



Readfield Messenger

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Town of Readfield Public Budget Meetings

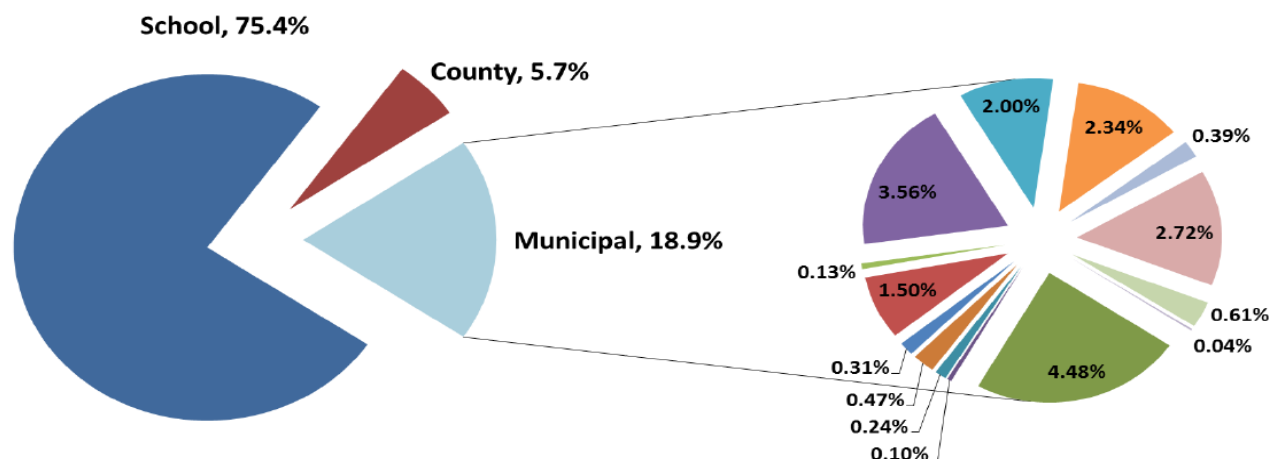
Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 - 6:30pm at Gile Hall

Monday, April 10th, 2017 - 6:30pm at Gile Hall

Please join us for one or both meetings to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget with members of the Readfield Select Board and Budget Committee. The purpose of these meetings is to present the draft budget and hear questions and comments from the public.

All are welcome and light refreshments will be available!

Percent of Proposed 2018 Mil Rate Attributed to School, County, and Municipal Sources



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Cookie Booth at Readfield Town Office
 Readfield Brownie & Daisy Troop 1701
 Saturday March 25th 10:00am – 2:00pm
 For more info call
 Ellen Parker 207-685-3329

READFIELD WINTER FUN DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 4TH THE FUN STARTS AT NOON!



SLEDDING AT MAR WILCOCK HIGH SCHOOL

SKATING, ICE HOCKEY and FISHING AT READFIELD BEACH

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SLOW SHOE-ING park at Old
 Fairgrounds behind the Church Road



SNACKS AND HOT COCOA AT THE SLEDDING HILL

This is not a school sponsored event

Sponsored by the Readfield Recreation Department

Questions or donations contact Carrie Knight 332-6522

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From the Town Manager's Desk



Let's Talk Numbers...

Specifically, the number two. We are fully engaged in the municipal budget process and quickly approaching two very important Public Budget Meetings on March 8th and April 10th. They are noticed near the front of this month's Messenger. They are important opportunities for public participation in the budget process and I hope you can attend to learn and contribute. While the actual budget numbers are important, I want to first offer a little background on their basis.

