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Fund** balances to reduce the 2023 Tax Commitment?

Age Friendly	\$	2,000			
Attorney Fees	\$	5,000			
Capital Equipment	\$	10,000			
Cemeteries	\$	5,000			
Cemeteries Capital	\$	12,000			
Conservation	\$	4,000			
Grants & Planning	\$	5,000			
Heritage Days	\$	1,000			
Library Operating	\$	2,000			
Local Tax Relief	\$	10,000			
Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$	7,000			
Revaluation	\$	25,000			
Roads Capital	\$	75,000			
Sidewalk (Church Rd.)	\$	7,500			
Town Properties	\$	2,000			
Transfer Station Capital	\$	29,803			
Transfer Station Operating	\$	5,000			
Trust Funds Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	10,000			
Total		\$217,303			
YES	544	NO	132	BLANKS	29

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **\$25,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (General Fund), in the aggregate for one or more purposes as necessary to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

YES	447	NO	225	BLANKS	33
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Article 40: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$275,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to reduce the total tax commitment?

YES	540	NO	134	BLANKS	31
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Article 41: Shall an ordinance entitled 2023 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted?

YES	346	NO	310	BLANKS	49
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Article 42: Shall an ordinance entitled **Town Beach Ordinance** of the Town of Readfield Maine be enacted

YES	433	NO	218	BLANKS	54
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Article 43: Shall the Town vote to adopt the 2023 **Comprehensive Plan** for the Town of Readfield, said plan to replace the existing 2009 Comprehensive Plan in its entirety?

YES	363	NO	303	BLANKS	39
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A true copy of the June 13, 2023 voting results for the Town Meeting Warrant.

Attest: 
 Kristin Parks, Town Clerk, Town of Readfield

