

Readfield Messenger

Town of Readfield

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Readfield's
2017 Heritage Days
August 11th & 12th



*Readfield Heritage Days
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Fri., August 11th &
Sat., August 12th

Town of Readfield
8 Old Kents Hill Rd
Readfield, Maine 04355

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(click on the Heritage Days button)

(207) 685-4939

Readfield Fire Fighters Assoc. Annual Breakfast

June 3rd 7-9am.

Details on page 2



Voting
June 13th 8am-8pm

See the Warrant on Pages 8-12



For sale Aluminum Dock best
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Beach. Call Tom at 215-5358

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READFIELD FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FIRE FIGHTER BREAKFAST

Saturday June 3rd

7:00 am to 9:00 am

Readfield Fire Station

1154 Main St, Readfield, ME

**PANCAKES, EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE,
MUFFINS, HASHBROWNS, FRESH FRUIT,
COFFEE AND JUICE**

Adults - \$8.00 / Kids \$4.00



Golden Guys and Gals

On May 9th the Golden Guys and Gals went on our Annual "Mystery Ride" driving through several communities prior to arriving at our final destination at Winslow's Big G's. Big G's is a restaurant with a history of serving oversized tasty sandwiches. When our orders were served. We all realized that our eyes were bigger than our stomachs. We all took large portions of our orders home with us which basically satisfied our evening meal.



Future adventures planned include:

- June—A celebration of Fathers Day is planned.
- July—A trip to the coast for a lobster feed.
- August—A barbecue in Litchfield where a swimming pool, horseshoes challenge and a sauna await. Will also hold a brief meeting of our group.

Our members will take part in Readfield's Heritage Days Celebration with food sales and treasure tables and other crafts.

- September—Our regular monthly meeting will take place accompanied by lots of doodies, coffee and tea.
- October—We are planning another mystery ride to enjoy the fall foliage and the destination is a secret from the members.
- November—We are planning our regular meeting with an abbreviated Thanksgiving dinner.
- December—A Christmas party is planned without a regular meeting but small inexpensive gifts will be exchanged.

We are always looking for new members 50years of age and older—a small annual fee of \$10.00 secures your membership. The Golden Guys and Gals meet the second Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Readfield Town Office. The room is handicap assessable by elevator. If you have any questions or would like to join our group please call Pearl Peterson at 685- 0185. Come and enjoy our many age appropriate activities each month.



Select Board's Corner

Dear Neighbors;

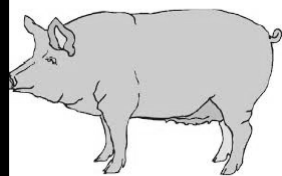
On June 13 we will vote on Readfield's town warrant, the RSU 38 school budget validation, and to fill one Select Board and two School Committee seats.

The municipal budget forms the bulk of the questions you will be voting upon. Every spending and revenue item was given careful and thoughtful consideration before it became a part of the budget. Both the Budget Committee and the Select Board then reviewed each area prior to making their recommendation to voters. I am pleased to say that this effort resulted in a nearly flat municipal budget and that the Budget Committee and the Select Board are in agreement on each of their warrant recommendations of "yes." There are ordinance adoption, ordinance amendment, and operational questions being placed before the voters that have also undergone review and public hearing.

One of the problems facing many Maine communities is that school budgets are set often prior to the State budget that determines educational funding that goes to communities. There are indications that State aid to education will be greater than local communities have safely assumed in their budgets this coming year. The Readfield Select Board met with and wrote to the School Committee and requested that if this unanticipated funding occurs that the money be used to lower the towns' assessments this coming year rather than spending it or rolling it forward. I am pleased that RSU 38 adopted an article to do exactly that at its Annual Meeting.

Again, Election Day is on Tuesday, June 13. Absentee ballots are also available at town hall. I urge you to vote.

Thank you;
Bruce Bourgoine
Readfield Select Board



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From the Town Manager's Desk

In May I wrote about the budget process and highlighted a number of goals that directed the work of the Budget Committee and Select Board. Now that the process is complete I want to take this opportunity to direct residents to information and resources on the complete fiscal year 2017-2018 municipal budget and warrant.

The Town website (www.readfield.govoffice.com) is perhaps the best place to find this information. On the Home Page you can find the municipal warrant (the warrant includes the budget in the form of spending and revenue articles) and supplemental information like the full text of proposed ordinances and ordinance revisions. You can also request an absentee ballot from that page. If you are looking for more detail about the budget development process, you can find documents under the "Budget and Town Meeting Information" tab at the top of the page. The Select Board minutes and packets also contain a lot of information and can be accessed by picking the "Select Board" option from the "Boards and Committees" tab at the top of the page.

We have placed paper copies of the municipal warrant at both local post offices and have them available at the Town Office. Full text copies of the proposed ordinances and ordinance revisions are available at the Town office.

A sometimes overlooked source of information is to contact municipal staff, board, and committee members directly. Their contact information is available from various locations on the website. As always, feel free to contact me directly with any questions or comments at 685-4939 or at readfield.tmgr@roadrunner.com. Be well,

Eric Dyer, Town Manager

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17 1564 Main St.

Readfield, Me.

Multi Estate Sale

June 3rd 9:00-2:00 p.m. (rain date June 10th)

Big items outside in parking lot-smaller items in Fellowship Hall. Make sure to visit both locations.

Furniture, household items, tools,

Fishing equipment, Antiques, etc.

All proceeds benefit church missions



When I wrote the May messenger back in April, I mentioned that we were waiting for the last of the snow to melt away from the trail system so we could do a work project with the Kent's Hill Students and staff. I am happy to report that the project to install a culvert went extremely well. You can never tell what the spring runoff will give us for erosion, but it appears with all the work that has been done over the years, that the trail system is good for the heaviest of rain and spring thaw. For the work day the Trails Committee was blessed with enthusiastic students and staff. One senior student hockey player, headed for the Canadian Juniors was the muscle power we needed to clean out a very large root system prior to the culvert installation. Two days after the culvert work Ann and I went up to the job site in the evening and did some digging to allow the water to enter *the culvert because of the heavy rain* that was in the forecast and wanted to make sure we had a un-impeded runoff. It handled the heavy rains with no problem. While doing the additional ditching many users came by and as is often the case stopped to say thanks for our work and let us know how many times they come to the trails. The trail users are a mix of hikers, bikers, joggers and families using a jogger stroller. While we were working there were families having a snack at the picnic table.

