

Town of Readfield



Annual Report



July 01, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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DEDICATION

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” - Elizabeth Andrew

The Town of Readfield is proud to dedicate the 2023 Annual Town Report to all of the hard working Town of Readfield Volunteers! Past, present and future!

Without all of the hard work, time and effort that you all dedicate to the Town, the Boards, Committees and Commissions of the town, friends and neighbors of Readfield and even strangers along the way; we all are so appreciative and grateful for all that YOU do!

THANK YOU
Volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Dogs at Large - 33
General Cat Complaints - 10
Wildlife Related Calls - 18
Animals Brought to KVHS - 10
Animal Trespassing - 9
Farm Animals at Large - 8

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

Total Number of Dogs Registered from July 2021 to June 2022 - 623

Number of Confirmed Cases of Rabies in Kennebec County (July to June) - 6

Dogs Registrations run from January to December and begin October 15 and are due by December 31. The cost is \$6.00 if altered and \$11.00 if unaltered.

All dogs need to be licensed upon reaching the age of 6 months in the town where it resides. Or after the dog has been with the family for 10 days, if adopted.



Boston Post Cane Holder

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.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Assessing Agent works on behalf of Readfield's three-person Board of Assessors to perform the administrative duties on behalf of the Board. These duties include discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable property including both real estate and personal property, processing all real estate ownership changes, and the review and processing of applications for various property tax exemption and tax relief programs. Exemptions available to Readfield residents include: the Homestead Exemption which provides a reduction of up to \$25,000 off the full assessed valuation of your home, the Veterans Exemption which generally provides a \$6,000 valuation exemption for most veterans (paraplegic veterans can receive up to a \$50,000 exemption), and the blind exemption of up to \$6,000 for any residential real estate.

Each of the exemptions has a different criterion for qualification. The Homestead Exemption only applies to property owned and occupied by the applicant as the applicant's permanent residence. Additionally, the applicant must have owned a homestead in Maine for a year before they can qualify. To qualify for the Veterans Exemption, the veteran must be 62 years old or be totally disabled and must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during a federally recognized war period or some other period of time recognized in Maine law. A recent law change allows any veteran who served in the armed forces during any part of the period of February 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961 to qualify for a veterans exemption if they are otherwise qualified (62 years of age or 100% disabled). An un-remarried widow, widower or the minor child of a deceased veteran may also qualify for the veteran's exemption. Once the applicant has qualified for one of more of these three exemptions, there is no requirement for them to reapply in subsequent years. Applications for these exemptions must be filed on or before April 1 in the year it is to first take effect.

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>. Of these tax relief programs, the Property Tax Stabilization Program was enacted in 2022 by the Legislature to cap or freeze the property taxes paid by qualified elderly residents at 2022 levels. To qualify, a resident must be at least 65 years of age, a permanent resident of Maine, must have applied on or before December 1, 2022, had to have owned a homestead in Maine for at least 10 years, and the property must be eligible for the Homestead Exemption. Currently the legislature is considering a number of changes to parts of the program that are considered difficult and expensive to administer, namely annual reapplication by the taxpayer and administrative costs to municipalities required by the program to name a few. At this juncture it is impossible to know what those change might become law. The program has proven to be very popular with elderly homeowners. In Readfield, over 200 homeowners have applied and qualified for the 2023 tax year. It is assumed any changes made by the Legislature this year to this program will not affect the 2023 tax year.

By David Lewder, Assessing Agent

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Annual Report of Actions, Numbers and Thoughts From the Office of the CEO / LPI

The chart below lays out the trends over the past two town years and comparison of first half year 2023 vs. 2022.

Building and plumbing permitting have been back up the first half of this year and with inspections, DEP work and complaints the office has been busy. Compliance with residents coming in for permits and following ordinances has been improving as time goes by.

The start of collecting marijuana fees for medical dispensaries and grows has added to the CEO numbers, as witnessed on the chart. In addition, the large Solar Farm fees have also contributed to the bottom line. Roof and ground residential solar installations continue to grow and be constructed in compliance to our planning board's solar ordinance safety and size specifications.

My office has commenced actions on certain local blighted properties, some have been very cooperative in fixing “the mess”, and as expected, others have been challenging. I try to be fair and even handed in my actions and work with any and all issues that arise in the enforcement process.

Shoreland issues have been in the spotlight in the past year in decisions by the CEO and Planning Board. We are faced with State, DEP and local regulation in all our decisions in the shoreland residential and protection zones. It is a challenge many times to work applicants “wants” versus regulations, but all are treated with fairness and hard thought and we work to do the best we can. The protection of our lakes and waterways are critical to the health of our waters, the maintenance of water property values and the overall environment.

Plumbing and subsurface septic are also growing in permitting. We are lucky to have much great local talent in these fields that provide excellent work. My office keeps a log of this talent and can share it as informational should you need it. I can't recommend any names due to legal and fairness issues, but I do have the list should you need it.

Finally, I appreciate all the residents of our town for their support and kind words throughout the year. Your support keeps me going when work volumes are overwhelming and when I am doing inspections in challenging temperatures. Thank you!

Chip Stephens - CEO, LPI, E911 and LHO

	2022	2021	Difference	1st 1/2 23	1st 1/2 22
PERMIT TYPE					
NEW HOMES	8	16	-8		
RENOVATION/REPAIR	23	24	-1		
GARAGE/BARN/ACCESORY	44	25	19		
COMMERCIAL BUILDING	4	1	3		
DRIVEWAY	12	11	1		
DEMOLITION	3	1	2		
MARIJUANNA	4	0	4		
SOLAR	6	4	2		
JUNK	3	3	0		
PLANNING BOARD APP	6	0	6		
TOTALS	113	85	113	49	39
CEO INCOME	\$20771 (a)	\$6,903	\$13,868	\$ 17152 (b)	\$3,308
LPI PERMITS	52	73	-21	48	18
SSWD	22	41		12	6
INTERNAL	30	32		36	11
	\$ 7,360	\$ 11,685	\$(4,325)	\$ 4,020	\$ 2,080

Notes:
a. includes 2 Large projects, solar permit and new marijuana fees
b. Includes a 12K stipulated settlement

FIRE DEPARTMENT



READFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

8 OLD KENTS HILL ROAD

READFIELD, MAINE 04351

Tel: (207) 685-4401

Lee Mank, Chief



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The Readfield Fire Department responded to 107 calls for assistance from January 01, 2022 thru December 31, 2022.

Readfield Calls for Assistance

Car Fire - 1

Medical Assist - 2

Auto Accident - 20

Chimney Fire - 1

Structure Fire - 2

Alarms - 8

Brush Fire - 2

Wires or Trees in the Road - 12

Other - 9

Mutual Aid Calls for Assistance - 41

Includes Structure Fires, Chimney Fires, Auto Accidents, Brush Fires, Water Rescues, Alarms or Canceled Enroute or other calls for assistance.

Yet again another year has past in a blink of an eye. Most of our calls in Readfield still remain auto accidents. This year we did see a rise in false alarms called in from security companies, while a couple were problems with the alarm system many were problems in the security companies computer systems. Storms also seem to be getting more intense bringing down a lot of branches and trees.

We have gotten moved into the new addition and it is working well. We started a firefighter 1-2 class this January and to have a proper area to conduct classroom instruction is awesome. There are 19 students taking the class, 8 being from Readfield, the other 11 coming from the other 4 mutual aid towns that make up Lakes Region Mutual Aid.

You will be asked on the June 2023 ballot if you are in favor of purchasing a new fire truck. This is to replace a 1988 truck that was supposed to be replaced in 2018. We held off due to the station addition and the pandemic, from the first quote we got to last quote we got this spring it has gone up over \$200000.00 with an over a two year wait on delivery. If approved in June 2023 we will most likely not see the truck until late fall of 2025 or early 2026.

Thank you for your support

Stay healthy and stay safe.

Respectively submitted by,

Lee Mank Chief Readfield Fire Department

TOWN CLERK / REGISTRAR

Kristin M. Parks

Town Clerk / Registrar / Maine Notary Public

Voting Information

Readfield residents may register to vote during regular business hours at the Town Office as well as on election day at the polls. Identification and proof of residency are required when registering to vote. The Registrar will need to record your driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number on the back side of your enrollment card.

If you have questions about registering to vote please contact: (207) 685-4939 or clerk@readfieldmaine.org

Annual Town Meeting is held the second Tuesday in June.

Voting is held at Kents Hill School Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main Street, Readfield

Polls Open: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm unless otherwise stated.



*Between July 1, 2021
through June 30, 2022 the
following vital statistics
were reported:*

Births ~ 21
Deaths ~ 32
Marriages ~ 13

Readfield Voters

As of 06/30/2022

Democrat - 812

Green Independent - 107

Republican - 728

Libertarian - 6

Unenrolled - 663

Total Registered Readfield Voters - 2,316



**FROM THE
TOWN
CLERK**

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager (Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Transfer Station Manager) July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Finances:

The Town continued to operate efficiently in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) and we invested extensively in capital improvements. The mil rate decreased from 17.57 to 15.79 due to a number of circumstances including a 10% factor on Real Estate property values and a smaller net tax impact. Both Municipal and RSU #38 tax appropriations decreased in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Other financial highlights are as follows:

The Town's governmental fund assets and liabilities were balanced at \$5,841,409.

The Town's operations for this year resulted in an increase in net position of \$455,737. The Town's net expenses of \$6,330,745 were less than general revenues of \$6,786,482.

Total General Fund expenses in fiscal year 2022 were \$5,758,261. Total General Fund revenues in fiscal year 2022 were \$6,559,592.

At the close of the fiscal year, the Town's "undesignated" fund balance was \$1,983,852. This represents a \$445,669 increase from the prior year.

The Town's non-major "designated" fund balance was \$2,042,468 at the end of the fiscal year. This represents an increase of \$895,553 from the prior year.

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. www.readfieldmaine.org

Roads & Infrastructure:

Road work in FY22 was limited to maintenance activities as a result of significant capital expense in the prior fiscal year. In other words, FY22 was a "saving year" for future road work.

Additional capital improvement work was proposed at the Readfield Fire Station and Readfield Public Library in FY22, with proposed access improvements to the Library and the installation of a sprinkler system at the Fire Station. Funds were raised but not expended for these projects.

Notable Community Events:

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact our community, both financially and socially. The lack of readily available labor and materials, and the rising costs of both, were felt strongly. A number of capital projects were delayed and many municipal operations were curtailed or run with a slim staff and budget. These changes are not sustainable and if they continue could be harmful to the quality of our infrastructure and municipal services. Future budgets will need to address these issues by returning to active investment in infrastructure and in personnel and programs. This will be challenging given the need to moderate tax impacts and gradually return to pre-pandemic levels of spending, assuming that residents wish to return to pre-pandemic levels of service.

In FY22 the Town continued its efforts to bring affordable, reliable, high-speed fiber internet to all of our residents and businesses with a series of warrant questions at a special Town Meeting in November. Residents overwhelmingly supported pursuing a project, to be voted upon in June of 2022. However, changing economic conditions and active telecom opposition saw the project defeated.

Eric Dyer
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AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

List of Age Friendly Activities:

Representative went to the Orono State Age Friendly meeting at which time Romaine was recognized for her years of work with Readfield Age Friendly Committee and is now one of 8 Fellows in the statewide program.

June 2022 - Age Friendly Committee began working with Neighbors Driving Neighbors to initiate the opportunity for Readfield to join. This work continued throughout the year with an official Kick Off happening on June 25, 2023.

Age Friendly Committee had an all day presence at the June 2022 election to invite more volunteers.

Age Friendly Committee selected a representative to join the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Age Friendly Committee submitted monthly updates to the Readfield Messenger.

