



# READFIELD MESSENGER

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## Readfield Community Library

### [Check out Snowshoes from the Readfield Community Library](#)



The Readfield Community Library is proud to announce its new snowshoe collection. The library currently has six pairs, ranging from child to adult size, available to check out. Like everything else in our library, borrowing snowshoes is completely free. Once you have them checked out, you can keep them for one full week. We just ask that you return them while the library is open, as the shoes cannot fit in the drop box. You can check them out as soon as today!



This collection was made possible due to generous donations- both monetary and of gently used snowshoes- from our community. Thank you for supporting us in this new endeavor, and reminding us why we call ourselves the Readfield Community Library.

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#### **Special points of interest:**

- Maranacook Area School Budge Update #1 and #2 can be found on pages 16-17
- Don't forget, second half of 2016 taxes are due February 28th.
- Town Office will be closed on February 20th for Presidents Day.
- Don't forget your sweet hearts on February 14th , Valentines Day.





## TOWN OF READFIELD

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### Municipal Fire Truck for Sale

The Town of Readfield is accepting bids for a 1987 GMC C7000 Topkick Fire Truck with a 3216 Caterpillar Engine. The truck has 21,000 miles and a 5 speed transmission with a 2 speed rear axle. Good tires all around. Frame is solid. Rear body and tank have rust holes. 1000 gallon water tank with a 1000 GPM Hale Pump. The truck can be viewed at any time at the Readfield Fire Station at 1154 Main St. in Readfield. It is parked out back. The truck will be sold in "as is" "where is" condition. The Town of Readfield provides no guarantees or warranties, either expressed or implied.

Bids can be mailed to the Town of Readfield at 8 Old Kents Hill Rd., Readfield, ME 04355 with the envelope clearly marked "Fire Truck Bid" or emailed with the subject line of "Fire Truck Bid" to [readfield.tmgr@roadrunner.com](mailto:readfield.tmgr@roadrunner.com). The deadline for bids is Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 2:00pm. Bids will be reviewed at the Town Office immediately following the deadline. The Town of Readfield reserves the right to accept any bid and/or reject any or all bids for any reason or no reason. Bids may be awarded at the Select Board meeting on February 21, 2017.

For more information please call Chief Lee Mank at 207-458-9495 or email questions to him at [mank125@aol.com](mailto:mank125@aol.com).





## From the Town Manager's Desk

### Free Money, Really!

Now that I have your attention, I would like to remind you about two legitimate tax programs that can put hundreds of dollars in your pocket every year.



The first is a State of Maine program called the Property Tax Fairness Credit. Through this program, eligible taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent they paid during the year (2016 this time around) as a refund on their Maine individual income tax return. For eligible recipients this holds true whether you owe Maine income tax or not. If the credit exceeds the amount of your individual income tax due for the tax year, the excess amount of credit will be refunded to you. Eligibility is based on the following four criteria:

- You must be resident of Maine during any part of the tax year.
- You need to have owned or rented a home in Maine during any part of the tax year and lived in that home during the year as a primary residence.
- You need to have paid property tax or rent on the primary residence in Maine during the tax year.
- You need to meet certain income and property tax and/or rent paid limitations during the tax year. Income is an important determination of eligibility.

For the 2015 tax year, about 110 Readfield residents applied for the credit and just over 100 received it. Many more residents are eligible and you could be one of them! If you are interested in learning more call 207-626-8475 or go to <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/ptfcsmary.htm>

The second program is a partnership between the State of Maine and local municipalities, including Readfield. It is what we call the Homestead Exemption. Rather than acting as a refund program it acts as a discount program where you pay less in property taxes up front when you meet certain criteria. The impact is sizable because it excludes \$15,000 of the value of your residential property from local taxation. That equals a \$284 reduction in your taxes using our current mil rate. The best part of this program is that you only have to apply once and it is not income dependent. The criteria are as follows:

- You must be a permanent resident of Maine.
- Your home must be your permanent residence.
- You must have owned your home in Maine for the twelve months prior to applying.
- You must file an application with the Town of Readfield on or before April 1st of the upcoming tax year.

As you can see, many if not most Readfield residents should be eligible. For more information please visit the Town Office or call 685-4939.