The budget process this year, as was the case last year, started with the development of goals by the Select Board and Budget Committee. While many of the fundamentals have stayed the same I am pleased to see thoughtful change and development of these goals in response to new challenges and opportunities. They have had an impact on every Department and Division and in many cases on individual expense lines. I am outlining them here and hope they show clearer than any set of numbers what the Select Board and Budget Committee have been working towards over the past several months with the support of our dedicated boards, committees, and residents:

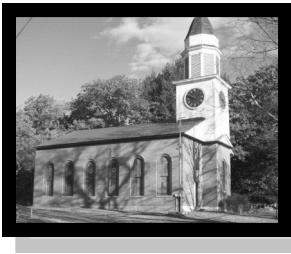
- Minimize budget impacts to taxpayers
- Spend responsibly, where necessary
- Provide services the public wants
- Relate budget goals to Select Board goals
- Be creative in finding ways to reduce costs
- Streamline budgeting and accounting
- Treat similar work and services similarly
- Maintain accurate recordkeeping
- Improve communication with the public
- Consider the Town budget separate from the School and County budgets
- Eliminate waste and inefficiency
- Focus on capital investment projects
- Use designated and undesignated funds responsibly
- Work together toward the public good

If you want to discuss any of these goals, see how they translate into tax dollars, or offer something additional please make plans to attend one or both of the upcoming meetings. While I certainly want to see you in person, you can also find budget information on our town website, get it by request at the Town Office, or watch our meetings on Local Access Television.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Dyer".

Eric Dyer
Town Manager



Readfield Union Meeting House

On the National Register of Historic Places

Exciting news to report. In another 2-3 weeks the narthex undercarriage work should be done and The Maine Barn Company has agreed to order the 5 main carrying beams for the sanctuary, thus starting phase 2 of the sub-floor project. This phase is more straight forward and with a little luck the project could be completed by early summer.

The board is also pleased to announce that we have received over \$40,000. in pledges. This amount includes a \$1000 matching pledge by June and Alvin Wagner that has been met by a local Readfield family. Is this enough to repay the bank loan of \$125,000. that we are seeking? No, but we will continue to reach out to community members with a letter writing campaign and continue with other fund raising events. Just announced at our February 22 board meeting, President Peladeau reported that he had received a letter from Jack and Anita Smart containing a pledge for \$50,000. This \$50,000 pledge is contingent on receipt of an additional \$50,000 in gifts/pledges. So all community members who have not yet responded to our pledge requests, please donate so we do not lose the pledge from the Smart family. Pledges should be sent to John Perry, UMH Treasurer at P.O. Box 451, Readfield, ME. 04355.

As mentioned above, the board will be having additional fund raising events. The fund raising committee is planning a dinner featuring international cuisine. It will be held at Maranacook High School on April 1, (April Fool's Day, but this is not a joke). All the details have not been worked out yet, but we urge you to "save the date". We will be advertising in the KJ, Community Advertiser, Channel 7, and sending out emails. If you have questions or would like to help out at this dinner feel free to call Nancy Durgin at 685-4481. Other board members on the dinner planning committee are Joan Wiebe and Marianne Perry.

A thank you goes out to those who have sent in their 2017 annual membership. We will be keeping you informed on the restorations at the UMH.

Select Board's Corner

Dear Neighbors;

Over the last several weeks and months, work on the town budget has been proceeding with the help of many to ensure appropriate continuity of town service levels, wise investments, and keeping our municipal budget within tight spending constraints. The result, still subject to public input and eventual voter action, is a relatively flat municipal budget.

It has been noted at several of the initial budget discussions and meetings that there are multiple governing bodies that determine our property tax rate. Kennebec County and the Maranacook RSU 38 Schools each contribute services and play a large role in establishing the tax rate in our community.

The Select Board working with the Town Manager and many volunteers after careful review by the Budget Committee recommends to voters a municipal budget which makes up a portion of the necessary taxes to provide services. Currently the Town of Readfield accounts for just under 19% of the mil rate.

Over the next few weeks and months there will be public opportunities to provide input on our municipal budget and ask questions about it. Budget documents and meeting information can always be found at the town's website: www.readfield.govoffice.com. I hope you will attend our upcoming public meetings so we may hear from you.