Age Friendly Committee along with Readfield Community Library hosted the Marti Stevens Interactive Theater presentation.

Age Friendly Committee restarted the very successful Senior Café with Maranacook Middle School students.

Age Friendly Committee revised the Handy Helper Flyer and Town of Resource List/Magnet.

Age Friendly Committee organized the very successful Readfield U program during March 2023 with 17 presenters and over 80 participants.

Age Friendly Committee selected a representative to the Fairgrounds Working Committee.

Age Friendly Committee sent representatives to the Regional Age Friendly Workshop.

Age Friendly Committee submitted their 5-year Progress Report to the State Age Friendly Committee organization.

Age Friendly Committee sent a representative to the Regional Transportation meeting.

There was a great deal of turnover in the Age Friendly Committee membership during the course of this year. Ed Sims, Select board liaison Ralph Eno and Romaine Turyn all moved on. We are greatly appreciative of the many years of service to this committee that have created such a productive committee dedicated to enhancing lifelong living for all ages in Readfield.

Happily, 4 new members joined Readfield Age Friendly Committee – Eric Johnson, Deb Carey and Margaret Livingston and Steve DeAngelis as Select Board liaison. Everyone brings a host of ideas and enthusiasm to the work of this group. There are lots of new and continuing projects that Readfield Age Friendly Committee hopes to bring forth in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Katz



Readfield U
Learn
Something New!

Age Friendly Committee
Meets the 2nd Wednesday
of the Month at 9:00 AM
at the Town Office

BOARD OF APPEALS

From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Readfield Board of Appeals met four times. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, each public meeting involved a hybrid format, where participants could attend in-person at Town Hall or remotely via Zoom.

From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Readfield Board of Appeals considered items from the following two applicants.

⇒ Scott and Dawn Morash

On July 6, 2021, the Morashes, through their attorney, asked the Board of Appeals to reexamine the Morashes' variance application from August 2020, regarding their property at 111 Mayo Road. On September 3, 2021, the Morashes completed a new variance application. On October 28, 2021, the Board of Appeals visited the Morashes' property and held a public hearing to consider a variance from the setback requirements for the applicants' single family dwelling. One board member could not attend the hearing. By a vote of three to three, the Board of Appeals denied the applicants' variance. As of June 30, 2022, the Board of Appeals had no further involvement with this property at 111 Mayo Road.

⇒ Safe Space Meeting House

On November 3, 2021, the Readfield Planning Board issued a decision, which denied SSMH's land use permit application for the property located at 26 Mill Stream Rd. On December 6, 2021, SSMH appealed the Planning Board's decision to the Board of Appeals. On January 13, 2022, the Board of Appeals met. The Board of Appeals conducted its annual organization meeting. Long-time chair Peter Bickerman expressed his desire for the Board of Appeals to have a new Chair. The Board of Appeals chose Will Gagné Holmes as Chair, Peter Bickerman as Vice-Chair, and Holly Rahmlow as Secretary. The Board of Appeals also discussed procedural issues for the February 3, 2022 hearing regarding SSMH's appeal. On February 3, 2022, the Board of Appeals met and conducted an appellate hearing on SSMH's appeal of the Planning Board's decision. By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board of Appeals denied SSMH's appeal. On February 17, 2022, the Board of Appeals met to adopt a written decision for the February 3, 2022 hearing.

At the Town election on June 14, 2022, voters adopted some relatively minor but cogent changes to Readfield's Board of Appeals Ordinance.

On June 30, 2022, Frances Zambella ended his tenure with the Board of Appeals. He refrained from reapplying for a new term at the end of his current term. As of June 30, 2022, the Board had one vacant position and consisted of six members rather than seven.

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

Respectfully submitted, Will Gagné Holmes, Readfield Board of Appeals Chair

BROADBAND INTERNET COMMITTEE

The Broadband Committee worked hard last year to help the town develop an option for improvements to the existing broadband (internet) service for Readfield residents. The committee consisted of the following volunteers: Eric Falconer, Lee Sandler, Brian Tarbuck, Daniel Wells, Kathryn Woodsum. The committee met 12 times over the last year.

The purpose of the committee was to review options to bring High Speed Internet Service for all residents of Readfield, analyze costs for all options and present information to the Select Board for a town wide vote.

The committee reviewed bids to provide High Speed Internet Service to the Town of Readfield and determined that AXIOM's bid was the most comprehensive proposal received as well as the lowest cost. This was presented to the Select Board, they in turn directed Eric Dyer, the Town Manager, to go into contract negotiations with AXIOM for High Speed Internet Service. Eric, along with committee members, reviewed the contract to provide the best possible service for the most reasonable price to present to the voters in June.

Residents were asked to vote on whether or not to fund a Readfield owned internet utility at the annual town meeting on June 14, 2022, which was presented under Article 10. The results of Article 10 vote were: Yes 309, No 517, Blank 17. There was no further pursuit of a solution at that time.

Submitted by, Daniel Wells

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee operated in a hybrid mode for this season. We had the majority of our members present at Gile Hall, while having a few participate via Zoom. 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 Teresa continue to be invaluable resources in our fact finding and deliberation.

The Committee worked with the Select Board and Town staff to develop a budget that included consideration of a town-owned broadband network and development of additional athletic and recreational facilities at the Fairgrounds. There was a diversity of opinions on both these major projects, and, in the end, neither was approved by the voters. Other parts of the budget were less controversial, and the resultant budget continues to be conservative and careful about both maintaining Town functions and limiting the tax impact on our citizens.

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. We encourage citizen participation and feedback about our work. All our meetings are open to the public.

Submitted by, Andrews Tolman

CEMETERY COMMITTEE & SEXTON

With another year come and gone in the cemeteries throughout Readfield, there is a fair amount to report on. The Cemetery Committee and I have continued to be on the lookout for potentially dangerous trees, repair stones and maintain these deeply personal grounds. The most exciting development in the cemeteries was hiring on a summer intern through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center's Maine Government Summer Internship Program. The amazing intern that came on board, Megan Lemiex from Unity College, performed an incredible job striving to update our cemetery records. Taking a review of the work done this past year, I can say that we have continued to strive to do our best in the cemeteries and learn as much as we can along the way. I am grateful for the support of the Cemetery Committee, my fellow coworkers, the Select Board and the countless people I have interacted with in the course of my duties.

Taylor Stevenson of Stevenson Solutions provided additional tree work in the cemeteries. More specifically he took down some low hanging branches/deadwood and ground eleven stumps in Readfield Corner Cemetery and three stumps in East Readfield Cemetery. Thankfully no additional trees had to be removed; however, we remain vigilant in addressing trees that pose a potential harm to the cemeteries.

We worked with Collette Monuments in Readfield Corner to address five medium sized up right monuments that had either fallen over or had experienced significant settlement/erosion issues that had to be addressed. Working alongside Hugh LeMaster from Collette Monuments was another positive experience. His knowledge and eagerness to assist those in charge of caring for cemeteries is greatly appreciated. Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters spent another week in East Readfield Cemetery repairing a variety of stones. Joe repaired four medium sized marble monuments, one small marble monument and three marble tablets. Almost all of these stones needed an extensive amount of work done to them. The medium and small marble monuments all had to be reset, pinned, epoxied together and infilled with lithomax. One marble tablet was in three pieces that had to be epoxied together and the other two marble tablets were broken at the base and also needed to be epoxied together. The stone repairs this year provided me another valuable experience in addressing a wide variety of stones and working with other entities to address the many needs throughout the cemeteries. In addition to working with Collette Monuments and Grave Stone Matters, we purchased some supplies to repair some stones in house and are excited to begin putting the knowledge collected over the past couple years into action.

Megan Lemiex began her internship by double checking the veterans who are laid to rest in the seven cemeteries in Town. Dr. Chunzeng Wang from the University of Presque Isle provided much needed assistance in giving Megan an introduction to uploading information into ArcGIS and being open to provide help throughout the summer. With an introduction to ArcGIS, Megan hit the ground running. By the end of the summer, Megan was able to log almost all the interments in East Readfield with an overlay of the cemetery map and did the same with a large portion of Readfield Corner Cemetery. My intention is to finish logging interment information into ArcGIS with an overlay of the cemetery maps and have it available for the public to view online. Although we are not there yet, I am excited to continue to work on this information and have it as a future resource.

Every year presents plenty of challenges along the way, but I feel fortunate that I have been able to work alongside so many great people. Caring for cemeteries truly takes the assistance of so many and we are grateful to have people that are eager to do so. Now that another year is behind us, it's time to look forward to the coming year and continue on with the progress from the last one. Thank you again to everyone that has made the ongoing care for the cemeteries possible!

Interments - Full: 3; Cremains: 14 Lots Sold - 27

Respectfully submitted by Ben Rodriguez, Sexton

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan, or “Comp Plan” as it is often called, takes stock of where our town is and then sets goals for where the town's residents want it to be in the future. Readfield’s Comprehensive Plan has sought to protect the Town's rural residential character while making efficient use of public services and encouraging managed growth. Readfield last updated our comprehensive plan in 2009. Our current Comp Plan update helps us understand what has happened in town over the past decade and set new goals. In the most condensed form the Comp Plan can be described using the vision statement which is broad and like the Comp Plan itself speaks to economic diversity and sustainability as much as natural diversity and sustainability.

The Town of Readfield is a scenic, dynamic, and diverse community committed to fostering an inclusive, vibrant way of life for people of all backgrounds and ages. This vision commits to preserving the rural character of our community with a plan for a sustainable future.

It is also important to know what the Comp Plan is not. The Comp Plan is not a mandate, does not force any spending, and does not require any action be taken. The Comp Plan is just that - a plan. The Select Board and Town Meeting votes are ultimately responsible for any future implementation.

Where did the Information Come From?

Information in the Comprehensive Plan comes from multiple sources. Data and statistics make up a bulk of the background material and help identify in concrete terms how our community has changed since the last plan. These numbers come from Federal sources like the US Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics; and State sources like the Maine Department of Transportation and Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. This kind of hard data is necessary, but local information is also critically important and has a leading role in setting future direction.

Since beginning the Comprehensive Plan Update Process we have actively engaged the community in the process. We started by including several representatives from our outstanding boards and committees, and also members of the general public on the Comp Plan Committee. The committee held **26 public meetings** since 2021 and will have participated in **5 public hearings** by the end of May, with three dedicated exclusively to the Comp Plan. We also performed several outreach activities that included sending an **informational mailing to 939 households** through the USPS, participating in **special events at the**

2022 Heritage Days November Election, and collecting nearly **250 surveys from our residents and businesses**. We have additionally received feedback through individual calls, emails, and other correspondence. Thank you to everyone who participated!

What Have we Learned?

A lot! But there are a few messages that came through loud and clear from the data we collected and the residents who got involved with the Comp Plan update process:

- ⇒ **Our community has gotten older** since 2009, with a higher number of older residents per capita and a higher average age.
- ⇒ Factors like Land Use, Transportation, and Government Services have remained relatively stable.
- ⇒ **Residential development and growth have accelerated**, and quite significantly in the past few years, but not in village areas.
- ⇒ **Most residents (but of course not all) are generally ok with the way things are** and want to make only gradual changes to address pressing issues like:
 - **Maintaining our rural residential character**
 - **Addressing the aging of our community and the needs of older residents**
 - **Promoting a diversity of small businesses**
 - **Providing good public services cost effectively**
 - **Supporting local agriculture and protecting farmland and open space**
 - **Ensuring we continue to prioritize outdoor recreation opportunities**
 - **Discussing housing affordability, particularly new families and older residents**

Residents think the Town should be aware of these issues and involved in some, but that others should be left to private organizations and funding.

Communication with residents remains a top priority.

What's Next for Readfield?