Be well,  
Eric Dyer,  
Readfield Town Manager



## APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Title 36 MRSA Sections 681-689

INSTRUCTIONS: Completed forms must be filed with your local assessor by April 1. Forms filed after April 1 of any year will apply to the subsequent year tax assessment. See reverse for additional instructions

### SECTION 1: CHECK ☒ ALL THAT APPLY

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | YES                      | NO                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. I am a legal resident of the State of Maine                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. I have owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past 12 months.<br>(1) If you owned a homestead in another municipality within the past 12 months, state the municipality where located: _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. I declare this homestead is my permanent place of residence and the only property for which I have claimed a homestead exemption.<br>(Summer camps, vacation homes and 2 <sup>nd</sup> residences do not qualify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### IF YOU HAVE NOT ANSWERED YES TO ALL QUESTIONS, STOP HERE

You must meet all three of these requirements to qualify for a homestead exemption under the terms of the homestead exemption statute

### SECTION 2

- Names of all Property Owners (names on your tax bill): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Physical location of Homestead property (i.e. 14 Maple St.): \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing Address, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: CLAIM OF RESIDENCY IN THE MUNICIPALITY IS BASED ON ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- |                                                                                                                          | YES                      | NO                       | N/A                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ❖ I am a registered voter in the municipality.                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ❖ I pay Motor Vehicle Excise Tax in the municipality.                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ❖ The place of legal residence on my resident fishing and/or hunting license is the same as the above homestead address. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ❖ The address on my driver's license is the same as the above address.                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(If you answer "No" to any question, please explain on a separate sheet. N/A means Not Applicable)

I (we) hereby declare, aware of penalties for perjury, that the answers to the above are, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. A person who knowingly files false information for the purpose of obtaining a homestead exemption is guilty of a criminal offense.

Signature of Homestead Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Animal Control Officer, Anna Carll**

Hey, my name is Anna Carll I am the Animal Control Officer for Readfield, and very happy to have this opportunity to work with and for the local animals. My love for animals started as a young kid working on my family's farm in Durham, and as a young adult I went on to work at a Veterinary Hospital for nearly 9 years. The experience and knowledge I have gained over my life time will be useful for the position as Animal Control Officer, but I am always open to opinions, and new ideas.



Contact info:

Cell phone (207)622-6404

Direct Line (207)685-1811

E-mail [acarll@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:acarll@readfieldmaine.org)

Deputy Animal Control Officer is Pat Wheeler (207)778-1422

If you have an emergency please contact Maine State Police at (207)624-7076

I will not be available

February 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 5<sup>th</sup>

February 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>

### **State Laws**

#### **Title 7: Agriculture and Animals**

#### **Chapter 721: Dog Licenses**

##### **§3921.LICENSE NECESSARY**

A dog may not be kept within the limits of the State, unless the dog has been licensed by its owner or keeper in accordance with the laws of this State.

##### **§3922.ISSUANCE OF LICENSE**

Each owner or keeper of a dog at the age of 6 months or more, on or before January 1st of each year, shall obtain a license.

##### **§3923-A LICENSE AND RECORDING FEES**

An owner or keeper required to license a dog under section 3922, subsection 1 or section 3923-C, subsection 1 and applying for a license for that dog after January 31st shall pay to the municipal clerk, dog licensing agent or dog recorder a late fee of \$25 in addition to the annual license fee.



### Important Dates and Information

- 2017 Dog Licenses are due December 31st. The late fee of \$25 per dog started on February 1st.
- 2017-18 Budget Meetings are on the Calendar included in this publication. The public is always welcome to attend all meetings.
- We are still looking for volunteers to fill some committee seats. If you are interested please let us know and we will send you an application or just stop by and make one out. The list of openings appear on the back page of this publication.
- Committee Chairs need to remit the Town Report Articles by March 1st.
- Readfield Messenger articles and advertising is due by February 27th by 8:00 am.
- The Town Office will be CLOSED on February 20th for Presidents Day.



**We are sadden to report  
that on December 21, 2016  
the Town of Readfield lost  
their eldest resident,  
Raymond Siegler.**



**Raymond Siegler** received the Boston Post Cane from the Town of Readfield on May 20th, 2016. Our condolences go out to Mr. Siegler's wife Lois and all their family and friends.

If you know of a resident who's has a birthday before 11/16/1921 please let us know as we are in search for the next Boston Cane holder.

## Mount Vernon Food Bank

People in Readfield who find they are in need at any time during the year do not have to go hungry. The Mt. Vernon Food Bank, located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, serves the people of Readfield in addition to Vienna, Fayette and Mt. Vernon. It is open every Saturday morning from 10am to 12pm and is supported by the schools, churches and individuals from the area.

Those who are not in need of the food service can become supporters of the Food Bank with tax-deductible checks made payable to the Mt. Vernon Food Bank.

If you are in need of help during off hours, please call: Betty White at 480-1525 or Helen Wilkey at 293-2351.

## Select Board's Corner by Bruce Bourgoine, Chair

Dear Neighbors;

Committee, including board and commission, volunteers are an important backbone of local governance. Each town committee was formed to address an important role that town government delivers to serve our Readfield community.

Over the last several months volunteers have stepped forward to join several committees that truly needed new hands on board. I am pleased to report that the Board of Appeals, which lacked an operating quorum, is now fully staffed. Our Age Friendly Committee and Readfield Heritage Days committees have welcomed several recent new committee participants. New volunteers have stepped forward to take a turn at replacing the greatly appreciated service of departing committee members in several areas.