I also mentioned last month that the Town of Readfield had formed an Ad-hoc Parks Commission to facilitate the efficient management, stewardship, and use of public properties. With so many users of the trails, I hope you can find the time to give the Parks Commission your thoughts.

With this being my last Messenger article before my retirement as a member of the Trails Committee, I would like to express my thanks to those who gave their support to the trail system.

Where will the Readfield trails system be in another 11 years? That depends on you the Readfield residents. Remember, we had a blank canvas when we started and it was with a lot citizen direction that created this fine work of art that is called Readfield Trails.

I just recently heard, "If you think small while trying to do big things it is very difficult."

Gary Keilty

Chair- Readfield Trails Committee

National Trails Day



Readfield Trails Committee is participating in National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3rd. Come hike, run, bike, etc. on the trails starting at the fairgrounds trail head. From 10-1 committee members will be handing out free bottles of water and trail maps. If you start from a different trail access point, come on through for the freebies! Even better, have a great start to your day with breakfast at the Readfield Fire Association Annual Breakfast and then join us at the trails. These are two excellent ways to be involved in our great town. Hope to see you at both events!

Greg Durgin

Budget Committee

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee held two Public Hearings in collaboration with the Select board, and received useful and helpful input on priorities for the Town. Following the second hearing, we met to go over the warrant and review and vote on each article.

After our deliberations, the Committee voted to support all the financial warrant articles as presented, and forwarded our recommendations to the Select board for their consideration. The Select board met and has also recommended approval of the financial warrant articles. The next step is for the voters to consider these articles on June 13th. The Budget Committee sees this budget as conservative and responsible, providing needed public services in an efficient and cost-effective manner. We appreciate all the work that Town committee volunteers, Town staff, and our Town Manager have put into the process that has resulted in a Town budget that has essentially no impact on the mil rate.

Assuming the budget is approved, the Committee will next meet in the Fall to continue the development of the Capital Investment Plan. That plan will assist the Town in setting priorities for future years and in managing larger projects.

Andrews Tolman, Chair

Readfield United Methodist Church

Route 17

Readfield, Me 04355

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Sunday School classes for Kindergarden-5th grade

Everyone is Welcome to join us.



Save the Date! **Vacation Bible School** **July 17th-21st**

Dear Community Families:

Summer is just around the corner and here at Readfield United Methodist Church we're planning an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience with Maker Fun Factory! Are you looking for a safe, friendly, and fun environment for your kids: This fun-filled VBS is for everyone between ages 5 and 12. The day begins at 9:00 A.M. and wraps up at 12:00 P.M. Email office@readfieldumc.org or call 685-4211. This school is free and opened to everyone.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Secret Ballot

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

To: Kristin Parks, resident of the Town of Readfield, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Readfield in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 2017, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 42 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, said articles being the following:

Article 1: Elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2: Elect one Select Board members for three year terms:

☐ Price, Dennis ☐ Write in: _____

Elect one RSU #38 School Board member for a one year term:

☐ Sneed, Thomas ☐ Write in: _____

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

☐ Woodford, Adam ☐ Write in: _____

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

☐ Write in: _____

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

☐ Write in: _____

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

☐ Write in: _____

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to confirm the term for Select Board elected on this day and at subsequent elections as being from the day of election until the day of the next election, effective 90 days from this vote?

Article 4: Shall the Town of Readfield vote to allow the Select Board to establish **Salaries and or Wages** of town officers and employees, not elsewhere established, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 29, 2017** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 28, 2018** as the dates of each of which one-half of the property taxes are due and payable, and as the dates from which interest will be charged on any unpaid taxes at a rate of **7%** per year, which is the State rate pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, 505.4?

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Pay Interest** at a rate of **3%**, which is lower than the State Rate of **7%**, from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, **If an Article Fails**, to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each operational budget category that the town is legally obligated to pay, of the last year's approved budgeted amount during the period July 1, 2017 to October 1, 2017?

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Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$458,085** for the **General Government for Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, CEO/LPI/BI, Grant Writing and Heating Assistance** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing and Heating Assistance** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration \$259,945-All postage, office supplies and copying expenses are now under this budget line, other area has been reduced with the exception of the Transfer Station Operations.
Insurance \$128,130-All insurances are now in this budget line, other budget lines has been reduced with the exception of the Transfer Station Operations. Office Equipment \$ 3,350
Assessing \$ 24,655 – Returning to past years level of services
CEO/LPI/BI \$ 36,505 - \$10,000 from revenues, adding 4 hours per week.
Grant Writing/Planning Ser. \$ 4,000
Heating Assistance \$ 1,500 - \$1,500 from revenues

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$169,895** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category? **Combined all maintenance budget categories.**

General Maintenance \$ 83,825, Building Maintenance \$ 29,470, Vehicles Maintenance \$ 46,600 – Moved from Roads/Drainage
Interlocal Work \$ 10,000 – Moved from Roads/Drainage

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$9,300** for the **Boards and Commissions** budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation budget line carried forward?

Appeals Board \$ 100, Conservation Commission \$ 7,750 - \$7,050 from designated fund, Planning Board \$ 1,450

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$57,135** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Library budget line carried forward?

Age Friendly Initiatives \$ 2,000 – New for 2017-18, Animal Control \$ 11,420 - \$1,500 from revenues
Kennebec Land Trust \$ 250, KVCOG \$ 4,295, Library Services \$ 26,090 - \$2,080 from revenues
Readfield TV \$ 6,830 - \$6,830 from revenues, Street Lights \$ 6,000, Maranacook Lake Dam \$ 250

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$40,486** for the **Recreation, Parks and Activities** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach \$ 9,142 - \$9,142 from revenues, Recreation \$ 10,561 - \$10,560 from revenues, Trails \$ 2,483,
Heritage Days \$ 10,000 - \$5,000 from designated fund, Millstream Dam Project \$ 8,300 - \$6,221 from designated fund and \$2,079 from revenues. New for 2017-18

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$180,875** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to carry forward with the exception of the Ambulance Service, Dispatching and Emergency Operations Plan lines?