If you want more information we have the 2023 Comp Plan and a tremendous collection of documents available on the Town website at www.readfieldmaine.org. Copies of the Comp Plan are also available at the Library and Town Office.

The comprehensive planning process is critical to a deliberate and thoughtful future for the Town of Readfield.



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. The work could not have been done without members Jerry Bley, Greg Durgin, Andy Walsh, Marty Hanish, Jaaron Shaw, Linnea Coons and Stephanie Donaldson. 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 helped the Trails Committee build trails on the Carlton Pond watershed. We appreciate the help of those who have worked on projects in the past year including members of the Readfield Trails Committee and others who have helped work on Readfield conservation properties. We have transitioned away from ZOOM meetings to live meetings in recent months. The meetings start at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. They are open to the public and visitors are welcome. 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. You will find the locations of trails on the Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Areas Map. The latest version printed in April, 2020 may be obtained at the town office. Items of interest are noted below.

1. We spent a good part of the spring 2022 working on the Fairgrounds softball field proposal. An alternate design proposed by Landscape architect, Regina Leonard, moved the location of the softball field and protected more of the grassland habitat than the first proposal. The focus of the Conservation Commission in this project is to protect the grassland habitat in the field where the development of the Softball field is proposed. The grasslands consist of goldenrod and other plants that provide pollen for native bees, butterflies and beneficial insects. There are two areas where dense growth of milkweed is found. This is a plant critical to the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly which has experienced an 80% decline in numbers over the past two decades and is on the verge of being designated an endangered species. Female Monarch Butterflies lay their eggs only on milkweed and nowhere else. It is important to protect the dense growth of milkweed at the Fairgrounds.

The Conservation Commission developed a compromise and submitted it to the Select Board in May. The Softball Field was placed on the warrant for the June election and was voted down. The effort to build a softball field was restarted in January 2023 using a more detailed process than in 2022 and a pledge that no money from Readfield Taxpayers would be used.

2. Numerous high wind storms ravaged some of our trails this past year. Conservation Commission members got out to the places where trees were brought down by the wind and lay across the trails. Led most often by Jerry Bley and Greg Durgin the cleanup teams wielding chainsaws usually removed the debris in a short time. The Center trail in the Town Forest was cleaned up after the 2021-22 tree harvest.

3. Hunting is not allowed in the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve (TPNP). Game warden Ethan Buuck asked us to post the boundary of the preserve because if land is not posted it is legal to use the land for hunting. The Commission will post the TPNP in the summer of 2023

4. In February we invited Vikki Leroux and Justin Triquet of Just Niks Mycosilva LLC to present and investment opportunity for the town of Readfield. They would help us grow the medicinal fungus Chaga on birch trees on town land. This would require an initial investment of about \$9,000 for the Chaga cultures. We thoroughly checked out the company and the positive and negative effects of cultivating Chaga and decided to recommend to the select board that this is an interesting opportunity but it would be prudent to wait 2 years to see how well the Just Niks Mycosilva Company does.

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, 2021-June 30, 2022. Librarian Melissa Small has continued to do an amazing job as librarian at the Library. The library is thriving and offers many services to the community. The Library has pursued grants to bolster the Library's programs and services.

Readfield Community Library by the numbers for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022:

- Total number of print materials in collection: 10,974
- Total number of audio physical units in collection: 486
- Total number of video physical units in collection: 983
- Total number of other physical units (Maine State Park pass, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens pass, Maine Audubon Backpacks, puzzles, snowshoes, kilowatt meters): 73
- Total number of circulated physical materials: 9,067 items
- Total number of circulated Cloud Library materials (e-book and audiobook): 1,551
- Total number of patron visits to the library: 4,816 actual and 61 curbside
- Total number of Interlibrary Loans processed: 675
- Total number of patron uses of public computers: 85
- Total number of wireless sessions: 3,167
- Total number of visits to the library website: 1,469
- Total number of new library cards issued: 95
- Total number of programs offered: 81 in person and 21 virtual
- Total attendance at library programs: 739 in person and 184 virtual

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who loyally serve the library year after year! We couldn't do it without you.

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

Regular Library Programs included:

- Monthly Book Group: In person or via Zoom
- Monthly Story Walk Events
- Maine Humanities Council Summer ReadME
- Summer Reading Program & Kick-Off (Oceans of Possibilities): June, 2022
- Weekly children's story time and craft at the beach in the warm weather and virtual story time via Zoom through December, 2021
- 2021 August Book Sale fundraiser
- Guess the weight of the Pumpkin Contest
- 2021 Holiday Tree Lighting with cookies/cocoa
- Hanukkah Celebration
- Take Your Child to the Library Day

Special Library Programs included:

- Build a Book Workshop: Summer, 2021
- Local Author/Illustrator Book Events: Children's Authors: Katie Coppins, Barbara Walsh, Barbara Bourgoine and Jemalie Bessette, Justine Fontes / Adult Authors: Sandra Neily, Emily Twarog, Nancy Beale
- Fix a Bike Workshop with The Bicycle Coalition of Maine- Fall and Spring
- Teen Reading Challenge and Kick-Off Event
- Pumpkin Carving with the Readfield Union Meeting House
- Writers Group
- Library Building Historic Sign Dedication with Readfield Historical Society
- "De-stress the Holidays" Event
- Compost Workshop
- Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
- Robert Burns Night
- Cake Decorating Workshop
- Career Center Consultant
- Food Rescue Maine Event
- Evening Poetry Stroll
- Cloud Library Workshop
- Alpaca Story Walk Event

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONTINUED

Grants:

- ARPA Formula Grant through Maine State Library (via American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) – \$2,500.00 received on August 31, 2021.

- Purchased: Maine Audubon Backpacks, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Pass, outdoor canopy, portable WiFi speaker, teen reading event costs, 2 patron laptops, new router, several children's events, and take/make craft supplies.

- New England Small and Rural Libraries Grant through the Association for Rural and Small Libraries – \$4,965.00 received on December 3, 2021

- Purchased: author talks, multiple children and teen events, portable PA system, outdoor bulletin board, Chewonki Programs (2)

Library Online presence:

- Library Website <http://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com> and Library Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ReadfieldCommunityLibrary>

These sites list scheduled events, the latest additions to the library collection, weather related closings and updated COVID information.

- CloudLibrary: Readfield Library patrons can borrow e-books and e-audio books for free through the CloudLibrary app.

- ComicsPlus provides access to a digital collection of over 20,000 comics, graphic novels, and manga. ComicsPlus works on the web and through an app available for Apple or Android.

- Digital Maine Library for newspapers, magazines, journals, reference materials, and learning resources.

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

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

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



1151 Main Street, Readfield ME

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Library Hours:

Monday	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm



SECOND WEEKEND IN AUGUST

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning 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." Additionally, the Planning Board regularly reviews and proposes revisions to the LUO in order to ensure its currency, accuracy and clarity.

The Board prepared and held a public hearing on a package of revisions to the LUO that was approved by voters at the June 2022 town meeting. These revisions included: reorganization, reformatting, and clarification of language related to the Site Review process; clarification of language related to certain standards, exceptions, and definitions; addition of a subsurface wastewater disposal system inspection requirement consistent with State law; and, rezoning of a single lot from Academic to Rural Residential.

The Board reviewed and acted upon applications for a variety of land use and construction/development projects during this time period, including several complex cases involving modifications of existing non-conforming structures:

- An application was reviewed and approved with conditions for the replacement of a seasonal non-conforming single-family dwelling on Maranacook Lake. The proposed project posed challenges due to its proximity to the lake and the road, and the steep slope of the lot.
- Following comprehensive review and deliberation, and the consideration of extensive public comment, the Board denied an application submitted for a change of use of structures/property located on Mill Stream Road in the Rural Residential District, from "single-family residential" to "community center/club". The applicant subsequently resubmitted a revised application; this application was also denied since it did not meet all relevant standards and was essentially the same proposal as had been previously submitted.
- The Board considered and approved a request by Syncarpha Solar for a one-year extension to the required timeframe for initiation of construction of its approved solar array on Route 17.
- An application was considered and approved for the expansion of an existing commercial storage facility on Route 17 in the Village District.
- An application to revise an existing subdivision plan by relocating a lot line was approved, resulting in the merger of a small, adjacent parcel of land with an existing lot on Sturtevant Hill Road.
- The Board considered an application for the replacement of an existing non-conforming seasonal dwelling with a significantly larger year-round dwelling on Maranacook Lake. Several public hearing and deliberative sessions were held during review of this proposal. Ultimately, the application was denied since the Board determined that lake setback requirements had not been met to the greatest practical extent.
- An application for a commercial boat storage business that included both a new storage structure and some outside storage on Rt. 41 in the Village District, was approved with conditions by the Board.
- Replacement of a demolished, non-conforming (due to side setback distance) garage/barn structure on Church Road in the Village District was approved by the Board.
- An application was approved for the placement of a new foundation beneath an existing non-conforming seasonal dwelling on Torsey Lake.

Planning Board members participating in the board's work during FY 2022 were: Bill Buck, Paula Clark, Henry Clauson, Jack Comart, Bill Godfrey, Jan Gould, Noel Madore, and Don Witherill.

As always, the Planning Board would like to extend its thanks to residents, the Select Board and other Town boards and committees, the town manager, CEO, and others, who have participated in and/or provided support for the work of the Planning Board in various ways. We are grateful to Readfield residents and others who have taken time to participate in meetings, hearings, and site visits, and to provide thoughtful comments and ask questions about pending land use applications and proposed Ordinance revisions. These contributions help to guide Readfield's land use, growth and development in a manner that is reflective of our Town's collective vision, needs, and interests. Your participation is very important and is always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Paula M. Clark, Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE

To say the past year was a challenging one for the Recreation Department would be a bit of an understatement. Our last fiscal year was marked with constant work toward a hopeful development of more recreational facilities for all townspeople to enjoy in Readfield. In working with Conservation, Trails, Cemetery and Historical society we were working toward a plan everyone could support. Hannah attended countless meetings with these involved parties as well as monthly Select Board meetings to keep them updated on the progress as it was happening. The plan included working toward grant funding to help develop a Fairgrounds Recreation and Conservation area that included an outdoor basketball/pickle ball courts as well as a softball field with outfields level with existing baseball field to use the fields for soccer as well as town events. A concession shack and pollinator garden were also marked as part of the plan. A landscape architect was brought in to sketch the space to fit all the requests of the involved parties. Even with all the effort the Recreation members were able to put forth in their lack of spare time to inform the public, we had others spreading misinformation and working against us who didn't necessarily agree with all parts of the development. In the end as the estimated cost was increasing due to the ever skyrocketing cost of diesel fuel and other building materials, the voters declined to approve this development. This result was extremely discouraging to the work and time the Rec Committee had invested. We can only hope it was the cost that discouraged most from voting yes for this much needed development. We hope with a renewed focus on non taxpayer funding that the softball field at a minimum can be built on town owned properties. Currently, there is no playable field available for the girls to use during the season.

Fall of 2021 had Readfield Recreation supporting a full soccer program with skills being taught to Pre-K-Kindergarten. Further skill development and team play continues with co-ed teams at 1st grade and then boys and girls teams split 2/3rd level and then 4th-6th graders too. We supported 80 Readfield kids in this program in 2021. The Saturday games work around the Maranacook High School teams on school fields.

Basketball in 2021 started with COVID mask mandates still in place and limited attendance encouraged for inside the gym. We still ran a full program with 158 kids from all our district towns in the Maranacook Middle School gym. Skills for the littlest players were for the first couple hours in the gym then game play for the 3-4th graders, Boys and Girls teams as well as 5-6th grade, Boys and Girls teams. We competed against local towns including Winthrop, Monmouth, Turner and Oak Hill/Sabattus area.