A few standing committees are still seeking a member or an alternate member. And we do have a recently reconstituted Readfield Enterprise committee that is just beginning to reform and needs volunteers. Committee opening opportunities can be found on the town website.

Committees truly help build community. Citizen service on committees is an important gift of involvement to the town and a key part of having citizen voice in your local government's services and responsibilities. Please join me in expressing our appreciation for the very many volunteers who serve Readfield. Don't hesitate to join them!

Thank you!  
Bruce Bourgoine



## Select Board Contact Information

**Bourgoine, Bruce:** (207) 624-1977 [bbourgoine@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:bbourgoine@readfieldmaine.org)

**Dunham, Thomas:** Phone: (207) 685-4524 [selectboard.td@ne.twcbc.com](mailto:selectboard.td@ne.twcbc.com)

**Parent, John:** Phone: (207) 242-7420 [jparent@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:jparent@readfieldmaine.org)

**Sammons, Christine:** Phone: (412) 779-4368 [csamons@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:csamons@readfieldmaine.org)

**Woodsum, Kathryn Mills:** Phone: (207) 685-9094 [kwoodsum@readfieldmaine.org](mailto:kwoodsum@readfieldmaine.org)





## Age Friendly Community Committee

### New Member

We welcome Marjorie Ellis as our newest member of the Age Friendly Committee.

Marjorie and her husband Ira have lived in Readfield for 44 plus years. They

bought their home in Readfield in October of 1972. They love the view from all windows of their home, and we have enjoyed making some good friends here. They would like to continue living here as long as they can, but are aware it would be better if they had a home that is on one level. This Age Friendly Committee is an encouragement for all of us who find ourselves over 75!

### Sand

The Committee and the Town of Readfield will continue to make sand available to Readfield seniors and to others who may have a need to have sand delivered. Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to help deliver sand.

We need more buckets! If anyone has a bucket to donate or a used kitty litter bucket with a lid, please let us know. We can pick it up or make arrangements for you to drop it off. You'll also be contributing to the **Renew, Reuse, Recycle** effort!

### TAX Preparation Services

It is the season! The AARP has a tax aide program that provides free Federal and State tax return preparation services at the Cohen Center in Hallowell. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained, tested and certified to prepare returns for low and moderate income taxpayers, with a focus on those over 60. Services are provided by appointment only. Call the Cohen center at 626-7777 to book an appointment on a Tuesday or Friday.

We are trying to bring this assistance right to Readfield. Until we do, please continue to contact the Cohen Center.

### Possible Assistance with Paying Taxes from Property Tax Fairness Credit Program

Are you aware that there is a state program called the Maine Income Tax – Property Tax Fairness Credit that might help pay your property taxes?

### Who is eligible for the Property Tax Fairness Credit?

You may qualify for a refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit up to \$600 (\$900 if you are 65 years of age or older) if you meet all of the following:

- You were a Maine resident during any part of the tax year;
- You owned or rented a home in Maine during any part of the tax year and lived in that home as your principal residence during the year;
- Your total income during 2016 was not more than a specified amount each year for your filing status and the number of personal exemptions you claim;
- You paid property tax on your home (principal residence) in Maine during the tax year that is greater than 6% of your total income or you paid rent on your home (principal residence) in Maine during the tax year that is greater than 40% of your total income. Note that the amount of property tax or rent you can include may be limited.



## Age Friendly Community Committee Cont.

**How does someone apply for the refundable credit?** To claim the credit, file Form 1040ME and Schedule PTFC or Schedule PTFC/STFC for the tax year during which the property tax or rent was paid. Because the refund is based on a complicated formula we will not attempt to provide all the details but encourage you to call the number below for assistance.

**Is assistance available to apply for the credit?** Yes, Maine Revenue Services will assist taxpayers with Form 1040ME and Schedule PTFC or Schedule PTFC/STFC. For help, call 207-626-8475 weekdays 8:00am to 5:00pm or visit Maine Revenue Services at 51 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME 04330, weekdays 8:00am 4:30pm. Closed on State recognized holidays.

**Where can taxpayers get Form 1040ME and Schedule PTFC?** Forms are available at <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms> or call 207-624-7894 to request that a printed form be mailed to you.

[E-mail Questions](#) or Call 207-626-8475 for additional information.

**NOW** is the time to explore this possible opportunity for tax assistance.

### Interested in an Informal Gathering for Coffee on Saturday Mornings?

As part of our survey process we met with various groups in Readfield to discuss the survey results and to explore other ideas in more depth. One thing we heard was the desire to have a place in town to gather for coffee and be an informal gathering place.