Operations Fire Department \$ 87,650 - \$20,000 from designated fund, Fire Dept. Equipment \$ 8,000, Ambulance Service \$ 25,400, Waterholes \$ 500, Tower Sites \$ 27,000 - \$25,000 from revenues, Dispatching \$ 30,200, Annual Physicals \$ 125, - \$125 from designated fund, Personal Protective Gear Replacement \$ 2,000

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,050** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward? **Took payroll out of this category and included it in Municipal Maintenance.**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

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Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$373,950** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balance to be carried forward for the Summer Roads budget? *Vehicle Maintenance and Interlocal Work are now included in Municipal Maintenance. Potential Sidewalk project moved to Capital Improvements. This item includes an estimated \$70,000 for gravel Road work.*

Summer Road Maintenance \$117,500 **-\$35,000 from revenues**, Winter Road Maintenance \$256,450

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$260,812** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward? *Gile Hall funds are for accessibility (ADA) improvements to the front walk and parking area. Transfer Station funds are for reserve and current year access road work. The Dam project will likely require future expenditures to complete.*

Roads \$ 15,000 , Equipment \$ 5,000 , Gile Hall \$ 24,000 **-\$24,000 from designated fund** , Parks/Recreation \$ 7,762 **-\$7,762 from designated**, Transfer Station \$ 39,050 **-\$20,000 from designated and \$10,975 from revenues**, Maranacook Lake Dam \$125,000 **-\$45,660 from designated fund**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$45,000** from the Summer Roads reserve account as a **potential** grant match for a **sidewalk project** to be considered at a future Town Meeting, to improve safety and access on Church Road? *The \$45,000 is a placeholder amount, not a commitment to execute a project. If the grant is not approved, or if the voters do not approve the project, the money will be returned to the reserve account. The project cannot be considered by Maine Department of Transportation without the town showing baseline interest through this appropriation.*

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$282,576** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget category with all accounts to be carried forward? **\$181,636 from revenues**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$317,600** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed \$ 22,000 , Kennebec County Tax \$270,000, First Park \$ 25,600 **-\$10,000 from revenues**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$328,824** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2015 Fire Truck Bond/Lease \$ 56,857 , 2013 Road & Bridge Bond \$109,117 , 2008 Road & Bridge Bond \$162,850

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the amount equal to that paid to the Town by the State (based on snowmobile registrations) for the **Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club** to be used for trail creation, maintenance and grooming? **\$940.00 from revenues**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,441** for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,250** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program to the **Maranacook Lake Association** for **\$1,500** and the **Torsey Pond Association** for **\$750** on Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$910** for the **Sexual Assault Agency**?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

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Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$231** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$5,000** for continued restoration of the **Readfield Union Meeting House**?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Readfield Enterprise Fund** budget category with any balance to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for a **Real Estate Property Revaluation** with any unexpended balance to carry forward?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,650** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds not to exceed **\$5,000** to cover Overdrafts from the Unassigned Fund Balance?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to authorize **Expenditure of Revenues** from Federal, State, Local and private sources (including user fees), in those categories for which the revenue was intended (if no use is identified, the funds shall be deposited with the General Fund), in addition to the amounts appropriated previously in these articles?

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2017 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing \$135,000, Interest on Property Taxes \$ 20,000, Interest on Investments \$ 3,000, Veterans Exemption \$ 3,200, Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement \$184,330, Tree Growth Reimbursement \$ 9,800, BETE Reimbursement \$ 9,161, Boat Excise Taxes \$ 7,500, Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes \$460,000, Agent Fees \$ 9,500, Newsletter \$ 250, Certified Copy Fees \$ 1,300, Other Income \$ 500, Heating \$ 1,500, Plumbing fees \$ 5,000, Land Use Permit Fees \$ 6,000, Dog License Fees \$ 1,500, Library Revenue \$ 2,080, Cable Television Fees \$ 26,000, Beach Income \$ 9,142, Recreation Income \$ 10,561, Mill Stream Dam/Factory Sq \$ 2,079, Protection \$ 25,000, Local Roads \$ 35,000, Interlocal \$ 10,000, Transfer Station Capital \$ 10,975, Transfer Station \$181,636, First Park \$ 10,000, Snowmobile (State reimb.) \$ 940, Readfield Enterprise Fund \$ 10,000, General Assistance (State reimb.) \$ 2,325, **Total \$1,193,279**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the 2017 Tax Commitment? *The amounts below can be seen in context under several prior articles where "from designated fund"*

Parks/Recreation Capital \$ 2,762, Cemetery Trust Fund \$ 4,000, Conservation \$ 7,050, Fire Dept. Equipment \$ 20,000, Fire Dept. Physicals \$ 125, Gile Hall Capital \$ 24,000, Heritage Days \$ 5,000, Maranacook Dam Capital \$ 45,660, Mill Stream Dam Project \$ 6,221, Recreation \$ 5,000, Transfer Station Capital \$ 20,000, **Total \$139,818**

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (General Fund), in the aggregate for one or more purposes, to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$187,731** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to reduce the total tax commitment?

Select Board recommends: yes

Budget Committee recommends: yes

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to enter into an **inter-local agreement** in partnership with the Town of Fayette and Wayne for the use and operation of the Readfield Transfer Station. *A one-year interim agreement was approved by voters last year and subsequent negotiations have led to the proposal of a three-year cooperative agreement. Legal review has been completed and the Town of Fayette has authorized their Select Board to enter into the agreement.*

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Cont.