Spring saw the Baseball/Softball and T-ball teams start up and run their season through the end of June. We sponsored 6 baseball teams from 8-12 year olds, 3 softball teams 8-12 year olds and 2 T-ball teams! Each team was an average of 10-13 players. T Ball teams played among our district including Mt Vernon, Wayne and Manchester. Our other teams played those teams as well as Winthrop, Monmouth, Sabattus and more! One Minor Baseball team ended their season in a championship playoff game losing in the end to an excellent Manchester team.

Our Trunk or Treat was a group collaboration with the Readfield Union Meeting house sponsoring the Pumpkins A Glow trail and Readfield Library sponsoring pumpkin carving. Rec had a field full of decorated trunks too. As it happened the original date was a rain out so we moved it to the next night- Halloween- the whole event was a nice intro for families to continue their trick or treating in Readfield! We also sponsored a showing of *Hocus Pocus* in the Town hall.

2022 saw our Easter Egg Hunt return in all its glory with a visit from the Easter Bunny too! This was held on the Fairgrounds field area/inside the baseball fence. We also sponsored an amazing Winter Fun Day (shattered sleds aside!!) with hot cocoa and cookies and snowmobile rides too! We sponsored our Annual Fishing Derby at the beginning of March as well- a smaller showing but still fun had by all!!

The Readfield Beach was open free to all Readfield Residents and many enjoyed this new benefit! Swimming lessons were run by the Y and a good group gathered. We also had the Canoe/Kayak Storage Rack available. We hope to develop more amenities at the Beach moving forward for all to enjoy.

A HUGE thank you to all who support our Recreation programs. Without a dedicated committee organizing and parent volunteers helping, it would be impossible to run our programs year after year. We are always looking for more folks to help with programs. Please contact the town office for information.

Hannah Flannery, Chair, Readfield Recreation

SELECT BOARD

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

The last year has challenged municipal governments and all delivery of services by all levels of governing everywhere.

Readfield took its obligation to deliver good services and move forward with meeting the town's needs while protecting the public and our staff very seriously . 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 Select Board has worked on such projects as finalizing the improvements to the Fire Station and Library, as well as continuing the process for the Church Rd. sidewalk project.

The Select Board continues to work with the Town Manager and Town boards, committees, and commissions to streamline operations, get minutes posted faster, as well as update attendance and remote meeting policies, as we discover more ways to engage the public.

Recreation and municipal projects are considered and scrutinized by the Select Board and we are hopeful that as we move into the future, we will help choose a wise path for our town.

Thank you to our incredible employees, who continue to serve the public with dedication and appreciation.

We are also thankful for the volunteers that give their time to their town as a way of giving back.

Readfield is a great place to live and we are glad to be a small part of that.

Dennis Price, Select Board Chair

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SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Readfield Transfer Station continued operations in the fiscal year with increased revenues and expenses along. 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.

The Transfer Station is located on the North Road at the site of the old landfill and is open Tuesday through Saturday. The transfer station includes a recycling center, supported by a town recycling ordinance. Recycled items include paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metals. The town has also been actively encouraging residents to increase their recycling rates including the launch of a food composting program in 2021. We continue to hold a free-for-permit holders annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in July. A staff of two runs the station, with additional part-time attendants in the busy summer season. Trash collected at the transfer station is hauled to the Waste Management Disposal Services "Crossroads" site in Norridgewock. Tipping fees in 2021-22 were \$10 per ton for our single sort recycling (SSR) and \$67 per ton for Main Stream Waste (MSW) and Demolition Debris. Hauling fees were \$215 per trip for MSW and Demolition and \$175 per trip for SSR.

Wayne, Fayette, and Readfield's estimated combined 2020 population of 4,886 generated approximately 1,434 tons of MSW and 255 tons of SSR in 2021-22 and another 353 tons of demolition waste. The total operating cost of running the transfer station in 2021-22 was \$341,535. This was offset by \$103,288 in fees, grants, and recyclable material sales. That resulted in an average net cost per person of \$48.76. Net operating cost is allocated to Readfield, Fayette, and Wayne based on their most recent State property valuations.

Future improvements needed to the Transfer Station include the addition of cover for storing equipment and materials. This would minimize maintenance requirements and the cost of moving wet materials.

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 continue celebrating!

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

**WASTE LESS
SAVE MORE**



**RECYCLE
COMPOST**

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Readfield Trails Committee (RTC) is an official town committee that can have up to 13 members and 1 alternate. Our primary job is to maintain and build trails to provide outdoor and exercise opportunities for residents and visitors, and, where possible, connect different areas of our town. We work closely with the Conservation Commission to build and maintain trails on town properties and we are interested in continuing to develop and connect trails on private property as well. We already have some trail agreements with private owners for such trails, and are certainly interested in having more where appropriate.

The following list provides an overview of our trails and work that was completed in 2022 including the newly opened Carlton Pond Trail. All trails received attention at least to keep the trails debris free. Trail maps are available at the town office and on the trails committee portion of the town website at https://www.readfieldmaine.org/sites/readfieldme/files/uploads/readfield_trails_2019_map.pdf. The maps, as of this writing, do not yet include the Carlton Pond Trail or the Morrill Road Connector Trail but we are hoping to provide an updated town trail map by this coming summer.

Carlton Pond Trail: In November 2022 we were finally able to open a trail along the shore of Carlton Pond which is on a property in Readfield owned by the Greater Augusta Utility District. This was a multi-year project including many discussions with the District. Our committee members and many other local volunteers including the Readfield Girl Scout Troop spent many hours locating and clearing the trail. Parking for this trail is accessed thru a gate on the south side of Route 17 just east (125 yards) of the junction of Route 17 and Route 135 going north. A kiosk is visible from Route 17. It includes a trail map, trail use guidelines, and QR codes which can be used to download the Carlton Pond Trail map and the town trail map to your smart phone. The total trail loop length including the woods road thru the property is about 3.2 miles long. About half-way along the shore there is a connector trail back to the woods road that shortens the loop to about half the full distance. The trail does include some rough and wet areas so hiking boots or trail walking shoes may be appropriate for some users.

Fairgrounds Trail System: This is our most universally accessible trail system. It is constructed with a bluestone surface that is very friendly to young and old including baby carriages and bicycles as well as walkers. It is located centrally between the Church Road, Maranacook Community School, and our Town Beach. Periodic blow-down removal, leaf blowing, and spreading of additional bluestone took place during 2022 and the winter/spring of 2023. All work including the bluestone work was done by volunteers including work parties of students and advisors from Maranacook Community School and Kents Hill School. This included volunteers who very generously contributed their tractors as well as their time to accomplish trail repairs and support the student crews.

Fogg Farm Trail System: This small trail system is on town conservation property off the Fogg Road.

Esker Trail: The Esker Trail starts from the south end of the parking lot of the Maranacook School Bus Garage (and just north of the Readfield Transfer Station access road). It proceeds outside and along the fence of the bus parking area, crosses the access road, passes thru the woods by the sand/salt shed and the closed town landfill and terminates where the surface of the esker terminates in a large bog.

Community Pathway: This trail connects the Readfield Community Library to the Church Road north of the Union Meeting House. This trail includes a story walk which changes monthly under the direction of Town Librarian, Melissa Small, and library volunteers.

Morrill Road Connector Trail: This trail connects the end of the Mill Stream Road across Route 17 thru a short section of woods to the end of the Morrill Road. When resources allow we hope the town will install signage and a culvert to improve the landing area on the south side of Route 17.

TRAILS COMMITTEE CONTINUED

I would also like to remind people of the existence of the **Torsey Pond Nature Trail**, maintained by the Readfield Conservation Commission, and the **Town Farm/MacDonald Woods Trails** which are maintained by the Conservation Commission and the Kennebec Land Trust, and shown on our town trail map described above.

Our committee members and other volunteers contributed over 200 person hours of effort directly on trail construction or maintenance work on behalf of the town in 2022. In addition Howard Lake, John Perry, Greg Leimbach, and Paul Bessette provided use of their personal tractors for hauling bluestone and culvert repair. I would like to thank all these committee members and volunteers for their dedication to trail construction and maintenance. They truly make our town a better place to live and visit. I would particularly like to note the contributions of Milt Wright who we honored in October 2022 with a Trail Blazer Award for his long service to the Trails Committee and his continuing efforts to maintain the blazing on some of our trails.

In addition to trail work the Trails Committee is also participating fully in the Fairgrounds Workgroup discussions regarding additional development of the Fairgrounds property. This will likely include a softball field, an improved parking lot and bathroom area, a pollinator garden and improved pollinator habitat, and some helpful trail additions and improvements.

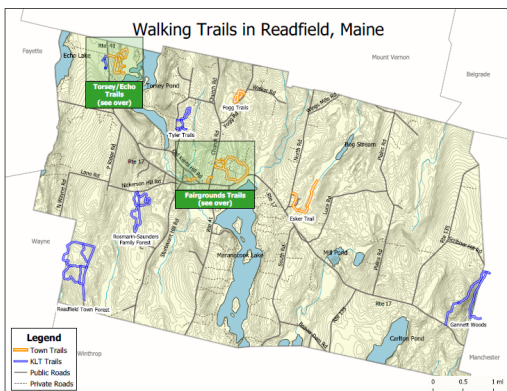
It has been several years since we have had a full complement of trail committee members. We are still looking for new committee members as well as volunteers in general. Please contact me or any committee member if you would like more information about what we do or are interested in participating in some way. You can also contact the town office or check the town website for the relatively short membership application.

Lastly I would like to thank those who made two very significant monetary donations to fund our trail efforts in 2022. We accept donations of money that go directly toward the costs of improving and maintaining our trails. We like to be able to thank directly those who donate but we also accept anonymous donations. Envelopes are available for mailing donations at some of our trail kiosks, and you can also contact the town office directly about how to donate. The donations can be for specific things such as benches or tables to be located along our trails, or donations to support trail work in general.

Current Readfield Trails Committee Members:

Rob Peale (Chair), Greg Durgin (Vice Chair), Holly Rahmlow (Secretary), Jackie Drouin (Treasurer), Nancy Buker, Greg Leimbach, Henry Whittemore, Paul Bessette, Steve Hayes, Megan Lachapelle.

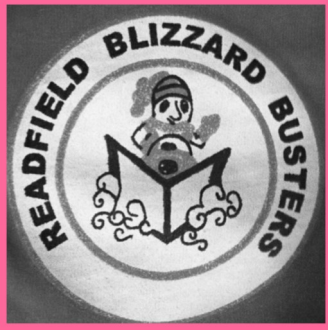
Respectfully Submitted, Rob Peale, Trails Committee Chair



**Free Maps at
the Town Office &
Trail Kiosks**



BLIZZARD BUSTERS



On behalf of the Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club we would like to thank the community of Readfield for their support over many, many years. Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club was established over fifty years ago and continues to remain active through its volunteer efforts to keep all our trails in the best condition possible.

Support occurs through volunteers, membership, locally held fund raisers, private donations and continued community support. This past year the Club held a few fundraisers including its successful third annual gun raffle and a holiday gift-wrapping session. Financial support is directly proportional to the on-going workings of the club. Donations can be made to RBBSC, PO Box 62, Readfield Maine 04355. The Club holds monthly membership meetings from September through April at the Weathervane Restaurant, the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all and all are welcome.

The club participated in Winter Fun days at Maranacook School this past February; our main mission was to transport sledders back up the hill so they could slide down one more fun time. We also prepared a landowners appreciation meal and delivered the ready-to-eat supper to their homes in October. We are extremely thankful to Readfield property owners who have graciously allowed access to their private property for snowmobile access. Please respect our landowners by staying on the marked trails.