Kind Regards;

Bruce Bourgoine

Readfield Select Board



Age Friendly Community Update

It is tax season! Assistance is available by trained volunteers to assist seniors complete their income tax. Locations are:

DR SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY	SPECTRUM COHEN COMMUNITY C	Augusta
Mount Vernon	Site Schedule	BUKER COMMUNITY CENTER
Site Schedule	TU: 9:00 AM - 01:30 PM	Site Schedule
SA: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	FR: 09:00 AM - 01:30 PM	MO: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Comments	Comments	FR: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Open only on these Saturdays: March 4 and March 18 and April 1 from 10:15 am to 1:15 pm. Call 207-293-2565 to make appointments.	Call 207-626-7777	Comments
3/04/2017 - 4/1/2017	Dates Open	Call Connie at 207-582-3053 for appointments - ONLY FROM 8AM to 5PM
Phone Number	3/07/2017 - 4/14/2017	Dates Open
(207) 293-2565	Phone Number	2/1/2017 - 4/14/2017
Appointment Required	(207) 626-7777	Phone Number
Yes	Appointment Required	(207) 582-3053
Languages	Yes	Appointment Required
English	Languages	Yes
Handicap Accessible	English	Languages
Yes	Handicap Accessible	English
Address	Yes	Handicap Accessible
344 POND RD	Address	Yes
MOUNT VERNON,	22 TOWN FARM RD	Address
ME 04352-3013	HALLOWELL,	22 ARMORY ST
	ME 04347-3110	AUGUSTA,
		ME 04330-6258

MUSKIE SENIOR CENTER	Appointment Required
Site Schedule	Yes
MO: 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Languages
TU: 10:30 AM - 04:00 PM	English
FR: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Handicap Accessible
Dates Open	Yes
2/6/2017 - 4/18/2017	Address
Phone Number	38 GOLD ST
(207) 873-4745	WATERVILLE,
	ME 04901-5919

Age Friendly Community Cont.

If the Age Friendly Committee hears that there is sufficient interest, we will attempt to have a Tax Aide Volunteer come to Readfield next year.

Sand

March can still be a snowy and icy month. If you need a bucket of sand delivered, please call the town office and a volunteer will deliver the sand.

Senior Café

The Senior Café which meets at the Maranacook Middle School Cafeteria on Monday mornings beginning at 9:00 am has a number of interesting programs coming up. All are welcome:

March

6 – Protecting Seniors from Exploitation from Maine Legal Services for the Elderly

13 – Cohen Center Overview of Activities and Services - Nick Cloutier

20 – Wolfneck State Park Presentation

27 – Superintendent Donna Wolfrom to provide a budget overview

April

3 – A Mountaineering and Rock Climbing Odyssey - Steve Vose

10 – No Programming Currently Scheduled

24 – Understanding Medicare and Medicaid and Long Term Care Events - Carrie Peabody

Join the Senior Café for coffee, muffins and interesting conversation.

Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club

We seem to have gotten our share of that fluffy white stuff – at least over these past few weeks! Unfortunately the rain and warm temperatures are taking it away almost as fast as it arrived! The trails are in superb condition thanks to our trail committee volunteers. Directional signs may be partially buried so look closely for them. The season is short - Spring will be here soon enough - so enjoy it while we can. We see lots of sledders, cross country skiers, big wheel bikers and hikers on Readfield's nicely groomed trails. Be careful and please stay on the marked trails. Generous landowners grant us permission to access their land on the marked trails only – not in their unmarked open fields. A property owner can and will revoke the privilege if the privilege is abused. We can't say it strongly enough. Here are a few locals enjoying the winter weather!



Historical Society

MAINE AUTHOR GEORGE SMITH TO SPEAK AT RHS ANNUAL MEETING on MARCH 18th
Readfield Historical Society (RHS) is pleased to announce that Maine author George A. Smith will be the guest speaker at their 31st annual meeting at Gile Hall, 8 Old Kents Hill Road on Saturday, March 18th at 1:00pm. Smith's presentation will follow a brief business meeting and election of officers.

Smith authors an outdoor news blog for the Bangor Daily News and a weekly editorial column for the Kennebec Journal and Waterville Sentinel. For nearly forty years Smith has written articles for The Maine Sportsman magazine. On another front, he co-hosts the television show *Wildfire* which focuses on hunting, fishing, conservation and environmental issues. In 2014 Islandport Press published Smith's book *A Life Lived Outdoors* which includes some of his favorite stories about home, camp, family, faith, travel, hunting, fishing and growing up in Winthrop. Earlier this year Down East Books published his newest release about Maine Sporting Camps. Additionally, he and his wife Linda, a retired first grade teacher, write a weekly travel column for Central Maine Newspapers. Their column focuses on Maine inns, restaurants, events and activities. Last September, Islandport Press published a Maine travel book in which George and Linda's favorite inns and restaurants are featured.