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to amend the **Administration Ordinance**, and be enacted? *Changes to this Ordinance address a number of issues ranging from correcting ambiguous language to the disbursement of municipal funds. Legal review has been completed.*

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to amend the **Land Use Ordinance**, and be enacted? *Changes to this Ordinance clarify language, add definitions, and also resolve conflicting language that results from the creation of a separate Board of Appeals Ordinance (see below). Legal review has been completed.*

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to accept and adopt the language in the **Board of Appeals Ordinance**? *This is a new ordinance derived from sections of our Land Use Ordinance, Town Meeting articles from 1973, current state statute, and current ordinances in other municipalities. The Ordinance was recommended by our legal counsel and requested by the Select Board to address a wide range of issues with the original language from 1973. Legal review has been completed.*

Article 41: Shall the town vote to accept and adopt the language in the **P.A.C.E Ordinance**? *P.A.C.E. stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy. This is a new ordinance that allows residents to access home energy improvement financing to achieve meaningful energy savings and to make cost-effective energy improvements. Legal review has been completed.*

Article 42: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2018 Annual Town Meeting?

Want to take your ballot home? Please make out the application on the next page to pick up your ballot.

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RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News

Kids' summer sports' camps starting soon!!

Boys' Basketball Camp (Grades 4-8)
 Lakers Track Club (Boys & Girls Ages 6-15)
 Boys & Girls Soccer Camp (Grades 3-8)

June 26 thru 29
 June 26 thru August 12
 July 10 thru July 14

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

Readfield
4:14 PM**Revenue Summary Report**Department(s): ALL
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Uncollected Balance	Percent Collected
10 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,706,026.00	2,292.97	63,453.87	5,185,738.90	520,287.10	90.88
15 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,055.71	-4,055.71	----
25 - COMMUNITY SERVICES	29,875.00	0.00	629.00	41,695.88	-11,820.88	139.57
30 - RECREATION, PARKS,& ACTIVITIES	19,201.00	0.00	785.00	10,934.83	8,266.17	56.95
40 - PROTECTION	5,580.00	0.00	0.00	11,146.57	-5,566.57	199.76
50 - CEMETERIES	0.00	5,168.57	5,168.57	70.63	-70.63	----
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	0.00	7.00	-7.00	----
70 - SOLID WASTE	183,308.00	28.00	9,619.36	152,586.02	30,721.98	83.24
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	21,489.00	0.00	0.00	28,384.67	-6,895.67	132.09
95 - GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,355.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,355.00	0.00
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	7,489.54	79,655.80	5,478,874.82	530,394.18	91.17

Readfield
4:16 PM**Expense Summary Report**ALL Departments
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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R Debits	M O N T H - Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
10 - GENERAL GOVT	473,471.00	33,759.67	821.92	367,706.65	105,764.35	77.66
15 - BOARDS & COM	5,360.00	204.58	0.00	1,952.60	3,407.40	36.43
20 - TOWN BLDG	34,674.00	2,331.14	0.00	22,852.82	11,821.18	65.91
25 - COMM SERVICE	59,621.00	4,221.32	0.00	51,354.10	8,266.90	86.13
30 - REC,PARKS/AT	26,668.00	70.94	0.00	17,201.31	9,466.69	64.50
40 - PROTECTION	137,690.00	6,004.02	0.00	107,983.36	29,706.64	78.42
50 - CEMETERIES	31,906.00	918.57	0.00	24,281.21	7,624.79	76.10
60 - Rds & Drain	630,085.00	30,763.30	0.00	501,714.19	128,370.81	79.63
65 - CAPITAL IMPR	140,131.00	0.00	0.00	18,544.43	121,586.57	13.23
70 - SOLID WASTE	296,016.00	18,858.48	0.00	200,316.49	95,699.51	67.67
75 - EDUCATION	3,442,351.00	286,862.58	0.00	2,868,625.84	573,725.16	83.33
80 - REGIONAL ORG	316,346.00	0.00	0.00	294,533.12	21,812.88	93.10
85 - DEBT SERVICE	346,302.00	0.00	0.00	346,250.01	51.99	99.98
90 - UNCLASSIFIED	63,938.00	0.00	0.00	54,125.27	9,812.73	84.65
95 - GENERAL ASST	4,710.00	197.75	0.00	285.95	4,424.05	6.07
Final Totals	6,009,269.00	384,192.35	821.92	4,877,727.35	1,131,541.65	81.17

Readfield Cemetery Committee & Sexton

Save the date

M.O.C.A & Readfield Corner Cemetery host:
Stone Leaning and Cleaning Workshop
June 17th 9:00am - 3:30pm

Limited space, only 20 spots available!
Registrations open now thru June 6th
Contact the Readfield Town Office for more information
(207)685-4939

Please try and bring:

- *Pail (2-gallon size or smaller)
- *soft bristle brush (nylon)
- *spray bottle (quart size)
- *plastic scrapper (similar to credit cards)
- *plastic hand trowel
- *Kneeling pad

Will need to bring:

- *plenty of drinking water
- *Lunch/ snacks (there is a store down the street that makes food *Readfield family market*)

Please dress appropriate for weather conditions

Useful items:

- *lawn chair
- *bug spray/repellent
- *sun screen
- *safety glasses
- *gardening gloves
- *easy up (to protect from rain or sun)

Please fill out the Application on the next page!



REGISTRATION and WAIVER

Thanks for inquiring about the Cleaning/Leaning Cemetery Workshop/Project.

To finalize your registration please complete both parts of this form and send it with check made payable:

To : Town of Readfield, at: 8 Old Kents Hill rd Readfield ME 04355

(\$20.00 is the suggested donation to participate in this workshop/project, made payable to the town/group hosting this event.)

REGISTRATION:

Registrant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone #: _____

One or more Emergency Contacts-Name, Address, Phone:

Medical issues of which we should be aware?

Please be sure that the contact information you provide about yourself is where we could reach you if the workshop needs to be canceled.