On the business side, Readfield has nearly thirty miles of trails it maintains for the use of residents and visitors alike all season long. Often times we meet cross-country skiers, snowshoers, big wheel bikers, dog walkers and hikers who enjoy traversing our well-groomed trails. The Club has thirty-four family memberships and two business memberships. We may be small in membership, but we are mighty in volunteer hours. Club members volunteered a remarkable four-hundred and seventy-five hours during the year preparing and grooming for our outdoor enjoyment. Working together we will continue to enjoy our beautiful town.

Thank-you again.

Marge Livingston, Secretary, Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

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Dear Readfield Residents,

This year we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT). With generous support from community members, we have worked to conserve important lands; provide public access for hiking, paddling, skiing, blueberry picking, and hunting; and promote land stewardship, conservation education, and partnerships.

KLT has an impressive list of accomplishments: 70 properties, with 7,584 acres under permanent conservation throughout our 413,000-acre service area; 57 miles of trails to explore; over 20 miles of conserved shoreline; and 1,100 household and business partner members.

In 2022, KLT staff installed a beaver deceiver at Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest to help manage water levels and keep an important culvert intact.

In addition to Rosmarin & Saunders Family Forest, KLT also owns Gannett Woods and Wyman Memorial Forest, Macdonald Conservation Area and the Tyler Conservation Area and additional conservation properties. KLT contributes to Readfield's local tax base through the open space tax program and continues to maintain trails on these properties.

KLT offers a great selection of outings and educational programs for the public, and we collaborate with schools and other organizations to engage youth and share our conservation message with the community. Please call our office for information about our 2023 field trips and programs. We will be hosting our 35th Anniversary Trail Challenge this summer for community members and visitors.

In September 2023 we will be hosting a history walk at Rosmarin and Saunders Family Forest and Macdonald Woods with Dale Potter-Clark.

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

If you have questions about our community conservation work, please don't hesitate to contact us at 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet Sawyer'.

Janet Sawyer
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Theresa Kerchner'.

Theresa Kerchner
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marie Ring'.

Marie Ring
Director of Membership
and Programming

MARANACOOK AREA FOOD PANTRY (MAFP)

This is the first fiscal year summary submitted by the MAFP to the Town of Readfield Yearly Report. We thank the town administration for allowing us this space even though we are not technically a town entity. The MAFP receives many donations of food, monetary donations, plus enthusiastic support for our mission which is pretty simple: feed individuals and families in the four towns of the RSU #38 Community that face food insecurity for either a week or over several months. Also, several of our committee volunteers are Readfield residents and food and cash donations are also dropped off at the Readfield Town Office. The more I think about it, Readfield is a sort of hub for the pantry's activities. The pantry is located at the Middle School, pick up and deliveries start at the Middle School, and our finances are handled at the Superintendent's Office in Readfield.

The MAFP has been in its current mode of activity since March of 2020. I don't think anyone on our committee thought that over three years later we would still be providing weekly food boxes and biweekly bags of Farmer Kev's fresh produce in May of 2023. However, that is the reality. The last three weeks of April and the first week of May have seen an increase of four additional families per week. That fact may be attributed to one or more federal programs ending their pandemic food assistance programs. Other food pantries report similar increases. The numbers below are a pretty accurate accounting of what the past fiscal year impact has been. Since all our work is by volunteer effort, we have no costs to report except for what we put out each week for the time period July 1, 2022 to May 8th 2023. Before reading the numbers, please understand the huge amount of gratitude the MAFP committee and the families we serve have for our many donors. Without the hundreds of donors from all four towns, the numbers below would not exist and our friends and neighbors who rely on a weekly box of staple food items and fresh vegetables would be at a loss. Our pantry has spent about \$21,000 per year on purchasing food that started in 2020. Every nickel of that amount has been donated and we appreciate all the help you give the pantry. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Durgin MAFP

July 1, 2022 to May 8, 2023 (45 weeks)

760 boxes of staple food items

(Thanksgiving week 35 turkey or ham dinners; 44 @ Christmas)

308 bags of fresh produce

+/- \$ 20,502 total expenditure for food

Over 150 acknowledgments sent to donors

Maranacook Food Pantry

Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM ~ FMI Call 207-685-4923

MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT / RSU38

April 2023

Dear Community Members:

The 2022-2023 school year was viewed by many as the return to a normal school year however, the harsh reality is that schools are continuing to face unprecedented challenges. The mental health needs for students continue to rise, the need for academic services continues to outpace our capacity and key staff positions throughout our schools continue to be vacant. We are also seeing the ending of pandemic funds as well as inflation that continues to remain higher than normal. Clearly our communities need to know that discussions are happening about the future path forward for RSU #38 communities. The business as normal view is no longer sustainable or prudent.

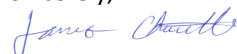
With that in mind we are submitting a budget that recognizes these challenges but is also fiscally responsible. This budget sees our commitment to student health and safety by including a School Resource Officer working with the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department that will work across all of our schools. It also includes supporting students with a full time nurse as started in the ESSER funds, a principal in Wayne who also acts as our Title IX Director and an elementary guidance counselor to support the needs of our youngest students.

We are beginning a strategic planning process as our current plan ends in January 2024 to articulate our goals for the future of all RSU #38 schools. We have a unique opportunity to look forward to the efficient resources from facilities all the way through curriculum priorities as well as look to a vision of our future. The need to be future focused is imperative and we look forward to robust discussions concerning the work of our district to provide all of our students a rigorous education with dynamic learning opportunities that aligns with the culture of our communities of Manchester, Mount Vernon, Readfield and Wayne.

RSU #38 Attending Students - October 1, 2022					
Grade	Manchester	Mt. Vernon	Readfield	Wayne	Totals
Pre-K	21	12	18	9	60
K	22	11	25	10	68
1	28	16	22	8	74
2	26	14	31	10	81
3	29	17	29	13	88
4	21	10	32	10	73
5	34	17	32	11	94
6	36	13	25	8	82
7	18	21	31	16	86
8	33	23	27	10	93
9	28	17	30	10	85
10	21	17	31	12	81
11	27	17	27	8	79
12	13	18	23	10	64
Resident Totals	357	223	383	145	1108

I speak on behalf of our staff when I say it is an honor and privilege to work with the students of our four communities. We thank the towns for the tremendous support they have shown all of our schools. We look forward to the continued positive relationships with our towns and thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,



James Charette
Superintendent of Schools

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MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS/RSU #38

A CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE

READFIELD UNION MEETING HOUSE

Our Community

We live in a small community that has a big heart when it comes to supporting the Readfield Union Meeting House Co. (RUMH) Over the past 4 years Readfield voters have passed a warrant for five thousand dollars to go to the restoration efforts to save this nationally recognized building. Yes, Readfield has a building that is on the Register of Historic Places. If you have not seen the artistic wall and ceiling murals, stained and stenciled windows, make it a goal for the summer to visit. RUMH is open on Saturday mornings starting June 17th thru August from 10-12 noon; alternative times to open are available upon request.



Mission

- 1) Restore and maintain the Meeting House for the benefit of the community and to continue its status on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 2) Renovate the Vestry as a multi-purpose space for Meeting House events and community use.

Restoration

As stated in last year's report, runaway inflation caused by 2 years of Covid-19 has sent costs for the clock tower, belfry and replica spire soaring. What was once deemed a four hundred and fifty thousand dollar project is now estimated to be in the six hundred and fifty thousand dollar range. Phase 1 of restoring the tower, belfry, and reinstalling three new clock faces and the restored E. Howard clock is still slated for 2024. Phase 2, the new 30 foot spire construction and installation will still be contingent on available funding and availability of qualified contractors.

Vestry

Yes, there were Covid-19 interruptions on this project too. However, the kitchen and ADA compliant bathroom projects are moving right along. The foundation was leveled, the walls were plumbed, and new exterior steel doors with panic hardware were installed. The kitchen and bathroom areas have new vinyl flooring and new windows. Board member, Larry Dunn, is the project manager for the Vestry. He has volunteered hundreds of hours and has recruited hours of free labor from other board and community members.

Events

From May to October the community could choose from six music concerts, a Strawberry Festival, Crafters Fair, lecture by naturalist Bernd Heinrich, and several "Food To Go" events sponsored by the Friends of the Meeting House and Vestry.

Donors and Volunteers

Thanks must go to the hard-working, volunteer Board of Directors of the Readfield Union Meeting House. They are your neighbors and friends: Jim Tukey, VP, John Perry, Treasurer, Larry Dunn, Flo Drake, Jason Foster, Mary Jernigan, Ben Rodriguez, and Deb Curtis who records minutes for the board. Thank you Friends of the Vestry and Meeting House for your vision of the vestry being one day a gathering place for the community. Committee members are Cricket Blouin, Deane Buuck, Deb Elwell, Bonnie Harris, Rosalea Kimball, Gail Letourneau, and Linda Tukey.

Donors come from near and far, in support of the many fundraising initiatives, support of Readfield's heritage, or gifts in memory of loved ones. We thank you all.

Thank you to Marius Peladeau, former board president and historian who wrote [Standing Tall: A History of the Union Meeting House, Readfield](#), Maine, which was published just days after his passing.

Again, we are grateful to the Readfield community for your support in helping us achieve our mission.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Durgin, President Board of Directors
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To: The Town of Readfield
From: Spectrum Generations

With a mission to promote and advance the well-being and independence of older and disabled adults, to live in the community of their choice, Spectrum Generations continues as an industry leader in services for older Maine residents.

Now in our 51st year, our agency has steadily grown and expanded its services within the six central Maine counties we serve (plus the towns of Brunswick and Harpswell). Our service area encompasses the counties of Kennebec, Lincoln, Waldo, Sagadahoc, Somerset, and Knox.

Last year, 10,418 people utilized an array of critical support services throughout our coverage area. This includes an impressive 313,577 meals prepared, boxed, and delivered to 2,170 people through our Meals on Wheels program. We prepared and served 26,231 meals at our community center social dining programs where 1,849 people attended.

Healthy Living for ME offered 163 health and wellness workshops which included 87 in-person and 53 remote courses throughout the year. A total of 1,233 people participated in these classes where they learned to take control of their health, reduce their fear of falling, improve flexibility, or live well with Diabetes or chronic pain.

Our Bridges Home Services provides in-home support services to the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled community. In total, 288 people utilized caregiver support services such as respite, education, and other supports, while 5,337 people took advantage of our access services which include case management, information and assistance, outreach, and public education.

This broad spectrum of services improves the quality of life for multi-generations of Mainers at little to no financial cost for those we serve. In Readfield specifically, we provided services to 67 unduplicated residents and prepared, packed, and delivered 618 meals within the town during the most recent fiscal year. As a non-profit, community-based organization, we could not provide this level of service without your generous support.

We appreciate and value your continued support and your trust in us to care for the residents in your community. Every dollar raised advances the well-being and independence of older and disabled adults, thank you so much.

Best,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay MacDonald".

Lindsay MacDonald

Community Engagement Director

Spectrum Generations is the Central Maine Area Agency on Aging with Community and Aging and Disability Resource Centers in:

Belfast | Brunswick | Camden | Damariscotta | Hallowell | Skowhegan | Waterville

30 MILE RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

2022 Highlights

In November, thanks to a generous donor, 30 Mile purchased a building to become our first home in the watershed. In the heart of Mt. Vernon village in a highly visible, central location, the building will provide essential space to help the organization grow to better fulfill our mission. The building has great potential, but needs major renovations. We have begun the process of transforming it to create a new, integrated facility to serve as a regional center for watershed education, research, protection, and community engagement.

Our second year managing the infestation of **invasive milfoil** discovered on Androscoggin Lake was successful. We work in partnership with Maine DEP and the lake association. Because invasive milfoil spreads rapidly and threatens all local lakes, we must continue working aggressively now to control it. May-October, our staff survey the infested area (and beyond), marking each milfoil plant to be removed by a trained diver. Although every plant found in 2022 was removed, we expect to find regrowth in May.