George is a Winthrop native a graduate of the University of Maine, and has lived in Mount Vernon for 38 years. He and Linda have three children and three grandchildren. Smith's books will be available for purchase after the program and he will stay for book signings, while RHS serves refreshments.

READFIELD HISTORY WALKS

Times and locations are being planned for the spring of 2017 and will be announced in April. For details about the presentations below or Readfield History Walks visit <http://readfieldhistorywalks.blogspot.com>

THREE SPRING READFIELD HISTORY CLASSES

Three Readfield historical presentations will be offered at Maranacook Adult and Community Education (MACE) by Dale Potter-Clark in March, April and May. Cost is \$12.50 for each class or \$30 for all three. Class registration fees will help towards establishing a "Museum in the Streets" in Readfield. To register call MACE at 685-4923 x 1065 or online at <https://maranacook.coursestorm.com/>

- 1) Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:30-8pm: *The Day Readfield Corner Burned*
- 2) Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:30-8pm: *Was the Underground Railroad REALLY in Readfield*
- 3) Wednesday, May 31, 2017 6:30-8pm: *The Founders and Evolution of Summer Resorts & Kids Camps* A presentation about the process of researching and writing the book by the same name, followed by a reading and book signing.

The Readfield Historical Society has existed since 1985 to preserve the rich heritage of Readfield and its' people. The RHS collections of memorabilia and historical and genealogical resource materials are extensive, as is our photo collection. Additionally, "history walks", historical presentations and programs are offered throughout the year. Visitors are welcome during summer hours Thurs. Sat. 10:00am—2:00pm or by appointment when the building is accessible. Contact Bob Harris at (207) 377-2299 or readfieldhistorical@gmail.co. Please be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.

On June 11, 1921 lightning struck a kerosene barrel inside a store in the middle of the business district at Readfield Corner. A fire erupted from the explosion that destroyed nearly the entire center of town. A presentation by Dale Potter-Clark on March 15th will include a slide show and narrative about what existed at Readfield Corner prior to the fire and the devastating aftermath. Pictured here is Main Street looking east. In the forefront is an automobile thought to be driven to the scene by a Kennebec Journal reporter.



Maine author George Smith of Mt. Vernon will speak at Readfield Historical Society's 31st annual meeting on March 18th.

Revenue and Expense Summary Reports for March

Readfield
10:43 AM

Revenue Summary Report

Department(s): ALL
February

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,706,026.00	159.97	57,228.89	5,075,074.73	630,951.27	88.94
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	555.71	4,055.71	-4,055.71	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,875.00	0.00	344.90	25,623.93	4,251.07	85.77
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	19,201.00	0.00	120.00	7,899.83	11,301.17	41.14
40 - PROTECTION	5,580.00	0.00	3,260.66	6,146.57	-566.57	110.15
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	470.63	-470.63	----
60 - Roads & Drainage	41,435.00	0.00	0.00	44,254.61	-2,819.61	106.80
65 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	-2.00	----
70 - SOLID WASTE	183,308.00	1,001.25	29,610.21	128,831.36	54,476.64	70.28
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	21,489.00	0.00	1,051.14	27,739.95	-6,250.95	129.09
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,355.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,355.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	1,161.22	92,173.51	5,320,099.32	689,169.68	88.53

Tel: 685-4064



Visa/Mastercard

KEN'S DRAG IN AUTO INC.

