

**Sample Ballot
Town of Readfield, Maine
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
June 13, 2023**

Kristin Parks,
Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left like this: ●
- ◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

<u>Article 2</u>	<input type="radio"/> YES 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? <input type="radio"/> NO
Select Board Members Elect one for a three-year term:	
<input type="radio"/> Linton, David	<input type="radio"/> YES 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?
<input type="radio"/> Price, Dennis	<input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	
RSU #38 School Board member Elect one for a three-year term:	<input type="radio"/> YES 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? <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> Rodriguez, Marie	
<input type="radio"/> Tarbuck, Brian	<input type="radio"/> YES 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?
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	<input type="radio"/> NO
Local School Committee member Elect one for a one-year term:	<input type="radio"/> YES Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$697,980 for the Administration budget category for the following budget lines? <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	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
Local School Committee member Elect one for a two-year term:	Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	
Local School Committee member Elect one for a three-year term:	<input type="radio"/> YES Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$176,710 for the Municipal Maintenance budget category? <input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/>Write-in	General Maintenance \$ 128,760 Building Maintenance \$ 34,450 Vehicles Maintenance \$ 13,500
	Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes
	<input type="radio"/> YES Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$79,220 for the Community Services budget category for the following budget lines? <input type="radio"/> NO
	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
	<input type="radio"/> 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? <input type="radio"/> NO
	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
	<input type="radio"/> 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? <input type="radio"/> NO
	Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes
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YES Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$184,835** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines?

NO

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

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

NO

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

YES Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$586,750** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category?

NO

Summer Road Maintenance	\$ 118,000
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 468,750

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

YES Article 15: Shall the Select Board of the Town be authorized to enter into an agreement 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?

NO

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Town Indebtedness

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

2. Costs - Warrant Article 15, Fire Truck Bond:

At an estimated interest rate of four percent (4%) for a term of ten (10) years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

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

3. Validity

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

4. Debt Limit

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

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
Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer

YES 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?

NO

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

NO

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO

Fire 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

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

NO

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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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?

NO
Cobbossee Watershed \$ 27,665
First Park \$ 20,000

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

NO
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

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

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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**?

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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?

NO
Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

NO
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

- YES Article 35: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for the **General Assistance** budget category?
- NO Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

- 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?
- NO Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

- YES Article 37: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Revenues** estimated below to reduce the **2023 Tax Commitment?**
- NO

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

- YES Article 38: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Fund** balances to reduce the **2023 Tax Commitment?**
- NO

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

- 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?
- NO

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

Select Board recommends: Yes
Budget Committee recommends: Yes

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

- YES Article 42: Shall an ordinance entitled **Town Beach Ordinance of the Town of Readfield Maine** be enacted?
- NO

- YES 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?
- NO

YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING