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**CLERK REPORT
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014
SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014**

To Timothy Garland, 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 27th day of June. A.D. 2014, at 12 NOON, then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, Article 3 and Article 4 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 28th day of JUNE, 2014, A.D., at ONE o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 5 through 62 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 elected

Article 2. To elect one Municipal Officer, for a 3 year term, by secret ballot.
Nancy Frost – 163 - Douglas Ebert 119

Article 3. To elect one Road Commissioner, for a 3 year term, by secret ballot.
William Rogers – 177 – Keith Kalloch – 104

Article 4. To elect one RSU # 2 School Board Member, for a three year term, by secret ballot.
Jon Lambert – 243

The Town Meeting was dedicated to the memory of Cliff Andreasen by Selectman David Sirois. David spoke of the positive force that Cliff had in the Town, that he was hardworking, intelligent, and fair, a paragon of integrity – he worked on many committees and was always involved in our community.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 5. 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.

Approved as recommended

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on taxes paid in full two weeks from Commitment of the tax list to the Collector (to be taken from Surplus).
2013/14 - \$25,613.33 2014/15 – Recommendation \$30,000.00
Approved as recommended

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Board of Selectmen to transfer monies between expenditure accounts.
Selectmen Recommend 25%
Approved as recommended

Article 8. 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 abated taxes.
Selectmen Recommend
Approved as recommended

Article 9. 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
Approved as recommended

Article 10. Shall an Ordinance entitled: “An Ordinance to revise and codify ordinances of the Town of Farmingdale” be adopted pursuant to Title 30-A § 3004.
Selectmen Recommend
Approved as recommended

Article 11. Shall an Ordinance entitled : “Knox Box Rapid Entry” be adopted.
Selectmen Recommend
Approved as recommended

Article 12. Shall an Ordinance entitled: “ Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders” be adopted pursuant to Title 30-A M.R.S.A § 3014.
Selectmen Recommend
Approved as recommended

Article 13. 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.

2013/14 - \$10,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation \$ 10,000.00
Approved as recommended

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend from Surplus to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

2013/14 - \$10,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation \$ 10,000.00
Approved as recommended

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Capital Improvement Account. (As of 06/10/2014 account balance is \$327,233.05)

2013/14 - \$20,000.00	2014/15 – Recommendation	\$ 20,000.00
	Approved as recommended	

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration.

2013/14 - \$108,004.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 90,050.00
	Approved as recommended	

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

2013/14 - \$400.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 400.00
	Approved as recommended	

Article 18. 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.

2013/14 - \$73,494.00	2014/15 - Recommendation	\$ 85,000.00
	Approved as recommended	

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Constable Services.

2013/14 - \$23,400.00	2014/15 - Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 23,400.00
	Approved as recommended	

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

2013/14 - \$4,700.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 4,700.00
	Approved as recommended	

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

2013/14 - \$41,300.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 43,850.00
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Motion was made and seconded to accept the article with the Selectmen’s recommendation. Motion then made to amend the recommended appropriation by increasing it by \$10,997.00, motion to amend was approved. Motion to approve the article as amended approved.

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E911 Account.

2013/14 - \$750.00	2014/15 - Recommendation	\$ 750.00
	Approved as recommended	

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

2013/14 - \$29,600.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 30,285.00
	Approved as recommended	

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay this year's obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed to construct the Litchfield Road Fire Station.

2013/14 – \$7,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 5,950.00
(Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2018.)

Approved as recommended

Article 25. 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.

2014/15 – Recommended by Selectmen

Approved as recommended

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense.

2013/14 - \$ 100.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 100.00

Motion to approve as recommended, with Civil Defense suggested to be changed to Emergency Management Director.

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

2013/14 – Appropriation \$ 100,000.00 2014/15 – Appropriation \$ 105,000.00
Portion from Surplus 24,000.00 Portion from (Surplus) \$ 29,000.00
2013/14 – Recommendation \$ 76,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation \$ 76,000.00

Approved as recommended

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

2013/14 – \$29,000.00 2014/15 - Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 31,000.00

Approved as recommended

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service with the City of Gardiner.

2013/14 - \$26,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 33,000.00

Motion made and seconded to accept the article as written with the Selectmen's recommendation. A motion was made and seconded to decrease the recommended appropriation from \$33,000.00 to \$27,000.00, motion to amend failed. Article Approved as recommended.

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Code Enforcement Officer.

2013/14 - \$16,400.00 2014/15 - Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 16,400.00

Approved as recommended

LIBRARIES

Article 31. 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 2013 for all library memberships 101 – (58 Memberships to Gardiner, 33 Memberships to Hallowell and 10 Memberships to other libraries.)

2013/14 - \$6,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 6,000.00

Approved as recommended

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2013/14 - \$ 44,380.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 44,400.00
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Approved as recommended

Article 33. 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.

2013/14 - \$200.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 200.00
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Approved as recommended

HIGHWAY

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2013/14 – Appropriation	\$200,000.00	2014/15 – Appropriation	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00	(Surplus)	20,000.00
2013/14 – Recommendation	\$180,000.00	2014/15 – Recommendation	\$ 180,000.00

Approved as recommended

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning Contract.

2013/14 – \$31,715.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 35,300.00
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Approved as recommended

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highway Maintenance.

2013/14 – Approp.	\$ 282,000.00	2014/15 – Appropriation	\$312,000.00
Block Grant Funds	\$ 27,132.00	Block Grant Funds	27,132.00
Recommendation	\$ 254,868.00	2014/15 – Recommendation	\$284,868.00

Approved as recommended

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Engineering Services.

2013/14 - \$10,000.00	2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 10,000.00
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Approved as recommended

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate to pay the Town's this year's obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed for the Northern Ave. Project.

2013/14 - \$44,025.00	2014/15 – Recommendation	\$ 37,600.00
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(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$573,549. Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.)

Approved as recommended

Article 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center.

2013/14 - \$ 1,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 1,000.00

Approved as recommended

Article 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for K.V.C.A.P. Busing.

2013/14 – \$ 500.00 2014/15 - Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 500.00

Approved as recommended

UNCLASSIFIED

Article 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Lawn & Cemetery Maintenance Contract.

2013/14 - \$ 10,000.00 2014/15 – Appropriation \$ 12,200.00

Amount from (Surplus) \$ 10,550.00

2014/15 –Recommendation \$ 1,650.00

Approved as recommended

Article 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery upgrades.

2013/14 - \$ 7,150.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 11,900.00

Motion made and seconded to accept article as written with the Selectmen’s recommendation. A motion was made and seconded to decrease the appropriation from \$11,900.00 to \$7,150.00, the motion failed. Motion made and seconded to add the language “and repairs” to the appropriations for Cemetery upgrades, motion to amend approved. Article was approved as amended with the recommendation

Article 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery Sexton services.

2013/14 – \$ 1,600.00 2014/15 – Recommendation \$ 1,800.00

Approved as recommended

Article 59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Veteran’s Memorial.

2013/14 - \$ 3,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 500.00

Approved as recommended

Article 60. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for their share of Maintenance of the Rail Trail.

2013/14 - \$ 4,000.00 2014/15 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 4,000.00

Approved as recommended

Article 61. 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

Approved as recommended

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$446,464 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 \$10,998 from taxation.)

Selectmen Recommend
Motion made and seconded to pass the article over.

There being no further business on the Warrant, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. After a show of hands, the Moderator declared the Town Meeting adjourned.

Given under our hands this 11 day of June, 2014.

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Douglas Ebert

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David Sirois

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James Grant Jr.
Selectmen of Farmingdale

SEAL

ATTEST:

Rosemarie E. Webster
Town Clerk