WAIVER:

By registering for this community workshop/project, I agree and acknowledge that I am participating of my own free will and I am fully aware that possible physical injury may occur to me as a result of my participation in this event. I agree to hold the Maine Old Cemetery Association and its volunteer instructors harmless from all liability resulting from any personal injuries sustained by me or for any damage to my personal equipment and/or automobile during the time-period of this workshop/project. I acknowledge that I am able to participate in this project and that I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well being.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



[Readfield Community Library](#)

[Summer Reading Program - Build a Better World](#) Mark your calendars for the summer reading program sign up night June 19, 2017 at 6:30pm. . Raindate June 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm. Sign up night will include children's activities and an icecream sundae party.

[The Maine Humanities Council Continues!](#) This is 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. Come join us for a lively discussion. Part five coming up. Books are available at the library.

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.

[Cribbage Club is now a Regular Program!](#) Cribbage Club has now become a monthly program at the Readfield Community Library! Drop by on the first Wednesday of each month anytime between 2:30-4:30PM. Bring your own board. We have plenty of cards. Wednesday June 7, 2017 Next cribbage club date

[Delivery for Homebound Residents](#) Recognizing that getting to the library can be difficult for some patrons, the library offers free delivery, year round, of books and other materials to homebound library patrons. If you do not have a library card (free to all residents) Call librarian Nancy O'Toole Meservier at 685-4089 to arrange for a card and for delivery.

[New Service! Check out the State Park Pass](#) Looking to spend a little more time outside? Maybe visit some of Maine's beautiful State Parks? Then why not check out the Readfield Community Library's very own State Park Pass!

The Readfield Community Library has recently acquired a vehicle pass, which will allow the pass holder, and the occupants of their vehicle (up to seventeen passengers total) access to the day-use facilities of the Maine State Parks. The park pass can be checked out just like a book. All you need is a library card. The pass can be checked out for up to one week. Once the due date arrives, it must be returned when the library is open. It cannot be left in the book drop. If you are planning a trip, you can reserve the pass in advance. Just check with the librarian so you can be sure of its availability.

For more information on the park pass- including a list of parks who will not accept the pass- please check out the [park pass section](#) on the State of Maine Website.

Thank you to the Harris family for making this wonderful new feature possible!

[Library Hours](#)

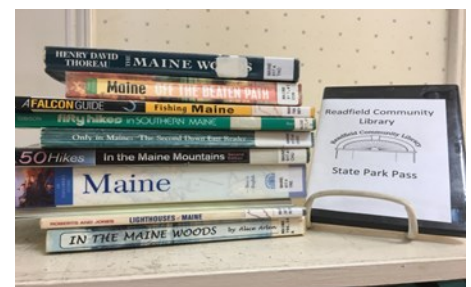
Monday: 6-8

Wednesday: 2-8

Thursday: 10-12

Saturday: 10-4

The Librarian can be reached at librarian@readfield.lib.me.us or call her at 685-4089 for more information.



RULES OF THE READFIELD TOWN BEACH

1. All users of the Town Beach property are required to have a season permit or purchase a day pass. Permits \$40.00, day pass \$5./single \$10./ 2-4 persons.
2. All users of beach, water and property assume all risk. There is **NO LIFEGUARD** available at any time.
3. **All attendants** have the right to stop any behavior which they feel is dangerous.
Beach hours: 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
4. Attendants will be on duty from 10:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M., weather permitting.
5. Resident Beach permit holders are allowed up to four (4) guests per visit, a maximum of five (5) times per summer without additional fees. Regular day-pass fees are required for more guests. Guests of non-resident permit holders must pay standard day pass fee (\$5/single guest, \$10/ 2-4 guests).
6. All children 14 and under must be supervised by an adult remaining on beach property at all times.
7. When arriving at beach please:
 - a. Drive slowly and use caution in parking area
 - b. Show permit to attendant on duty (or purchase day pass from attendant)
 - c. Keep permit visible on dashboard at all times
8. **Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited.**
9. There is no glass of any kind allowed on beach property.
10. Absolutely no animals of any kind will be allowed on grass, beach or in water.
11. All boats (including windsurfers, canoes, and kayaks) are to be kept out of the swim area, and may come ashore on the west side of the beach at the boat dock, just outside the buoys near Millet Manor.
12. No fishing allowed within the beach buoy area.
13. No swimming beyond the buoys and no rough play anywhere.
14. The use of floats and rafts in the swim area will be limited by the discretion of the attendant on duty.
15. Swimming diapers are required for all children wearing diapers. Soiled swimsuits or diapers may not be rinsed out in the lake. Failure to provide a swim diaper for your child while in the water is cause for immediate revoking of your permit.
16. There are no trash cans available anywhere on the Beach property; therefore we have a "carry-in, carry-out" policy for all trash.
17. **There is absolutely NO SMOKING allowed anywhere on the beach property.**
18. All holes dug in the sand must be filled in when play is finished.
19. Permit holders wishing to have any group function should call Thomas Donegan at 215-5358 in advance to arrange fees and schedule times.
20. No inappropriate language of any kind will be allowed.
21. All music must be kept to a level as to not disturb others using the beach.
22. All grill fires need to be doused with water before leaving.

Thank you for keeping your beach safe and enjoyable!

*The Readfield Recreation Association Board of Trustees or the attendants reserve the right to revoke a permit for violation of any of the above.

Accepted 2017

PERMIT #

A &

B

2017 Readfield Beach Permit Application

RESIDENT FAMILY PERMIT: (RESIDENTS & Taxpayers) \$40
Includes couples and their unmarried dependent children 21 & younger

RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZENS: (RESIDENTS & Taxpayers) \$15 (individual or couple)
Age 65 and older (Seniors with minor children in the home are required to purchase a Family Permit)

NON-RESIDENT RENEWAL \$45 (all year)
Must have purchased a Grandfathered non-resident permit in all the previous consecutive years – NO EXCEPTIONS

NON-RESIDENT: Other Towns limited number of permits \$55

GUEST PASSES: Your Family or Senior Citizen Resident permit is your guest pass and permit holder must remain with guests during visit. Resident Beach permit holders are allowed up to four (4) guests per visit, a maximum of five (5) times per summer without additional fees. Additional guests require additional DAY PASS fees.