The Weathervane has responded! It is open Saturday mornings and will set aside several tables reserved for seniors who want to socialize without an agenda, have a cup of coffee and perhaps buy breakfast on Saturday morning. GG, one of the Weathervane's owners, would love to have the seniors come in on Saturday mornings. Give it a try!

Tel: 685-4064



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## Readfield Community Library

### Check out our newest Titles

Looking for something new to read? Then take a look at our January order. It includes books by Chris Bohjalian, Fannie Flagg, Michael Lewis, Ransom Riggs, James Patterson, and Chris Duffy. New movies include The Girl on the Train and The Light Between Oceans.

### New Puzzle Section at Readfield Community Library

Attention serious puzzlers! The next time you stop by the library, feel free to check out something from our brand new puzzle section. This is the perfect selection for the next big snow day.

### Children's Craft

**02/08/17- Children's Craft: Bookmaking with Ellen Bowman**— Come and learn how to make your own books out of paper with school councilor Ellen Bowman. This is a great program for elementary school children who are looking to create and explore. Drop in any time between 3-4PM to participate!

### The Maine Humanities Council To Return!

The Maine Humanities Council will be returning to do another "Let's Talk About it" book club program in 2017. This time, the program will be "Where Am I? The Individual & the Community."

**02/15/17- Where Am I? The Individual & the Community: Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks**— This is part one of a five part book club put out by the Maine Humanities Council, focused around the concept of community, and how it is viewed from the people on the inside, and outside. Our first book will be Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks, and will be discussed on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30PM. Please contact Nancy in advance to receive a copy of this book.

**03/15/17-The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne** will be discussed on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30PM.

**04/12/17-Where Am I? The Individual & the Community: The Lord of the Flies by William Golding** will be discussed on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30PM.

**05/17/17- Where Am I? The Individual & the Community: Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe** will be discussed on Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30PM.

**06/21/17- Where Am I? The Individual & the Community: Doing Time: 25 Years of Prison Writing edited by Bell Gale Chevigny** will be discussed on Wednesday, June 21th at 6:30PM.

### Winter Book Sale

**03/04/17- Winter Booksale**— Fight cabin fever by checking out our annual winter booksale. The sale runs from 9AM to 1PM and consists of books for adults, kids and teens. Prices range from twenty-five cents to a dollar per book. Support your local library by purchasing slightly used book or two (or more!).

### Library Hours

Monday: 6-8, Wednesday: 2-8, Thursday: 10-12, Saturday: 10-4

The Librarian can be reached at [librarian@readfield.lib.me.us](mailto:librarian@readfield.lib.me.us) or call her at 685-4089 for more information.

# The Union Meeting House

## Reconstruction Progress



North and south narthex beams waiting to be fed through the window opening



New narthex beam on temporary support

Many of you may have seen that there is reconstruction going on at the Union Meeting House at 22 Church Road. We have mentioned it in past Messenger issues. To fully understand the nature of the work being done by craftsmen of the Maine Barn Company, we have included a couple of pictures of the new beams that are replacing rotted support timbers. This is a major step in renovations to our, Town of Readfield, historic building.

It is hard to appreciate the scope of this work when it is below the floor. This phase I on the subfloor is necessary to give support to the walls and ceiling where the *trompe l'oeil* artwork painted by Charles Schumacher is located. I personally have never shown the artwork to town residents or visitors who were not in awe of the paintings on the walls and ceiling.

For phase II of the reconstruction, we are reaching out to ALL who access the Messenger. UMH Board members have pledged over \$30,000 in this next 3 years. We are looking for people who are willing to make a pledge amount over the next three years, in writing, so we can obtain a bank loan to cover the \$130,000 that is still needed. Your pledges, along with grants and donations, will make it possible to go right into phase II of necessary floor improvements. We can then move to other projects that will restore this Readfield landmark.

For more information on pledges contact John Perry, Treasurer, at 685-3531 or email [jmgmp@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jmpgmp@myfairpoint.net).

## Annual Membership Drive

Members of the Readfield Meeting House should soon be receiving their annual State of the Union Meeting House written by Marius Peladeau, President. Also inside will be the membership form for the 2017 year. Anyone can become a member, please don't wait to be asked. We welcome all. If you have any questions regarding the Union Meeting House whether it be about becoming a member, volunteer, or board member feel free to contact me: Nancy Durgin, Membership Chair 685-4481 or email [durgie@roadrunner.com](mailto:durgie@roadrunner.com).

## READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES

By Bob Harris, Acting President

Members and friends of RHS received our winter newsletter in mid- December. We have a new format and we would like to thank Dale Potter-Clark for using her expertise to put it together.

Included in the newsletter was a survey and a form to join, renew, or donate. The survey has generated great ideas and comments but we would be delighted to hear from more of you. Now that the holidays are over, please take the time to fill it out and return to RHS at PO Box 354, Readfield ME 04355.