30 Mile staff, alongside 32 volunteers, **monitored water quality** in 11 lakes and ponds, completing 80+ sampling events and expanding to Echo Lake. We collect and analyze this data to inform our lake protection strategies, identifying trends in declining water quality before it's too late.

We completed another successful season of **courtesy boat inspections** on four lakes. May-October, our paid staff and 10 volunteers conducted 2,584 inspections (1,849 hours). Although we rarely find an invasive species on a boat or trailer, it takes only one fragment to start an infestation and ruin a lake.

30 Mile is a regional **LakeSmart** "HUB" support center, helping our member lake association volunteer teams deliver LakeSmart education property-by-property and shore-by-shore to create a conservation ethic across the lake community. In 2022, these teams and 30 Mile staff completed evaluations for 30 participating landowners. We are working to expand in 2023, adding more lakes.

Our **Youth Conservation Corps** (YCC) program resumed after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Our crew installed 33 best management practices at nine project sites on five lakes.

[We also support volunteer invasive plant surveys, provide technical assistance on roads, and conduct watershed surveys for erosion threats.](#)

Andy Tolman is Readfield's representative on 30 Mile's Board.

Town support is critical to protect the watershed and vital to 30 Mile's success leveraging grants and other contributions. Thank you to the Town and to the residents who contribute individually in support of our mission **to work as a community for clean and healthy lakes, ponds and streams in our watershed.** Protecting Readfield's waters protects property values, the tax base, and public resources, benefiting all residents.

To learn more, visit www.30mileriver.org

Lidie Robbins, Executive Director
April 2023





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Dear Friends:

For four years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, we focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2023

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Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

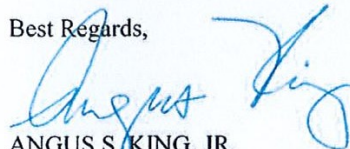
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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Dear Readfield Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am enjoying working alongside my colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

I was officially sworn into office for my second term at the State House on Dec. 7, 2022. As I write this, we are partway through the fifth month of the legislative session here in Augusta, and the 131st Legislature is working through the roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that have been submitted. While the bills that we consider will address hundreds of different topics, I remain focused on solving our state's most urgent challenges, including addressing the opioid epidemic, housing shortage, child care and a fair tax system.

Much of our focus this year was in crafting part one of the state budget. The budget we passed kept our promises to provide property tax relief, met our commitments to our municipalities and maintained critical funding for education. This budget contained no new initiatives or taxes and ensured that we avoided a government shutdown this summer- a win for Maine families and for responsible state government.

Some of the highlights include maintaining municipal revenue sharing at 5%, preserving the Property Tax Fairness Credit and Homestead Exemption Programs (while increasing municipal reimbursements), funding 55% of K-12 education costs and maintaining funding for long-term care facilities and nursing facilities.

This session, I have been appointed to serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. Much of our work involves reviewing legislation related to how we keep Mainers safe, serve people who enter the criminal justice system and support our first responders. I also serve on the Taxation Committee, where we are working hard to find balanced tax policies that continue funding the services we depend on without unreasonably burdening our residents and businesses, and to provide tax relief to the Mainers who need it most.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is Tavis.Hasenfus@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 207-446-0016.

I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with this great responsibility.

Respectfully,

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

Tavis Hasenfus

District 57: Readfield and Winthrop



Craig V. Hickman
Senator, District 14

THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

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Dear Neighbor,

I trust that you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. It remains the highest honor of my life to represent you in the Maine Legislature. I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf. I am excited that the activities and operations at the State House have returned to normal.

I'm thrilled to report that President Jackson has appointed me to chair not one, but two, legislative committees for the 131st Legislature. I am honored to serve as the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs once again. This committee oversees elections and the Office of the Secretary of State, and as a staunch defender of our democracy, I take this role very seriously. I will continue to support the women and men who have served in uniform and the small business owners in the industries that bring in the most revenue for our state.

I have also been appointed Senate Chair of the Joint Legislative Government Oversight Committee for the first time in my six terms in office. I have always wanted to serve on this committee but whenever I have asked for it, I did not receive it. This time, I didn't even ask for it and now I am the Chair. Evaluation of our programs and government accountability is essential to legislative oversight. On this unique committee, I have the opportunity to ensure that our public funds are expended for their intended purpose and that government programs and activities are effectively and efficiently managed.

I am also returning to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry where I have previously served three terms, two as House Chair. As an organic farmer and author of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the Right to Food constitutional amendment, and legislation to end hunger in Maine by 2030, improving Maine agriculture and strengthening our local and regional food systems will always be a priority. I'll be very busy this session but I'm up to the task.

Looking ahead, it's clear that we need to build on our work from the 130th Legislature and continue to address the housing crisis that has displaced too many of our neighbors and alleviate the rising costs of electricity, heating fuel, and food, and advancing freedom and justice for all.

Public service remains my purpose and my duty, not only during session, but also year-round. If you need to contact a state agency or department or want to share comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can send me an email at Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

Wishing you prosperity in 2023.

Take care of your blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig V. Hickman".

Craig V. Hickman
State Senator

"First to Serve ~ 1799"

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Kennebec County, Maine**



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January 23, 2023

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 2022. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Correctional Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49.

While the severity of the pandemic is decreasing, my office shall remain vigilant. We will monitor for potential virus recurrence in our correctional facility and take all recommended precautions to reduce any impact that may threaten those in our custody.

In 2022, Law Enforcement Deputies again logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service have increased since 2021. Our geographic patrol responsibilities within the County have increased, as the state police have opted to reduce their rural patrol coverage.

Overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances continue to plague our country. My staff responded to 20 overdoses in 2022, we were able to save 11 lives. This number does not include the saves by jail staff in 2022. As the disorder continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

The patrol division welcomes Sean Dixon and Eric Thiess to our team. Deputy Dixon has 12 years of full-time experience working as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Thiess came to us from our correctional division. Deputy Thiess is currently at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy attending the 18-week program to become a certified law enforcement officer.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. Kennebec County Deputies continue to excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Through the federal grants system, we were able to purchase a Can-Am UTV and trailer to assist us with our duties serving all of Kennebec County. This tool is available to any municipality or law enforcement agency within the county.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2022, the three civil deputies received over 7,441 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2021 by over 300 services. 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.

We welcome any questions regarding civil service to be made to the office. Kennebec is very lucky to have Chief Civil Deputy Harry McKenney, who just happens to be the go-to guy on civil service matters statewide. Keep up good work Chief!

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1810 inmate intakes. This is an increase from 2022. 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. We have improved our medical and mental health services at Kennebec to help manage the needs of those incarcerated.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are 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, or our local municipalities, 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.

The big news for my staff in 2022 was the purchase of 73 Winthrop Street in Augusta. This building will house the entire sheriff's office divisions which include administration, patrol, detectives and the civil division. Our mailing address will remain the same. More information on the move to follow within the next couple of months. Me and my staff are very excited to move into a larger and much newer building that we can call our own.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2023, I remain committed to serving the hard-working taxpayers of this county, their families and our visitors, honorably, professionally, and by using good common sense and judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff

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OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES (as of 06/30/2022)

*Marked with * are paid off as of 06/05/2023*

Acct Name ----	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
*20 Ames, Peter	1,923.22	-64.18	1,987.40
1862 Atwood, Traci A	1,261.62	-42.10	1,303.72
*1179 Ballard, Michelle S	2,295.87	-76.62	2,372.49
*1078 Barton, Jennifer E., Moran, Heather D.	1,635.84	-54.56	1,690.40
*71 Berube, Michael R	2,081.12	-69.44	2,150.56
710 Billington, Lisa L	1,432.15	-47.79	1,479.94
14 Blake, Michael J	2,456.92	-81.98	2,538.90
257 Brush, Catherine	2,081.12	-69.44	2,150.56
*819 Cahn, Russell D	6,650.75	6,096.53	554.22
*980 Cahn, Russell D	9,677.69	8,871.28	806.41
*1013 Coastal Builders & Sons, Inc.	3,726.44	1,915.93	1,810.51
*189 Curtis, Matthew J	618.97	-20.66	639.63
*211 Curtis, Matthew J	2,243.76	-74.88	2,318.64
*193 Cushing Storage and Rentals, LLC	3,464.33	1,696.29	1,768.04
*268 D'Agata, John L	2,925.89	1,905.41	1,020.48
*1800 Douin, Jessica	2,371.66	-79.14	2,450.80
989 Dubois, Duane H	1,541.10	-51.43	1,592.53
*1067 Dupuis, Jean R	4,242.77	4,235.32	7.45
*1870 Dyer, Karl	2,046.38	-68.28	2,114.66
1376 Edson, Tracy	3,728.02	-124.41	3,852.43
*363 Emmet, Laurie A; Payton, Jayne M; O'Neill, Karyn	3,213.27	1,913.85	1,299.42
353 Ertha, E Darlene	1,719.53	-57.38	1,776.91
1037 Evans, Tina Z	1,391.10	-46.42	1,437.52
*1361 Feagin, James R	3,241.69	185.05	3,056.64
*1098 Fitzherbert, Philip Justin	729.50	-24.34	753.84
379 Fogg, Timothy	2,777.46	-92.68	2,870.14
*1433 Fournier, Joshua M	851.08	-28.40	879.48
*1854 Fournier, Joshua M	99.48	-3.32	102.80
*5 Gmelch, Matthew R	2,141.12	-71.45	2,212.57
*450 Gogan, Merrill L	1,353.20	1,240.47	112.73
*683 Goodall, Richard E	1,222.15	562.11	660.04
463 Goucher Audrey M	1,771.64	-59.12	1,830.76
462 Goucher, Ted Forest Products, Inc	847.92	-28.29	876.21
*2122 Hamlin, Karen L	1,051.61	718.58	333.03
*535 Harrison, Jane E	1,890.06	-62.18	1,952.24
*1812 Hatch, Crystal	333.17	-10.28	343.45
930 Hodgson, Rebecca A	798.97	-26.66	825.63
*562 Horne, Scott L	249.48	-8.32	257.80
*985 Hutchinson, Kristina M	2,767.99	1,955.82	812.17
*597 Karsten-Beck, Wendy D	2,959.05	-98.74	3,057.79
*978 Karsten-Beck, Wendy D	647.39	-21.60	668.99
*2087 Kents Hill Orchards Inc.	1,612.16	-38.13	1,650.29
*621 Klinoff, Helen	2,832.73	105.49	2,727.24
*625 Knox, John B Jr	2,463.24	2,259.52	203.72
*556 Kutz, Barry L	2,573.77	-85.88	2,659.65
*754 Lakeside Orchards LLC	450.01	444.73	5.28
*533 Lambert, Carmen P	2,851.67	-95.16	2,946.83
*585 Lambert, Ricardo G	2,250.07	-75.08	2,325.15
666 Larsen, Rickard - Heirs	996.35	-33.25	1,029.60