Rt. # 135, Readfield, Maine

Used Auto and Truck Parts • Auto Repair
Used Cars and Trucks • Buying Junk Cars

Ken Edgecomb

Mark Edgecomb

Readfield
10:42 AM

Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
February

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	473,471.00	30,847.11	966.93	303,776.02	169,694.98	64.16
15 - BOARDS & COM	5,360.00	45.25	0.00	1,410.62	3,949.38	26.32
20 - TOWN BLDG	34,674.00	2,651.61	0.00	18,283.18	16,390.82	52.73
25 - COMM SERVICE	59,621.00	2,732.08	0.00	42,195.43	17,425.57	70.77
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	26,668.00	348.33	0.00	16,480.31	10,187.69	61.80
40 - PROTECTION	137,690.00	30,133.73	23,079.00	78,774.07	58,915.93	57.21
50 - CEMETERIES	31,906.00	3,931.96	0.00	22,587.09	9,318.91	70.79
60 - Rds & Drain	630,085.00	31,127.70	0.00	443,620.99	186,464.01	70.41
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	140,131.00	9,134.05	1,139.05	18,544.43	121,586.57	13.23
70 - SOLID WASTE	296,016.00	17,434.27	0.00	164,648.79	131,367.21	55.62
75 - EDUCATION	3,442,351.00	286,862.58	0.00	2,294,900.68	1,147,450.32	66.67
80 - REGIONAL ORG	316,346.00	0.00	0.00	287,595.78	28,750.22	90.91
85 - DEBT SERVICE	346,302.00	0.00	0.00	343,699.47	2,602.53	99.25
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	63,938.00	1,418.03	0.00	54,125.27	9,812.73	84.65
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	88.20	0.00	88.20	4,621.80	1.87
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	416,754.90	25,184.98	4,090,730.33	1,918,538.67	68.07

Maranacook Adult Education

HiSET/High School Diploma Classes – Ongoing Year-round

Class Name	Start Date
Aromatic Yoga Nidra	3/2/2017
Ceremics: Beginning/Intermediate	3/2/2017
Firearms Hunter Safety Class	3/7/2017
Beginner Fly Fishing	3/8/2017
Aging well with Yoga	3/9/2017
Beginner Fly Tying	3/9/2017
CDL Career Night	3/9/2017
Upholstery Basics	3/9/2017
Reiki Level Two	3/9/2017
OSHA Construction 10	3/11/2017
Constellations of Spring	3/13/2017
Maine Driving Dynamics	3/14/2017
The Day Readfield Corner Burned	3/15/2017
Beginning Beekeeping	3/18/2017
Archery (Bow) Safety Class	3/21/2017
Tap It & Heal	3/23/2017
Create a Unique Art Necklace - NEW!	3/29/2017
Gift Boxes and More - NEW!	3/29/2017
Watercolor Painting - NEW!	3/30/2017

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



MA LINAS

ITALIAN EXPRESS RESTAURANT

PIZZA.PASTA.CALZONE. MORE....

Lunch.Dinner

377-2289

206A Main Street
Winthrop, Maine 04364



Readfield Emporium

Gourmet pizzas, entrees, eat in & take out, wine & beer

Wed. through Sun. 5—9ish

9:00am Brunch Sat. & Sun.

685-7348



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.
(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.
(Summer camps, vacation homes and 2 nd 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: _____

GENERAL ASSISTANCE NOTICE

The municipality of Readfield administers a General Assistance program for support of the poor. Pursuant to Title 22 MRSA, Section 4305, the municipal officers have adopted an ordinance establishing that program. A copy of this ordinance is available for public inspection at the Town Office. Also available for inspection is a copy of the State's General Assistance statutes, as copies of the State law are made available to the municipality by the Maine Department of Human Services.

Persons who wish to apply for General Assistance may do so at the Town Office every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12pm – 2pm

To schedule an appointment please call 685-4939

In an emergency, applicants may contact:













Eric Dyer at 242-5437

The municipality's General Assistance administrator must issue a written decision regarding eligibility to all applicants within 24 hours of receiving a 'completed' application.

The Department of Human Services toll free telephone number, to call with a question concerning the General Assistance Program is 1-800-442-6003..

March 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6 6:30 Select Brd. Mtg. and 4th Budget Draft 	7	8 6:30 Plan. Brd.  6:30 Public Budget Mtg. 	9 5:00 Road Com. 	10	11
12	13 6:00 Heritage Days Mtg.	14 6:30 Conserv. Com. 	15 6:30 RSU & SB meet on the Budget. 	16	17 	18
19	20  6:30 Select Brd. & review War- rant. Nomination Pa- pers available at the Town Office.	21	22 6:30 Plan. Brd.  6:30 RSU Mtg. 	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:30 Trails Com. 	29 6:30 RSU Mtg. 	30	31	

Select Board Contact Information

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