Because of the newsletter, we would like to welcome new members and thank those who have made donations and paid their 2017 dues. Your support is essential for us to move forward and preserve the history of our unique town.

As our long Maine winter moves along, the RHS board has been planning some very interesting activities which include:

1. Our annual meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Gile Hall. After a brief business meeting and election of officers, our guest speaker will be Maine author George Smith. We will also serve refreshments.

2. Adult ED classes at Maranacook High School:

March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm – The Day Readfield Corner Burned

April 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm - Was the Underground Railroad in Readfield?

The RHS board will be meeting in February to discuss our opening day on Memorial Day weekend, our Wine and Cheese night and our involvement in Heritage Days.

Recently I came across a piece of history about East Readfield that was very interesting. It seems that a pioneer pastor named Isaac Case moved from Thomaston to Readfield in 1792. Case formed the first Maine Baptist Missionary Society in the state of Maine in 1804. His church was located on RT 17 near what is now the Case Cemetery. In 1839 his congregation voted to have the church building moved to North Manchester. Case was devastated but stayed on as Pastor and did missionary work Down east and in New Brunswick Canada. When he passed away, he was buried in the same spot where his pulpit had stood in his church that had been moved to Manchester.

Before I close I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2017. Be safe and be happy!





## READFIELD - 2016-2017 (FY 17) BUDGET AND WARRANT PROCESS

| Meeting Schedule                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                               |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Task                                                                                          | Responsibility           |
| 12//7/15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Budget process memo sent to Depts., Boards, & Committees - To include PY & YTD #s             | Various                  |
| 12/14/15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Board goals & Warrant                                                   | BoS                      |
| 12/22/15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Joint Budget Committee & Selectboard Meeting - Capital Improvement / budget goals & Warrant   | BoS / BC                 |
| 12/31/15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Preliminary Dept., Board & Committee budget #s & goals due                                    | Various                  |
| 01/05/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Budget Committee Meeting - Departments I - <i>See notes below for meeting details</i>         | BC                       |
| 01/11/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - First budget draft presented                                            | BoS                      |
| 01/19/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Budget Committee Meeting - Departments II - <i>See notes below for meeting details</i>        | BC                       |
| 01/25/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Second budget draft presented                                           | BoS                      |
| 02/02/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Budget Committee Meeting - Departments III - <i>See notes below for meeting details</i>       | BC                       |
| 02/08/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Third budget draft presented                                            | BoS                      |
| 02/16/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Budget Committee Meeting - Budget review (+ Beach & Recreation Departments)                   | BC                       |
| 02/22/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Fourth budget draft presented                                           | BoS                      |
| 03/01/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Joint Budget Committee & Selectboard Meeting - Revenues & general budget review               | BoS / BC                 |
| 03/02/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Joint with School Committee - school budget - 6:30 pm @ the High School | BoS / SC                 |
| 03/21/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Fifth budget draft presented                                            | BoS                      |
| 03/21/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 85 days before vote - Nomination Papers available                                             | TC                       |
| 03/29/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Joint Budget Committee & Selectboard Meeting - Public Information Meeting                     | BoS / BC                 |
| 04/04/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Draft warrant review                                                    | BoS                      |
| 04/19/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Final budget approval                                                   | BoS                      |
| 04/29/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 45 days before voting - Nomination papers due                                                 | Various                  |
| 05/02/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Selectboard Meeting - Final Warrant approval                                                  | BoS                      |
| 05/10/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 35 Days before voting - Signed Warrant due to Clerk (absolute deadline)                       | BoS                      |
| 05/25/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Public Hearing - Referendum questions                                                         | BoS                      |
| 06/03/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10 days before voting - Last day to hold referendum question hearings                         | BoS                      |
| 06/07/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7 days before voting - Town Meeting Warrant posted (absolute deadline)                        | TC / Constable           |
| 06/14/16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Town Meeting - State Primary                                                                  | TC                       |
| Budget Process Summary:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               | Key:                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Fifteen scheduled opportunities for public comment                                            | BC - Budget Committee    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Six Selectboard meetings with budget drafts                                                   | BoS - Board of Selectmen |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Four Budget Committee meetings                                                                | SC - School Committee    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Four joint meetings                                                                           | TC - Town Clerk          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | One Public Informational Meeting                                                              | Statutory deadlines      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | One Public Referendum Hearing                                                                 |                          |
| Notes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                               |                          |
| <b>Meeting Times</b> - BoS meetings are held at 6:30 and BC meetings at 5:30 at the Town Office unless otherwise noted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                               |                          |
| <b>Involvement</b> - Although not addressed directly it is expected that the Town Manager, Finance Officer, and Residents of the Town of Readfield will have ongoing roles in nearly all aspects of the budget process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                               |                          |
| <b>Selectboard Attendance</b> - Joint meetings will have full Selectboard attendance but all meetings may have three or more Selectpeople                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                               |                          |
| <b>Departments I</b> - Includes the following: <b>General Government</b> (Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, Coder Enforcement, Boundaries, Maintenance, Grant writing / Planning, Heating Assistance), <b>Boards &amp; Commissions</b> (Appeals Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board), <b>Buildings</b> (Fire Station, Giles Hall, Library, Building Maintenance)                                                                                 |                                                                                               |                          |
| <b>Departments II</b> - Includes the following: <b>Community Services</b> (Animal Control, Kennebec Land Trust, Library, Public Access TV, Street Lights, Town Farm, Maranacook Lake Dam), <b>Protection</b> (Fire Department, Ambulance, Water Holes, Dispatching, Personal Protection Gear Replacement), <b>Cemeteries</b> (Cemeteries), <b>Regional Assessments</b> (Cobbossee Watershed, Kennebec County, KVCOG, First Park, Debt Service)                                    |                                                                                               |                          |
| <b>Departments III</b> - Includes the following: <b>Recreation</b> (Heritage Days, Open Space, Community Park, Trails Committee), <b>Roads &amp; Drainage</b> (Roads & Drainage), <b>Capital Improvements</b> (Admin Technology, Fire Station Addition, Gile Hall, Ball Field, Library, Transfer Station, Maranacook Lake Dam), <b>Solid Waste</b> (Transfer Station, Backhoe), <b>Unclassified</b> (Non-profits, Snowmobiling, Enterprise Fund, Revaluation, General Assistance) |                                                                                               |                          |