* 409	Latuscha, John V and Anne P	791.08	487.78	303.30
* 83	Lehr, Jonathan K	1,400.57	-46.47	1,447.04
* 675	Leighton, Brian & Leighton, Shannon	2,933.78	-97.90	3,031.68
106	Leighton, Devin R	2,546.93	-84.99	2,631.92
1757	Leighton, Thomas C	1,127.41	6.84	1,120.57
* 679	Lester, David W & James N & Michael	2,482.19	-82.83	2,565.02
507	Liss, Melanie Anne	2,572.19	-85.84	2,658.03
* 1227	Loon Cove Rentals, LLC	3,442.22	3,430.82	11.40
* 705	Lucas, James	336.33	-8.66	344.99
712	Lucas, Robert L Jr	952.14	-31.77	983.91
714	Lucas, Scott	873.19	-29.14	902.33
1455	Lucas, Scott	1,168.46	-38.99	1,207.45
* 2146	Mason, Kellie	1,207.94	-36.18	1,244.12
* 1215	McClure, Aaron	4,931.22	2,414.54	2,516.68
* 778	McDonough, Michael	1,566.37	799.83	766.54
* 798	McNamara, Christopher B., Personal	1,789.01	1,727.68	61.33
* 1397	McPhedran, Thomas F	4,468.57	4,150.50	318.07
* 1759	Menatoma Woodland Preserve LLC	104.21	-3.48	107.69
* 1895	Menatoma Woodland Preserve LLC	41.05	-1.37	42.42
* 1896	Menatoma Woodland Preserve LLC	44.21	-1.48	45.69
1257	Merritt, Lionel O	2,390.61	-79.78	2,470.39
* 848	Morrow, David B	2,442.71	-81.52	2,524.23
* 308	Moskowitz, Anna	2,733.25	1,336.26	1,396.99
874	Newland, Marion -Devises	454.75	-15.18	469.93
1490	Newland, Marion -Devises	454.75	-15.18	469.93
1491	Newland, Marion -Devises	2,368.50	-79.04	2,447.54
* 1017	Ntanos, Jayne	1,681.63	-56.12	1,737.75
633	Oakes, Robert D	427.91	-14.28	442.19
* 1503	Orr, Janet	484.75	-16.18	500.93
* 150	Palmer, David	5,817.04	5,713.96	103.08
* 28	Parent, Judith M	36.32	-1.22	37.54
937	Pinkham, George	753.18	-25.13	778.31
* 1524	Potcher, Elaine Lucas	933.19	-31.14	964.33
* 957	Potter, Evelyn	1,084.77	-10.55	1,095.32
991	Readfield Family Market	3,639.60	-121.45	3,761.05
* 1978	Reed, Cheryl M Wrenn	366.33	179.38	186.95
* 955	Roberts, Brett A	385.28	-12.86	398.14
* 2019	Roberts, Brett A	1,147.93	1,143.18	4.75
* 1060	Rourke, Richard M	2,916.41	2,727.57	188.84
* 1564	Rourke-Parks, Nancy	925.29	-30.36	955.65
* 1086	Saunders Midwest LLC	25,570.33	12,520.36	13,049.97
* 2154	Saunders Midwest LLC	2,823.25	1,382.39	1,440.86
* 965	Schwarz, Lorraine	2,804.30	2,553.16	251.14
* 1128	Siracusa, Richard Jr	454.75	155.19	299.56
834	Sullivan, William	478.44	-15.96	494.40
* 682	Tibbetts, Rhena	819.50	401.26	418.24
1899	Tronziger, Brenda G	1,980.07	-66.08	2,046.15
* 1519	True, Paul L	1,102.14	-36.77	1,138.91
* 1609	Urquhart, Heather	549.49	-18.34	567.83
* 850	Weibel, Frederick J	3,653.81	1,789.07	1,864.74
* 814	Weymouth, Jonathan L Sr	4,370.67	3,364.82	1,005.85
Total for 100 Bills:		217,322.50	77,223.14	140,099.36

OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

(as of 06/30/2022)

Acct Name ----		Amount		Acct Name ----		Amount	
		Year	Due			Year	Due
76	Ames, Peter	1999	220.17	187	Linton, David	2017	381.47
76	Ames, Peter	2000	400.59	187	Linton, David	2018	324.51
76	Ames, Peter	2001	434.41	187	Linton, David	2019	288.45
76	Ames, Peter	2002	378.09	187	Linton, David	2020	237.04
76	Ames, Peter	2003	350.31	180	Miller, Jeffrey	2012	86.79
76	Ames, Peter	2004	55.91	180	Miller, Jeffrey	2013	190.54
76	Ames, Peter	2005	49.95	180	Miller, Jeffrey	2014	187.92
76	Ames, Peter	2006	51.66	93	Morse, Philip	2013	46.41
76	Ames, Peter	2007	64.07	93	Morse, Philip	2014	45.77
76	Ames, Peter	2008	54.57	93	Morse, Philip	2015	43.35
76	Ames, Peter	2009	45.90	93	Morse, Philip	2016	49.94
76	Ames, Peter	2010	37.08	93	Morse, Philip	2017	48.32
76	Ames, Peter	2011	26.93	93	Morse, Philip	2018	47.43
116	Blake, Suzanna	2006	77.49	93	Morse, Philip	2019	43.26
105	Churchill, John	2010	4.64	93	Morse, Philip	2020	35.56
105	Churchill, John	2011	2.25	93	Morse, Philip	2021	29.36
119	CIT Financial USA, INC.	2017	53.41	200	Nelson, Brandi & Derek	2020	42.77
119	CIT Financial USA, INC.	2018	52.42	200	Nelson, Brandi & Derek	2021	45.69
119	CIT Financial USA, INC.	2019	50.48	58	Readfield Family Market	2011	139.78
111	Clark, Robert E Jr & Kristie F	2010	44.04	58	Readfield Family Market	2012	22.39
111	Clark, Robert E Jr & Kristie F	2011	42.64	58	Readfield Family Market	2013	24.43
208	Clark's Custom Cabinetry	2017	127.16	58	Readfield Family Market	2014	24.09
208	Clark's Custom Cabinetry	2018	124.81	58	Readfield Family Market	2015	22.82
208	Clark's Custom Cabinetry	2019	120.19	58	Readfield Family Market	2016	26.28
32	Drake, Terry	2010	0.01	58	Readfield Family Market	2017	25.43
32	Drake, Terry	2011	617.13	58	Readfield Family Market	2018	24.96
32	Drake, Terry	2012	488.10	58	Readfield Family Market	2019	24.04
32	Drake, Terry	2013	532.53	58	Readfield Family Market	2020	19.75
32	Drake, Terry	2014	525.20	58	Readfield Family Market	2021	32.64
32	Drake, Terry	2015	497.39	* 71	Saunders MFG CO	2021	3,102.53
32	Drake, Terry	2016	572.89	213	The COCA-COLA Company	2018	1.44
32	Drake, Terry	2017	554.39	213	The COCA-COLA Company	2019	26.68
160	Dube, Karen	2011	29.18	138	The Pepsi Bottling Company	2013	257.12
160	Dube, Karen	2012	29.11	106	Tobie, David	2014	45.77
198	Fairpoint Communications INC	2018	8.20	72	Tripp ,Michael S. & Chrystal M.	2007	44.84
198	Fairpoint Communications INC	2019	24.04	72	Tripp, Michael S. & Chrystal M.	2008	73.82
198	Fairpoint Communications INC	2020	19.75	113	Violette, Ronald	2010	278.12
216	Fike's Custom Cutting	2018	242.13	113	Violette, Ronald	2011	38.16
216	Fike's Custom Cutting	2019	233.18	113	Violette, Ronald	2012	38.07
159	Hutchinson, Kristina	2015	132.33	113	Violette, Ronald & Susan	2009	156.50
159	Hutchinson, Kristina	2016	152.42	* 25	Weathervane Restaurant	2021	40.29
159	Hutchinson, Kristina	2017	147.49	* 210	Wolters Kluwer United States Inc.	2021	6.54
172	Kents Hill Orchards INC	2011	96.50				
187	Linton, David	2014	361.38				
187	Linton, David	2015	342.25				
187	Linton, David	2016	394.20				
							15,540.04

Marked with * are paid off as of 06/05/2023

TAX ABATEMENTS & SUPPLEMENTS 2021/2022

Abatements Issued

Account	Name	Amount	Tax Year
# 437 RE	Alvarado, Cristobal & Genieve	\$ 391.00	2019/2020
# 437 RE	Alvarado, Cristobal & Genieve	\$ 439.25	2020/2021
# 437 RE	Alvarado, Cristobal & Genieve	\$ 394.75	2021/2022
# 1132 RE	Bayer, Mary Beth / Pollock, Laura Jean	\$ 394.75	2021/2022
# 1536 RE	Hewett, Emily E.	\$ 2,403.24	2021/2022
# 2042 RE	Fecteau, Paul N. & Pearl C.	\$ 44.21	2021/2022
# 880 RE	Green Hill Property Development, LLC	\$ 9,919.28	2021/2022
# 968 RE	Low, Christopher & Lucinda	\$ 394.75	2021/2022
# 374 RE	Lyons, Randy & Kathleen	\$ 394.75	2021/2022
# 40 PP	Pitney Bowes	\$ 2.38	2021/2022
# 1412 RE	Sevigny Family Revocable Trust	\$ 1,323.02	2021/2022
# 830 RE	Smith, Celia	\$ 1,457.28	2019
# 830 RE	Smith, Celia	\$ 1,202.69	2020
# 1708 RE	Smith, William R.	\$ 1,132.14	2021/2022
# 2207 RE	Stephan, Isaiah R.	\$ 298.43	2021/2022
# 967 RE	Williams-Chasse, Kelly	\$ 394.75	2021/2022

Supplementals Issued

Account	Name	Amount	Tax Year
# 584 RE	Green Hill Property Development, LLC	\$ 9,919.28	2021/2022
# 248 RE	Haas, Howard L. Jr & Betty Lou	\$ 491.07	2021/2022
# 1284 RE	Zwetsloot, Mark & Jana	\$ 4,940.80	2021/2022

Total # of Abatements = 16

Total # of Supplements = 3



June 7, 2023

Selectboard
Town of Readfield
Readfield, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Readfield, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Readfield, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,498,213	\$ 141,373	\$ 3,639,586
Investments	128,153	291,691	419,844
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	172,127	-	172,127
Due from other funds	224	1,609,628	1,609,852
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,798,717</u>	<u>\$ 2,042,692</u>	<u>\$ 5,841,409</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 31,468	\$ -	\$ 31,468
Accrued payroll	12,792	-	12,792
Due to other funds	1,609,628	224	1,609,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,653,888</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>1,654,112</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	62,208	-	62,208
Deferred tax revenues	98,769	-	98,769
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>160,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,977</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	133,358	133,358
Restricted	-	173,544	173,544
Committed	-	1,095,667	1,095,667
Assigned	-	639,899	639,899
Unassigned	1,983,852	-	1,983,852
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,983,852</u>	<u>2,042,468</u>	<u>4,026,320</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,798,717</u>	<u>\$ 2,042,692</u>	<u>\$ 5,841,409</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property Taxes	\$ 4,621,614	\$ -	\$ 4,621,614
Excise Taxes	669,196	-	669,196
Intergovernmental Revenues	762,569	271,696	1,034,265
Licenses, Permits and Fees	38,580	-	38,580
Charges for Services	372,851	-	372,851
Miscellaneous Revenues	94,782	(44,806)	49,976
TOTAL REVENUES	6,559,592	226,890	6,786,482
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General Government	533,885	-	533,885
Municipal Maintenance	147,216	-	147,216
Community Service	77,454	-	77,454
Recreation, Parks and Activities	40,510	-	40,510
Education	3,463,235	-	3,463,235
County Tax	319,743	-	319,743
Protection	135,399	-	135,399
Cemeteries	9,753	-	9,753
Roads and Drainage	398,357	-	398,357
Capital Improvements	90,374	-	90,374
Solid Waste	341,535	-	341,535
Regional Assessments	40,574	-	40,574
Other Expenditures	37,300	81,999	119,299
Debt Service:			
Principal	104,667	-	104,667
Interest	18,259	-	18,259
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,758,261	81,999	5,840,260
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	801,331	144,891	946,222
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Bond proceeds	395,000	-	395,000
Transfers in	7	1,541,108	1,541,115
Transfers (out)	(1,541,108)	(7)	(1,541,115)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,146,101)	1,541,101	395,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(344,770)	1,685,992	1,341,222
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	2,328,622	356,476	2,685,098
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,983,852	\$ 2,042,468	\$ 4,026,320