ONE WEEK GUEST PASS Permit is valid for seven (7) consecutive days only \$30 Start Date: _____

DAY PASS Children five years old and under no charge \$ 5 / one guest
\$10 / 2-4 guests

If you are seeking financial assistance to receive a beach permit, please call Carrie Knight 207-332-6522

NAMES: _____ MAILING ADDRESS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TEL#: _____ CELL#: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

LICENSE PLATE # 1: _____ LICENSE PLATE # 2: _____

Childcare Provider Name: _____ TEL# _____ License Plate # _____

I am a legal resident of: _____. I am the legal parent/guardian or grandparent of all the children listed below and they are all 21 or younger. They will be using the beach under this permit and I will be supervising them at all times.

Name	Age	Name	Age
1		5	
2		6	
3		7	
4		8	

I hereby acknowledge that the Town of Readfield does not provide lifeguard services or supervision at the Readfield Beach and therefore users must exercise constant observation and supervision of children and guests at the facility. I understand that this permit can be revoked at any time if policies are abused or information provided does not hold true. Beach rules and procedures are attached. ALL CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT REMAINING ON THE BEACH PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Town Clerk Initials: _____

You will be issued ONLY two (2) permits per family.

Please know your license plate numbers when completing application, as permits **will not be issued** without license plate numbers.

ALL Permits are non-transferable or refundable.



THE UNION MEETING HOUSE

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1982

22 Church Road
Readfield, Maine 04355

The Union Meeting House is now OPEN Saturday mornings. Tours are being given by board members from 10am to noon. All are invited to stop in to observe the unique painting style of Charles Schumacher, to see the stained glass and stenciled glass windows, and to admire the black walnut and butternut pews as they were in 1868.

It is the hope of the Union Meeting House (UMH) board that the general public will stop in and acquaint themselves with this historic building. Our hope is that the UMH will become a focal point as part of Readfield's history. So please help spread the word about the opportunity to visit on Saturday mornings throughout the summer.

The UMH is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring a Strawberry Festival to be held on Saturday, July 15th. For many of you who will be entertaining friends and relatives from out of town, this will be a wonderful opportunity to show off the Union Meeting House to them and to enjoy homemade strawberry shortcake made from local berries. Yum! We are looking for **volunteers** to help plan and organize this event. Please call Nancy Durgin- 685-4481 or speak to any board member. Thank you.

The Union Meeting House will also be having a yard sale during Hertiage Days on Saturday, August 12th. We are looking for donations from the community, so if you are cleaning out your garage, basement, attic, etc. in your house and have items you want to say "Good bye" to, give us a call! We will pick up your items that will no doubt be "treasures" to others. You can also arrange to drop items off at the UMH. Arrangements can be made with one of the following board members: Marianne Perry- 685-3531, Nancy Durgin- 685-4481, James Tukey- 685-9993 or Karen Peterson-685-9821.

We do want to mention that we won't be taking clothes, books or puzzles.

We will be drawing the winner of our quilt raffle on Saturday August 12th. It is a beautiful 50" by 58" lap quilt made by our board member Joan Wiebe. Tickets are on sale now. The quilt will be on display Saturdays at the UMH and at local events taking place this summer.

During Heritage Days the UMH will also be sponsoring several other events. Please watch for more information in the July Messenger and for ads and posters that will be appearing in town and in the surrounding area.

There have been no responses so far to our request asking for help with our social media technology needs. If you or someone you know would like to help, give us a call. We'd love to increase community involvement in the restoration of our national landmark. Call President Marius Peladeau- 685-4537 or ask any board member for more information.

THE UNION MEETING HOUSE Cont.

The UMH Board is asking for your support in the upcoming election by voting YES on Article 27. We feel that the community recognizes the importance of this historic building and want to keep it open for all to see and use.

The UMH did receive some excellent publicity (see below) in an article featured in the April edition of Maine Home + Design under the "Design Wire" section. The magazine claims a circulation of more than 30,000.



The UMH board continues in its request for support by reminding people to send in their annual membership dues if they have not done so. If you are not a member but would like to become one, please call Nancy Durgin at 685-4481 for a membership form. Of course donations or pledges are always appreciated. All funds will be used in the restoration and maintaince of the building. Mail contributions to Union Meeting House, c/o Marius Peladeau, 158 Thorp Shores Rd., Readfield, ME. 04355.

Our newest fund raising campaign is one in which you can buy a piece of the Meeting House. You can "buy a joist". A joist being a support beam in the subfloor. Each joist costs \$25.00 or 4 for \$100. You can become a part of history with your name on a beam or you can honor someone by buying a joist as as gift. Stop in on a Saturday morning if you would like to see a drawing of the 144 joists available.

Heritage Days! Making History Since 1791!

The Heritage Days Committee is pleased to announce that the Readfield Biennial Heritage Days celebration will be held on August 11 & 12th!

To open the celebration, there will be a cookout at the beach followed by an exciting performance of Michael Cooper's *Masks and Marvels* by at the Maranacook High School's Performing Arts Center. As always, a spectacular fireworks display will top off the evening. Saturday will feature a Library Book Sale, poker bike run, lawn sales, softball game, bounce house, a fishing derby, History Walk with Dale Potter Clark, 50/50 raffle, family fun at the beach and much more!

The Union Meeting House will have interesting historical demonstrations, including tours, blacksmithing and a massive lawn sale. The Guys and Gals club will be having a bake and craft sale. The Readfield Historical Society will hold its members only Wine and Cheese Social and will welcome new members. The weekend would not be complete without the Readfield Fire Fighters Association's Annual Bean Hole Supper.

Want to Help out?

Volunteers Are Needed! To make Heritage Days 2017 a success volunteers are needed to help with parking, set up, clean up and coordinating events. All volunteers will receive a free Heritage Days T-Shirt for their help!

Want to Have an Event? Let us know by July 1st.

Sponsors are needed and donations are welcome! Heritage Days is free to the public. Any monetary support to offset costs is greatly appreciated!