\* As Amended 12/07/2015 - Town Manager

## Summary of Revenue & Expenses Dec.

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### Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL  
December

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| Account                             | Budget Net   | - C U R R M O N T H -<br>Debits | Credits   | YTD Net      | Uncollected Balance | Percent Collected |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT             | 5,706,026.00 | 114.59                          | 56,325.90 | 4,961,094.47 | 744,931.53          | 86.94             |
| 25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES             | 29,875.00    | 2.00                            | 3,971.42  | 23,727.73    | 6,147.27            | 79.42             |
| 30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES | 19,201.00    | 0.00                            | 215.00    | 7,733.43     | 11,467.57           | 40.28             |
| 40 - PROTECTION                     | 5,580.00     | 0.00                            | 0.00      | 2,600.00     | 2,980.00            | 46.59             |
| 50 - CEMETERIES                     | 0.00         | 0.00                            | 0.00      | 400.00       | -400.00             | ----              |
| 60 - Roads & Drainage               | 41,435.00    | 0.00                            | 0.00      | 44,163.05    | -2,728.05           | 106.58            |
| 70 - SOLID WASTE                    | 183,308.00   | 0.00                            | 16,294.17 | 94,163.40    | 89,144.60           | 51.37             |
| 90 - UNCLASSIFIED                   | 21,489.00    | 0.00                            | 55.55     | 26,688.81    | -5,199.81           | 124.20            |
| 95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE             | 2,355.00     | 0.00                            | 0.00      | 0.00         | 2,355.00            | 0.00              |
| Final Totals                        | 6,009,269.00 | 116.59                          | 76,862.04 | 5,160,570.89 | 848,698.11          | 85.88             |

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### Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments  
December

01/03/2017  
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| Account           | Budget Net   | - C U R R M O N T H -<br>Debits | Credits  | YTD Net      | Unexpended Balance | Percent Spent |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 10 - GENERAL GOVT | 473,471.00   | 71,914.56                       | 2,440.46 | 228,954.42   | 244,516.58         | 48.36         |
| 15 - BOARDS & COM | 5,360.00     | 523.02                          | 0.00     | 1,277.55     | 4,082.45           | 23.83         |
| 20 - TOWN BLDG    | 34,674.00    | 2,603.49                        | 0.00     | 10,196.16    | 24,477.84          | 29.41         |
| 25 - COMM SERVICE | 59,621.00    | 7,477.77                        | 0.00     | 35,130.98    | 24,490.02          | 58.92         |
| 30 - REC,PARKS/AT | 26,668.00    | 1,572.77                        | 0.00     | 16,456.98    | 10,211.02          | 61.71         |
| 40 - PROTECTION   | 137,690.00   | 15,999.80                       | 0.00     | 58,979.34    | 78,710.66          | 42.83         |
| 50 - CEMETERIES   | 31,906.00    | 2,275.35                        | 0.00     | 18,451.64    | 13,454.36          | 57.83         |
| 60 - Rds & Drain  | 630,085.00   | 36,091.44                       | 0.00     | 378,546.72   | 251,538.28         | 60.08         |
| 65 - CAPITAL IMPR | 140,131.00   | 4,900.00                        | 0.00     | 9,889.84     | 130,241.16         | 7.06          |
| 70 - SOLID WASTE  | 296,016.00   | 29,048.81                       | 0.00     | 123,267.14   | 172,748.86         | 41.64         |
| 75 - EDUCATION    | 3,442,351.00 | 286,862.58                      | 0.00     | 1,721,175.52 | 1,721,175.48       | 50.00         |
| 80 - REGIONAL ORG | 316,346.00   | 12,440.06                       | 0.00     | 287,595.78   | 28,750.22          | 90.91         |
| 85 - DEBT SERVICE | 346,302.00   | 65,302.70                       | 0.00     | 343,699.47   | 2,602.53           | 99.25         |
| 90 - UNCLASSIFIED | 63,938.00    | 0.00                            | 0.00     | 52,391.11    | 11,546.89          | 81.94         |
| 95 - GENERAL ASST | 4,710.00     | 0.00                            | 0.00     | 0.00         | 4,710.00           | 0.00          |
| Final Totals      | 6,009,269.00 | 537,012.35                      | 2,440.46 | 3,286,012.65 | 2,723,256.35       | 54.68         |

