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# Town of Farmingdale Town Meeting Warrant and Minutes 2013

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TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013  
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013

To Mathew Guilfoyle, a Constable of the Town of Farmingdale, 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 Farmingdale, in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs,  
to meet at the HALL-DALE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM in said town on FRIDAY, the  
21<sup>st</sup> day of June. A.D. 2013, at 12 NOON, then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on  
Article 2 and Article 3 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 12 NOON until SEVEN  
o'clock in the EVENING:

And, to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the HALL-DALE HIGH SCHOOL THEATER in  
said town on SATURDAY, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of JUNE, 2013, A.D., at ONE o'clock  
in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 4 through 64 as set out below,  
To wit:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

*Mary Dennison was nominated and seconded. 3 Written Ballots were cast for Mary Dennison, who then  
appointed Eugene Moreau as Deputy Moderator to preside over the Municipal Election.*

Article 2. To elect one Municipal Officer, for a 3 year term, by secret ballot.

*James A Grant Jr. - 207 Votes (Elected)  
Rickey K. Mckenna - 77 Votes*

Article 3. To vote by secret ballot to change appointing a Road Commissioner to  
Electing a Road Commissioner for a 3 year term.

*Yes Votes - 260 No Votes - 25 Blank - 1*

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 4. To fix a date when all taxes shall be due and payable and after which interest shall be collected and the rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after that date.

Selectmen Recommend 7.00 % and 75 days after the commitment date of taxes.

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to allow an discount of 2% on taxes paid in full two weeks from Commitment of the tax list to the Collector (to be taken from Surplus). Total discounts given for 2012/13 was \$25,613.33.

Selectmen Recommend

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Board of Selectmen to transfer monies between expenditure accounts.

Selectmen Recommend 25%

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, to set an interest rate of 3% to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay interest thereon at a rate of 1%.

Selectmen Recommend

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use funds from the Capital Improvement account for the purpose of acquiring property in the Maine Avenue corridor for a town facility in an amount that fairly reflects professionally appraised fair market value and under such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town. This article shall remain in full force and effect until the annual town meeting in 2016.

Selectmen recommend an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 plus survey and closing costs for a 3.67 acre parcel of real estate on Tax Map 8 and a portion of Lot 11, with a DEP approved sand and salt containment area and covered salt structure for the purpose of Town use with all funds to come from the Capital Improvement account.

Selectmen Recommend

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and Vote Failed.*

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a combination loan/grant agreement with the USDA, Rural Development, in the total amount of \$500,000 for purposes of upgrading the municipal sewer pump stations. The Selectmen may accept a grant allocation in any amount up to the total amount of \$500,000 without obligation. The Selectmen may enter into a loan agreement only on the following terms:

The Loan amount shall not exceed \$300,000 of the total amount funded. The interest rate on the loan shall not exceed 3% and shall be for a period of no more than 30 years.

Selectmen recommend (current estimate of package from USDA is for \$223,000 (grant) and \$277,000 (loan at 2.75% for 30 years).

***Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written***

Article 12. To see if the voters will vote to adopt the State of Maine Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances, as amended, and the official Shoreland Zoning map for the Town of Farmingdale

Selectmen Recommend

***Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written***

Article 13. If Article 11 above passes, to see if the voters will vote to amend the official Shoreland Zoning Map by changing Lots 65 and 66 on Tax Map 24 (303 and 305 Maine Avenue) from Limited Commercial District to General Development District to allow for the development of future parking and rail trail access from these two properties.

Selectmen Recommend

***Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written***

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate from Surplus to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

Selectmen Recommend \$ 10,000.00

***Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written***

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend from Surplus to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

Selectmen Recommend \$ 10,000.00

***Motion made and seconded to take Articles 15 – 32 out of order and to vote them as a group. Motion Approved. Motion made & seconded to approve article 15 – 32 with the Selectmen’s recommendations. Articles 15 -32 approved as written.***

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Capital Improvement Account. (Account Balance as of 04/30/13 \$286,614)

2012/13 - \$20,000.00      2013/14 – Recommendation \$ 20,000.00

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration.

2012/13 - \$97,300.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$108,004.00

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent.

2012/13 - \$ 400.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 400.00

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office wages and Selectmen’s Salaries and F.I.C.A.

2012/13 - \$ 70,254.00                      2013/14 - Recommendation                      \$ 73,494.00

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Constable Services.

2012/13 - \$22,000.00                      2013/14 - Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 23,400.00

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control.

2012/13 - \$4,700.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 4,700.00

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection.

2012/13 - \$40,500.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 41,300.00

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E911 Account.

Re-established Account for 2013/14 - Recommendation                      \$ 750.00

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Dispatch Services.

2012/13 - \$28,500.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 29,600.00

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the fourth year’s obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed to construct the Litchfield Road Fire Station.

2012/13 – 7,310.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 7,000.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to take funds from the Capital Improvement account should the Fire Department be offered a grant for a new fire truck or other fire equipment with a matching amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

2013/14 – Recommended by Selectmen

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense.