Contact: Town Office at 685-4939



MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

A Caring School Community Dedicated to Excellence

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Budget Update #10 – RSU #38 Annual Meeting, May 17, 2017

To view the Eighth Annual Report as well as the video, and supporting budget materials, please go to www.maranacook.org/budget

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

The Annual Meeting to approve the RSU #38 FY18 Budget was held on May 17, 2017. A review of the budget process was explained by Board Chair Terri Watson, and I provided some district history on subsidy, enrollment, and past expenditure budgets. These documents are all available on our website with the budget information that has been provided throughout the budget development process.

As we proceeded through the articles several questions were asked. First, there was a question about what we would do with any additional money that we might receive after the legislature adopts a state budget. Article 18 addresses this question and was passed during this meeting. The article states that any unanticipated increase in the adjusted state contribution under the Essential Programs and Services funding model “will reduce the amount raised and assessed as each municipality’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from prekindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act...” This means that if we receive additional money it can only be used to reduce the amount of local dollars that towns will be required to pay.

Another question focused on why the expenditures required to operate the district exceed the funds required by essential programs and services in the areas of systems administration and instruction. Several factors contribute to the additional costs such as the Governor’s elimination of all funds for system administration in the funding formula and the costs required to operate our four small elementary schools. In addition, several interventionist positions have been added in the past years to support students as we move to the proficiency based diploma.

A community member asked how the work at Manchester Elementary was funded as the projects were not included in the FY17 budget. It was explained that because the funds were needed for the Manchester project, other projects were postponed. An example of this was the tennis court project that was postponed.

A question was asked about why the girls’ lacrosse team could use the Maranacook fields and the boys’ team had to pay to use the Kents Hill fields (see Al MacGregor’s explanation below).



MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS


"Boys and girls LAX was approved by the board so the teams would be sanctioned and could play against other high schools under the MPA rules. It was approved with the understanding that all games and practices would be in Augusta and there would be no cost to the school. The middle school soccer field was made available for the teams to practice on so the kids would not have to travel to Augusta each day after school. The practice field does not meet the required MPA specifications to hold a varsity boys' or varsity girls' lacrosse game. The girls play on the field because it is a JV level contest and does not count towards the MPA heal points for play-offs. When the girls eventually become a varsity level team they will not be playing games on the Maranacook field. They will either have to try to schedule at Kents Hill or in Augusta on a regulation-sized field."

When lacrosse was approved by the RSU #38 School Board several years ago it was approved as a non-funded sport which means that participants have to cover the costs for the sport. Those making the request for lacrosse also stated that the teams would not be using Maranacook fields. The Maine Principals' Association (MPA) rules for lacrosse specify the size of the field. RSU #38 tries to work with teams to provide fields, when possible, but district-funded teams have first priority for fields. Often there is a small field that is not being used and that small field meets the requirements for girls' junior varsity lacrosse, but not boys' varsity lacrosse. Therefore the girls can play on the small field when it is available, but the boys teams have to play off campus if a field is not available.

Articles 1 through 20 were voted on and approved by the voters at the Annual Meeting. I would like to thank the citizens who attended the meeting and those that support the FY18 RSU #38 School Budget. The referendum on the FY18 RSU #38 School Budget will be held at town voting places on June 13, 2017.

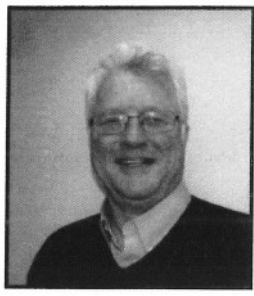
Sincerely,

Donna H. Wolfrom, Ed.D.
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READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RHS)



We are pleased to announce that on opening weekend, May 27-28 10am-2pm, a **NEW** 13 month calendar will become available. Spanning June 2017-June 2018, the historical calendar is about some Readfield organizations, both past and present. In addition to brief histories of each there are dozens of photos and interesting tidbits that were extracted from some town reports 1957-1986. Readers will enjoy learning about Readfield's Boy and Girl Scouts; the Masons; Grange; Readfield Fire Department; Kennebec County Agricultural Fair; Readfield Grange Fair; Golden Guys & Gals; Lions Club; Ladies Limited Pistol and Rifle Club; Little Town Club; Community House (Library); Readfield Recreation Association and MORE! This will be a keepsake long after the final month has passed.

Also **NEW** this summer are historic note cards that depict six structures and mills once located on old Factory Square. On the back of each card there are brief histories of the respective buildings.

Calendars are \$10 each; note cards are six for \$5, 100% of proceeds will benefit RHS. A special offering for opening weekend only, while supplies last, is that anyone who purchases two or more of the new 2017-2018 calendars can receive a Readfield Farms Heritage Calendar at no additional cost. You can also order one(s) by calling Evelyn at (207) 685-3812 or email etap30@roadrunner.com. Those mailed cost \$10 per calendar plus \$5 S&H regardless of how many are shipped.

SURPRISE As always, the RHS museum will be open for browsing this summer and the archives available to researchers, but this year visitors can expect an **added bonus**. We have been successful in lining up several volunteer docents and greeters who are Readfield natives now living out of town, and others who have lived in Readfield for their entire lives or for decades. This will be an excellent opportunity for visitors to come by and reconnect with some of them and to hear or share some stories from long ago. To date those volunteers include: George Allen and his son, Bill; June Wagner; Ralph and Marjorie (Coburn) Black; Donna (McCormick) Page; Nancy Durgin; Bob & Dotty Bryant; Natalie Giles; Brenda (Boutilier) Deojay; Nancy Russell; and others. Bob and Jeanne Harris, Evelyn Potter and Dale Potter-Clark will be there on opening weekend, May 27 and 28. If you would like to stop by and visit with one or two of our volunteers in particular, or are interested in helping to cover the RHS yourself, please give Bob and Jeanne a call at 377-2299 or Evelyn at 685-3812 for the schedule.