### Readfield Emporium

Gourmet pizzas, entrees, eat in & take  
out, wine & beer  
Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish  
9:00am Brunch Sat. & Sun.  
685-7348



## RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News

**Lots of new classes starting soon!!**

### **HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round**

| <b>Class Name</b>                              | <b>Start Date</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Driver Education at MCS                        | 2/6/2017          |
| Introduction to Chair Caning                   | 2/2/2017          |
| Tap it and Heal                                | 2/9/2017          |
| ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification | 2/24/2017         |
| Personal Safety                                | 2/25/2017         |
| Beginner Fly Fishing NEW!                      | 3/1/2017          |
| Welding Basics                                 | 3/1/2017          |
| Aromatic Yoga Nidra                            | 3/2/2017          |
| Ceremics: Beginning/Intermediate               | 3/2/2017          |
| Upholstery Basics                              | 3/2/2017          |

**To register, or for more details and to view all classes,  
go to:**

**<http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>**

**Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for more info**

## **Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club**

The Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club members are grateful for the backing we have received this year. Support comes in the form of donations, in-kind assistance from local contractors, generous landowners and yes – last, but certainly not least - membership. Our appeal for new club associates has paid off as we have welcomed several new members - mostly snowmobilers, but in addition several cross-country skiers who also enjoy the town's groomed trails. The good news is we have room for more members. Trail work is completed solely by volunteers and honestly we could use your help especially in the fall. If you are interested in lending a hand, bolstering your community service hours for your college resume or just spending time with nice people, please contact us at Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club, P.O. Box 62, Readfield, ME 04355 or contact us via email at [BlizzardBusters@yahoo.com](mailto:BlizzardBusters@yahoo.com)

Submitted by:

Margaret Livingston

RBBSC, Secretary





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January 9, 2017

Budget Update #1 - RSU #38 School Board Budget Meeting, January 4, 2017

For the past several years at the start of the budget season, the RSU #38 School Board has developed a goal for the upcoming budget. The Board and administration use this goal to focus budget building and important budget decisions. The RSU #38 School Board meeting on January 4, 2017 marked the beginning of the FY18 budget development work. The Board participated in a goal building discussion. The agreed upon goal is as follows:

***"Promoting student success in all areas, as we strive for academic excellence, while maintaining fiscal responsibility."***

As in the recent past, budget meetings will be recorded and made available to the public on YouTube. Also, I will provide a budget update which will be available on the district website. The link for viewing will be provided in each update. I believe that it is important to be transparent during the budget development process and I believe that the updates will provide the citizens of our community the information they need to interact with the Board throughout the budget process and to make an informed decision when it comes time to vote.

The **schedule for budget meetings** is included as part of this update and as always, I strongly urge the citizens of RSU #38 to attend these meetings. There will be a sign-up sheet at each meeting for those who wish to speak at the meeting regarding the budget.

Sincerely,

Donna H. Wolfrom, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools





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### ITALIAN EXPRESS RESTAURANT

PIZZA.PASTA.CALZONE. MORE....

Lunch.Dinner

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Winthrop, Maine 04364





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Budget Update #2 – RSU #38 Budget Workshop, January 18, 2017

To view the video as well as all supporting materials, please go to [www.maranacook.org/budget](http://www.maranacook.org/budget)

***“Promoting student success in all areas as we strive for academic excellence while maintaining fiscal responsibility”***

The RSU #38 School Board held the first FY18 budget meeting on January 18, 2017. Several informational items were presented prior to budget reports. The first chart shows a longitudinal history of State Valuation. The best case scenario is when valuation is down and enrollment is up. This chart shows an increase in valuation over last year, with Manchester and Mt. Vernon having the highest increases. Over a 7-year period Readfield and Wayne averages still maintain a decrease from FY12 with the district average also showing a decrease. Also distributed was an RSU #38 Enrollment History going back to FY04. Figures on this chart are based on October 1 enrollment counts. As of October 1, 2016 the enrollment of attending students in RSU #38 (resident, tuition, and Superintendent Agreements) decreased from last year by 11 students and the number of attending resident students decreased by 4.