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TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 2,328,622	\$ 2,328,622	\$ 2,328,622	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	4,606,262	4,606,262	4,621,614	15,352
Excise Taxes	582,500	582,500	669,196	86,696
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	225,000	225,000	457,067	232,067
Homestead Exemption	208,136	208,136	220,070	11,934
Local Road Assistance	32,000	36,672	36,672	-
BETE Reimbursement	7,046	7,046	7,046	-
Tree Growth Reimbursement	9,000	9,000	10,776	1,776
Other	35,569	35,748	30,938	(4,810)
Licenses, Permits and Fees	24,650	24,650	38,580	13,930
Charges for Services	303,850	347,296	372,851	25,555
Interest Income	6,000	6,000	7,440	1,440
Tax Interest/Lien Costs	30,000	30,000	19,721	(10,279)
Miscellaneous Revenues	110,183	150,188	67,621	(82,567)
Bond Proceeds	395,000	395,000	395,000	-
Transfers From Other Funds	6,000	6,000	7	(5,993)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>8,909,818</u>	<u>8,998,120</u>	<u>9,283,221</u>	<u>285,101</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	620,098	621,432	533,885	87,547
Municipal Maintenance	144,915	144,915	147,216	(2,301)
Community Service	75,466	90,876	77,454	13,422
Recreation, Parks and Activities	50,321	68,348	40,510	27,838
Education	3,463,235	3,463,235	3,463,235	-
County Tax	319,743	319,743	319,743	-
Protection	154,335	154,335	135,399	18,936
Cemeteries	22,700	22,700	9,753	12,947
Roads and Drainage	417,850	422,522	398,357	24,165
Capital Improvements	892,858	930,326	90,374	839,952
Solid Waste	323,665	337,340	341,535	(4,195)
Regional Assessments	49,000	49,000	40,574	8,426
Other Expenditures	329,056	355,238	37,300	317,938
Debt Service:				
Principal	110,075	110,075	104,667	5,408
Interest	15,149	15,149	18,259	(3,110)
Transfers to other funds	-	1,541,108	1,541,108	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>6,988,466</u>	<u>8,646,342</u>	<u>7,299,369</u>	<u>1,346,973</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 1,921,352</u>	<u>\$ 351,778</u>	<u>\$ 1,983,852</u>	<u>\$ 1,632,074</u>
Utilization of assigned fund balance	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,791,108	\$ -	\$(1,791,108)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	157,270	185,736	-	(185,736)
	<u>\$ 407,270</u>	<u>\$ 1,976,844</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(1,976,844)</u>

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TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government					
Administration	\$ 321,375	\$ -	\$ 321,375	\$ 273,713	\$ 47,662
Insurance	150,913	-	150,913	127,699	23,214
Office equipment	6,720	-	6,720	5,658	1,062
Assessing	23,675	-	23,675	21,141	2,534
Code enforcement	76,715	-	76,715	71,767	4,948
Planning and appeals board	1,200	-	1,200	449	751
Grant writing	12,000	-	12,000	9,707	2,293
Heating assistance	2,500	1,334	3,834	2,148	1,686
Attorney fees	25,000	-	25,000	21,603	3,397
Subtotal General Government	620,098	1,334	621,432	533,885	87,547
Municipal Maintenance					
General maintenance	100,765	-	100,765	90,827	9,938
Building maintenance	35,900	-	35,900	39,694	(3,794)
Vehicle maintenance	8,250	-	8,250	16,695	(8,445)
Subtotal Municipal Maintenance	144,915	-	144,915	147,216	(2,301)
Community Services					
Age friendly initiatives	2,100	7,556	9,656	5,733	3,923
Animal control	14,445	-	14,445	8,733	5,712
Broadband	5,000	-	5,000	3,725	1,275
Kennebec land trust	250	-	250	250	-
KVCOG	4,500	-	4,500	4,226	274
Library services	37,666	7,854	45,520	44,858	662
Readfield television	7,085	-	7,085	4,937	2,148
Street lights	4,000	-	4,000	4,757	(757)
Maran Dam	420	-	420	235	185
Subtotal Community Services	75,466	15,410	90,876	77,454	13,422
Recreation, Parks and Activities					
Beach	17,235	131	17,366	13,558	3,808
Recreation	18,586	2,630	21,216	16,941	4,275
Town properties	2,750	-	2,750	278	2,472
Conservation	6,250	14,306	20,556	1,917	18,639
Trails	500	1,305	1,805	2,706	(901)
Heritage days	5,000	(345)	4,655	5,110	(455)
Subtotal Recreation, Parks and Activities	50,321	18,027	68,348	40,510	27,838

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Education	3,463,235	-	3,463,235	3,463,235	-
County Tax	319,743	-	319,743	319,743	-
Protection					
Fire department operations	74,425	-	74,425	56,250	18,175
Ambulance	38,110	-	38,110	38,110	-
Tower sites	4,550	-	4,550	6,449	(1,899)
Dispatching	36,750	-	36,750	34,590	2,160
Emergency operations plan	500	-	500	-	500
Subtotal Protection Department	154,335	-	154,335	135,399	18,936
Cemeteries	22,700	-	22,700	9,753	12,947
Roads and Drainage					
Summer road maintenance	125,200	4,672	129,872	61,665	68,207
Winter road maintenance	292,650	-	292,650	336,692	(44,042)
Subtotal Roads and Drainage	417,850	4,672	422,522	398,357	24,165
Capital Improvements					
Parks and Rec	75,000	-	75,000	23,967	51,033
Fire Department	10,000	13,019	23,019	12,132	10,887
Fire Station Addition	200,000	24,192	224,192	-	224,192
Gile Hall	10,000	-	10,000	16,432	(6,432)
Cemetery	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
Sidewalks	45,000	-	45,000	3,000	42,000
Road Maintenance	422,000	-	422,000	-	422,000
Capital Equipment	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000
Bobcat Lease	6,177	-	6,177	6,177	-
Transfer Station Capital	44,681	257	44,938	28,666	16,272
Open space	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Library Building	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000
Subtotal Capital Improvements	892,858	37,468	930,326	90,374	839,952

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Solid Waste					
Transfer station	185,107	-	185,107	195,143	(10,036)
Town Share transfer station	136,058	13,675	149,733	143,435	6,298
Backhoe operation	2,500	-	2,500	2,957	(457)
Subtotal Solid Waste Department	323,665	13,675	337,340	341,535	(4,195)
Regional Assessments					
Cobbossee watershed	24,000	-	24,000	23,937	63
First park	25,000	-	25,000	16,637	8,363
Subtotal Regional Assessments	49,000	-	49,000	40,574	8,426
Other Expenditures					
Tax relief	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Snomobile club	1,569	179	1,748	1,569	179
Non-profit agencies	14,535	-	14,535	14,285	250
Readfield enterprise fund	10,000	1,003	11,003	-	11,003
Real estate prop. revaluation	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
General assistance	10,000	-	10,000	964	9,036
Overlay	222,952	-	222,952	-	222,952
Overdraft/abatements	50,000	-	50,000	20,482	29,518
Contingency	-	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Subtotal Community Services	329,056	26,182	355,238	37,300	317,938
Debt Service					
Principal	110,075	-	110,075	104,667	5,408
Interest	15,149	-	15,149	18,259	(3,110)
Subtotal Debt Service	125,224	-	125,224	122,926	2,298
Transfers to other funds					
Special revenue funds	-	445,441	445,441	445,441	-
Capital projects funds	-	1,095,667	1,095,667	1,095,667	-
Subtotal Transfers to Other Funds	-	1,541,108	1,541,108	1,541,108	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 6,988,466	\$ 1,657,876	\$ 8,646,342	\$ 7,299,369	\$ 1,346,973

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TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,943	\$ -	\$ 5,430	\$ 141,373
Investments	-	-	291,691	291,691
Due from other funds	503,956	1,095,667	10,005	1,609,628
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 639,899	\$ 1,095,667	\$ 307,126	\$ 2,042,692
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 224	\$ 224
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	224	224
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	133,358	133,358
Restricted	-	-	173,544	173,544
Committed	-	1,095,667	-	1,095,667
Assigned	639,899	-	-	639,899
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	639,899	1,095,667	306,902	2,042,468
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 639,899	\$ 1,095,667	\$ 307,126	\$ 2,042,692

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 271,696	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 271,696
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	-	(52,006)	(52,006)
Other	-	-	7,200	7,200
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>271,696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,806)</u>	<u>226,890</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Other	81,999	-	-	81,999
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>81,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,999</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>189,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,806)</u>	<u>144,891</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	445,441	1,095,667	-	1,541,108
Transfers (out)	(7)	-	-	(7)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>445,434</u>	<u>1,095,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,541,101</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	635,131	1,095,667	(44,806)	1,685,992
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>4,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>351,708</u>	<u>356,476</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 639,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,667</u>	<u>\$ 306,902</u>	<u>\$ 2,042,468</u>

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Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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 13th day of June, A.D. 2023, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 43 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 one Select Board members for a three-year term:

Linton, David

Price, Dennis

Write in: _____

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

Rodriguez, Marie

Tarbuck, Brian

Write in: _____

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

Write in: _____

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

Write in: _____

Elect one Local School Committee member for a three-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, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

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?

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?

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?

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

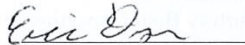
I. Town Indebtedness -

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
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| | 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

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 28: 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 29: 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 30: 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 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Maranacook Food Bank**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$275,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to reduce the total tax commitment?

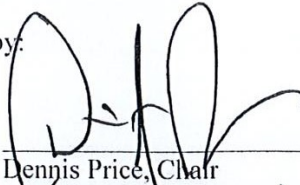
Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 41: Shall an ordinance entitled 2023 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

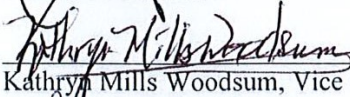
Article 42: Shall an ordinance entitled **Town Beach Ordinance** of the Town of Readfield Maine be enacted? (A copy of said Ordinance is attached to this Warrant.)

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? (A copy of said 2023 Comprehensive Plan is attached to this Warrant.)

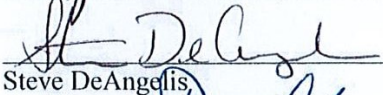
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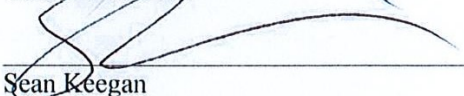
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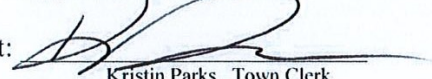


Carol Doorenbos



Sean Keegan

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: 

Kristin Parks, Town Clerk
Town of Readfield



2023 TOWN HOLIDAYS

Date	Holiday
Sunday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 2	New Year's Day (observed)
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 20	Presidents' Day
Monday, April 17	Patriot's Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Monday, October 9	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day (observed)
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November, 24	Thanksgiving Friday
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 29, 2023	* First Half of 2023 Taxes Due
October 15, 2023	Dog Licensing Begin
November 7, 2023	Referendum Election
December 31, 2023	Dog Licenses Due
February 1, 2024	Late Fee for Unregistered Dogs
February 23, 2024	* Second Half of 2023 Taxes Due
March 5, 2024	Potential Presidential Primary
June 11, 2024	State Primary Election/Town Meeting/RSU Referendum
November 5, 2024	Presidential General Election

** Dates correct if Article #4 passes on June 13, 2023 Town Meeting Secret Ballot Warrant*

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If it is emergency and cannot wait, please call the State Police at (207) 624-7076

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Collection Clerk/Deputy Clerk: Anjelica Pittman: (207) 685-4939 info@readfieldmaine.org

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