Next CIRCA SIGNS ORDER to be made in JUNE

If you have not yet ordered a circa sign for your house or business now is the time. We will be placing the next order later this month. In addition to the sign you will also receive a copy of the research completed on your house, including what has been discovered about the builder and previous owners. In some cases these signs display a brief history of that structure, such as the one at Readfield Corner that was the "Asa Gile Coffin Shop" before it was moved from Factory Square to its present location and converted to a residence. Please NOTE that your house does NOT have to be old to order a sign! Profits from the sale of these circa signs will be applied towards the creation and installation of historical site markers in Readfield. Cost is \$75 for each sign, a copy of our research and delivery to your doorstep. Checks should be made payable to Readfield Historical Society. FMI contact Dale at 441-9184 or crossings4u@gmail.com. She will contact homeowners to discuss preferences for wording on the signs before orders are placed.

READFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RHS) Cont.

JUNE EVENTS:

June 7th 6:30-8:30pm MARANACOOK ADULT AND COMMUNITY ED (MACE) HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

"Did the Underground Railroad REALLY Pass Through Readfield?" by Dale Potter-Clark

By popular request this is a repeat of the same program that Dale did April 25th. In researching old homes and families in Readfield for several years she has time and again found clues that indicate Underground Railroad activity must have existed in town. In the presentation Potter-Clark will share the clues that have led to her supposition. Participants are welcome to bring and share their own clues and insights. To register, contact MACE at (207) 685-4923 x 1065 or visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>. The \$12.50 registration fee will help fund the creation and placement of historical site markers in Readfield.

June 16th 10am-12noon READFIELD HISTORY WALK #41

"Rev. David Thurston, Metcalf Neighborhood and the Underground Railroad in Winthrop"

Although it is not necessary to have attended the June 7th presentation, this History Walk is meant as a follow-up. History Walkers will visit some key areas in Winthrop that had connections to the Underground Railroad. This final walk of the 2017 spring season, will include some driving as well as easy walking. Meet in the parking lot behind the Winthrop Congregational Church on Main St., Winthrop by 10am to begin. We extend thanks to the Winthrop Historical Society for partnering with us for this History Walk and as always there is no fee.

"OPEN FOR BUSINESS" RHS will be open every Thurs. and Sat. 10am to 2pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day) and on some Sundays this summer. If the American Flag is out, RHS is open. Arrangements can be made to open by appointment as well by contacting Bob Harris at (207) 377-2299 or readfieldhistorical@gmail.com. If you are not yet a member of RHS we would love to have you join us. Annual dues are \$10 for a family, \$5 for people over 65 years. Lifetime memberships are \$100. The RHS physical address is 759 Main Street, Readfield Depot. Mailing address is PO 354 Readfield, Me 04355. Since 1985, tax deductible donations have helped RHS in ongoing efforts to preserve the history of Readfield and its people.



Photo Left:

In 1957 Readfield's Civil Defense and Public Safety Committee provided this group of residents with a first aid course. Pictured here are: front (L) Sam Fogg, Sr.; Irene Sands; Mabel Broad; Eunice Cotton; Josephine (Peabody) Bryant; Maybelle (Potter) Wight; Audrey (Broad) Lewis; and Ruth (Nason) Johnson. Middle (L): Laura (Nason) Ames; Beatrice Ridley; Carroll Ridley, holding little Joey; Beatrice Greeley; Walter Zientara, instructor; Fred Best, Director of Civil Defense and Public Safety;

Mildred (Stevens) Brown; Hazel Trefethen; Loretta Lane. Back (L) Lillian Newton; Barbara Fogg; Evelyn (Adell) Potter; Clarence Broad; Mary (Butman) Mason; Barbara Faulkner; Ruth Mullen; Beatrice Lothrop; and Carroll Lane. This is one of dozens of photos included on the new RHS calendar, about organizations, that will become available via Readfield Historical Society May 27-28th.

June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 7-9 Fire Fighters Breakfast 10-1 National Trails Day walk
4	5	6	7 6:30 RSU Mtg. 6:45 Library Brd.	8 5:00 Road Com.	9	10
11	12 6:30 Select Brd.	13 Town Mtg. Vote 8-8 6:30 Conserv. Com.	14 9-Age Friendly 6:30 RSU Mtg. 6:30 Planning Brd.	15	16	17 Cemetery Stone Cleaning 9-3:30 Pre-registration required.
18	19	20	21 5:30 SWRC in Wayne 6:30 RSU Mtg.	22	23	24
25	26 6:30 Select Brd.	27 6:30 Trails Com.	28 1-Cemetery Com. 6:30 Planning Brd.	29	30	

Select Board Contact Information

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

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

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

We are looking for volunteer Members for the following Boards and Committees:

The below committees are looking to fill open positions but also have expiring terms coming up, (as marked with the 6/30/17).

Age Friendly Committee: 1 member (2020)

Appeals Board: 1 member (2019) 2 members (after 6/30/17)

Cemetery Committee: 1 member (after 6/30/17)

Cobbossee Watershed Dist.: 1 alt. Representative

Conservation Commission: 1 Alt. member (2019) 2 members (after 6/30/17)

Heritage Days Committee members: 1 representative RSU, 1 rep. from a non profit

KVCOG Representative: 1 representative (after 6/30/17)

Maranacook Outlet Dam Committee: 1 representative (after 6/30/17)

Library Board of Trustees: 3 members (after 6/30/17)

Library Building Committee: Looking for any volunteers

Local School Board 10/14: 1 member (2018), 1 member (2019), 1 member (2020)

Parks Commission Adhoc Com.: year terms 2 from Conservation and 1 from Recreation

Planning Board: 3 alt. members (2017)(2018)(2019)

Readfield Enterprise Committee 10/18: 1 Select Board Member, 1 CPA or finance specialist, 1 attorney of legal professional, 1 Readfield Resident (suggested composition)

Recreation Association: 4 members (after 6/30/17)

Road Committee: 1 member (2018) 2 members (after 6/30/17)

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee: 1 member (2020)

Trails Committee: 2 members (after 6/30/17) 2-(2019), 1 Alt. (2017)

30 Mile River Board 10/14: 1 resident appointed yearly

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees please contact the Town Office at 685-4939 or readfield@roadrunner.com for an application for appointment.