RSU #38 Enrollment shows student enrollment as of January 13, 2017. This enrollment data shows a total of 1220 students enrolled. The class configurations on this chart are for the current school year, FY17.

RSU #38/Union #42 Budget Subsidy History offers a visual of both subsidy history and budget history since FY01. FY17 subsidy represented the lowest subsidy since FY01. The FY17 budget total is similar to the FY07 budget.

The three pie charts show budget distribution for the last three years. In each of the three years, salary and benefit, established by the negotiated agreements, represent over 75% of the budget.

At the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, budgets for the elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school were presented by the principals. These are Original Request budgets in keeping with the FY17 budget process during which the Board requested that administrators present their ideal budgets. The budget presentations on January 18, 2017 did not include Special Education, Technology, or Maintenance and Operations. These budgets will be presented by Directors at other meetings (see the Budget Meeting Schedule).

Principal requests that involve new positions or programs for FY18 include an additional 50% math interventionist for Mt. Vernon Elementary School, an additional educational technician and/or teacher at Wayne Elementary School, additional time for the elementary art teacher at Wayne, an additional day for the elementary library for a day of oversight at each of the elementary schools, an RTI ed. tech, an additional World Language teacher at Maranacook Middle School, and additional time for the Wellness Center administrative assistant at the middle school.

While the FY18 General Fund School Summary (Original Request) Budget submitted shows an increase of 8.55% over the FY17 budget, we realize that we have work to do to bring this in line with the RSU #38 School Board goal of “maintaining fiscal responsibility.” The Administrative team will review the budget in order to determine priorities for the coming year and will present a revised budget to the Board at the completion of the administrative reports.

Sincerely,

Donna H. Wolfrom, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of School

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**RSU #38 – FY18 Budget Workshops  
& Regular Meetings  
Maranacook Community High School  
Student Center (unless otherwise noted)  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**



**PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

- January 4\*** Regular Meeting and Budget Overview/Goals
- January 18** Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools
- February 1\*** Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop – Technology, Special Education, English Language Learners (ELLs), Gifted & Talented; Auditor Ron Smith
- February 15** Budget Workshop – Co-and Extra-Curricular, Operations & Maintenance, Transportation, Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Education, Food Service, Health, Professional Development/Curriculum, Systems Administration, Debt Service)
- March 1\*** Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- March 15** Joint Meeting with Local Select Boards re: draft FY18 budget; budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- March 22** *Tentative meeting* – Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- March 29** *Tentative meeting* – Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 5\*** Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 12\*\*** Regular Meeting – vote on Budget
- May 3\*\*** Regular Meeting
- May 17** Annual Budget Meeting, MCHS gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
- June 7\*\*** Regular Meeting
- June 13 – Budget Validation Referendum at individual town’s polling locations**
- June 21 or 14\*\*** Regular Meeting

\* Regular Board Meeting in addition to budget workshop

\*\* Regular Board Meeting

# **READFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Route 17  
Readfield, Me 04355

Invites you to Worship with us every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided.  
Sunday School classes for Kindergarden-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Everyone is Welcome to join us.

## **FREE PUBLIC SUPPER**



**February 11, 2017**

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Free Public Supper**

Chili/Chowders/Pies

## **Free Mardi Gras Party**

February 25, 2017

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Come join us and put on your dancing shoes,  
John Twitchell & Rick Smith will be playing oldies from  
50's, 60's and 70's.

We will be offering Cajun food.

**All Welcome.**

# February 2017

| Sun    | Mon                                                                                                          | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Jan 29 | 30                                                                                                           | 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Feb 1<br>6:30 Budget Com<br><br>6:30 RSU Mtg.<br><br>6:45 Library Trustees<br> | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 5      | 6<br>6:30 Select Brd.<br> | 7<br><br>9:00 Age Friendly<br><br>2:00 Cemetery Co<br>5:00 Road Com.<br>6:30 Plan. Brd.<br> | 9<br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10  | 11  |     |
| 12     | 13                                                                                                           | 14<br><br>6:30 Conservation Com.<br>                                                                                                                                         | 15<br>6:30 Budget Com<br><br>6:30 RSU Mtg.<br>                                                                                                              | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 19     | 20<br><br>CLOSED          | 21<br>6:30 Select Brd. Joint meeting with Budget Com<br><br>                                                                                                                 | 22<br>6:30 Plan. Brd.<br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26     | 27                                                                                                           | 28<br>6:30 Trails Com.<br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mar 1<br>6:45 Library Trustees<br>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2   | 3   | 4   |