2012/13 - \$ 100.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)                      \$ 100.00



Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.

2012/13 – Appropriation	\$ 100,000.00	2013/14 – Appropriation	\$ 100,000.00
Portion from Surplus	10,000.00	Portion from Surplus	24,000.00
2012/13 – Recommendation	\$ 90,000.00	2013/14 – Recommendation	\$ 76,000.00

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights

2012/13 – \$29,000.00	2013/14 - Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 29,000.00
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Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights to be placed along a section of Kennebec Drive.

Selectmen Recommend

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service with the City of Gardiner.

2012/13 - \$39,000.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 26,000.00
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Article 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Codes Enforcement Officer.

2012/13 - \$16,330.00	2013/14 - Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 16,400.00
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**LIBRARIES**

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for reimbursement to residents or for pre-payment to the library of their choice for the fiscal year, with not more than one fee reimbursed per household. Total in 2012 for all library memberships 102 – (66 Memberships to Gardiner, 28 Memberships to Hallowell and 8 Memberships to other libraries.)

2012/13 - \$6,000.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 6,000.00
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*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2012/13 - \$ 44,380.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 44,400.00
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*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Local Plumbing Inspector for matching Town funds for Social Security & Medicare.

2012/13 - \$200.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 200.00
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*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

**HIGHWAY**

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2012/13 – Appropriation	\$168,200.00	2013/14 – Appropriation	\$200,000.00*
Surplus	20,000.00	Surplus	20,000.00
2012/13 – Recommendation	\$148,200.00	2013/14 – Recommendation	\$180,000.00

(\*This is an estimated amount as this contract will go out to bid after Town Meeting.)

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning Contract.

2012/13 – \$31,715.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 35,300.00
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*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highway Maintenance.

2012/13 – Approp. \$ 303,750.00	2013/14 – Appropriation	\$282,000.00
Block Grant Funds \$ 27,132.00	Block Grant Funds	27,132.00
Surplus \$ 20,000.00	2013/14 – Recommendation	\$254,868.00
2012/13 – Recom. \$ 256,618.00		

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Engineering Services.

2012/13 - \$10,000.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 10,000.00
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*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to pay the Town’s second year obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed for the Northern Ave. Project.

2013/14 – Recommendation	\$ 44,025.00
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(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$663,526. Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.)

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Reserve Account – Underground Drains.

2012/13 - \$10,000.00	2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 10,000.00
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*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*





Article 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Farmingdale Historical Society.

2012/13 - \$ 300.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$    300.00

### CHARITIES

Article 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Family Violence Project.

2012/13 - \$1,500.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$   1,500.00

Article 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice of Kennebec Valley.

2012/13 - \$1,000.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$   1,000.00

Article 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Senior Spectrum.

2012/13 - \$1,800.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$   1,800.00

Article 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Chrysalis Place (Food Bank).

2012/13 - \$1,800.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$   2,500.00

Article 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center.

2012/13 - \$ 1,000.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$   1,000.00

Article 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for K.V.C.A.P. Busing.

2012/13 – \$    500.00                      2013/14 - Recommendation (Surplus)    \$    500.00

### UNCLASSIFIED

Article 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Lawn & Cemetery Maintenance Contract.

2012/13 - \$ 10,000.00	2013/14 – Appropriation	\$ 8,200.00
	Amount from Surplus	6,550.00
	2013/14 –Recommendation	\$ 1,650.00

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery upgrades.

2012/13 - \$ 10,750.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$ 7,150.00

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 60. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery Sexton services.

2012/13 – \$ 1,600.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation                      \$ 1,600.00

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 61. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Veteran's Memorial.

2012/13 - \$ 500.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$ 3,000.00

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for their share of Maintenance of the Rail Trail

2012/13 - \$ 4,000.00                      2013/14 – Recommendation (Surplus)    \$ 4,000.00

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 63. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds not to exceed \$20,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Account to dispose of and/or demolish structures if determined to be of health/safety concerns.

Selectmen Recommend

*Motion made to accept article as written, seconded and voted approved as written*

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$435,466 established for the Town of Farmingdale according to State law by an amount to be determined by Town Meeting vote in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Note: This is required only if the Town Meeting raises the proposed budget by more than \$37,731 from taxation.)

Selectmen Recommend

*Motion made and seconded to pass article 64 over. Motion to pass over article 64 over passed.*

*A Point of Order was made to have a Motion for Reconsideration of Article 10 as requested by a voter with the prevailing vote. The motion for Reconsideration was seconded and after discussion, there was a motion to Table Article 10 indefinitely. This Motion to Table Article 10 indefinitely was seconded. Motion to Table Indefinitely passed.*

*At this time Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Motion to adjourn approved.*

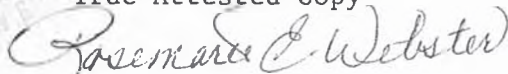
Given under our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

Rickey McKenna

Douglas Ebert

David Sirois  
Selectmen of Farmingdale

True Attested Copy



Rosemarie E. Webster  
Town Clerk