

2015

# Town of Farmingdale Town Meeting Warrant and Minutes 2015

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TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2015  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

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 **TUESDAY, the 9th day of June. A.D. 2015, at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

And, to notify and warn said Inhabitants to meet at the HALL-DALE HIGH SCHOOL THEATER in said town on **SATURDAY, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2015, A.D.**, at ONE o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on **Articles 3 through 65** 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 –Nominated                      Received 3 Votes by written ballot**

Article 2. To elect one Municipal Officer, for a 3 year term, by secret ballot.  
**Doug Ebert – 113 votes                              Wayne Kilgore – 154 Votes**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Article 3. 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 approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 4. 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 approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 5. 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

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 6. 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 approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non- payment of taxes thereon, for such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for the same.

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 MRSA§ 944 upon finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property subject to lien would be contrary to the Town’s best interest.

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to Amend the Code of Ordinances to add the following provision to Chapter 6, Article 2 (Traffic Control), Section 6-203 – Placement of Debris:

Note: An Attested Copy of the full text of this ordinance amendment has been posted together with the warrant, and copies are available at the Town Meeting.

Selectmen Recommend

**Motion made to approve as written – After discussion – Motion failed**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Article 1 (Changeable Sign Ordinance), Section 5-103 (Definitions) and Section 5-104 (Regulations)

Note: An Attested Copy of the full text of this ordinance amendment has been posted together with the warrant, and copies are available at the Town Meeting.

Selectmen Recommend

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 11. 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).

2014/15 - \$30, 0000	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$35,500.00
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**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Surplus to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

2014/15- \$10,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$ 10,000.00
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**Motion to accept Article 12 to Article 20 in its entirety - Motion approved**

**Approved as written**

Article 13. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend from Surplus to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

2014/15 \$10,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$ 10,000.00
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**Approved as written**

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Capital Improvement Account. (Account Balance as of 05/01/15 \$348,031.26)

2014/15 - \$20,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$ 20,000.00
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**Approved as written**

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration.

2014/15 - \$90,050.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 91,850.00
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**Approved as written**

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

2014/15 - \$400.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 400.00
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**Approved as written**

Article 17. 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.

2014/15 - \$85,000.00	2015/16 - Recommendation	\$ 87,500.00
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**Approved as written**

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

2014/15 - \$16,400.00	2015/16 - Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 17,000.00
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**Approved as written**

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

2014/15 - \$23,400.00	2015/16 - Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 24,400.00
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**Approved as written**

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

2014/15 - \$4,700.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 4,700.00
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**Approved as written**

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

2014/15 - \$43,850.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 44,100.00
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2014/15 - \$10,997.00 (added one time for hose purchase)

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**



Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in the event that Delta Ambulance is chosen in Article 29, to pay for the Gardiner Ambulance uncollectable account for the Town of Farmingdale. If the Town chooses the Gardiner Ambulance service this article can be passed over.

2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus) in the amount up to \$ 35,150.00  
**Article passed over – no longer necessary with above Article passed with (A) Gardiner Ambulance Service**

### LIBRARIES

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to join the Gardiner Public Library. Total in 2014 for all library memberships. (77 Memberships to Gardiner, 17 Memberships to Hallowell and 07 Memberships to other libraries.)

2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 4,500.00

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 32 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

2014/15 - \$6,000.00

2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus) in the event that Article 31 passes \$ 1,500.00

2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus) in the event that Article 31 fails \$ 6,000.00

**Motion made to approve with the \$1,500.00 – Motion approved**

### HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2014/15 - \$ 44,400.00 2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 44,400.00

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 34. 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.

2014/15 - \$200.00 2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 200.00

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

### HIGHWAY

Article 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to enter into multi-year contracts, not to exceed 3 years, for the purpose of procuring winter road maintenance, road maintenance contracts and sewer maintenance contracts on such terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Selectmen Recommend

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

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

2014/15 – Approp.	\$ 312,000.00	2015/16 – Total	\$311,000.00
Block Grant Funds	\$ 27,132.00	Block Grant Funds	24,304.00
Recommendation	\$ 284,868.00	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$286,696.00

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2014/15 – Total	\$200,000.00	2015/16 – Total	\$ 219,770.00
Surplus	20,000.00	Surplus	19,770.00
Recommendation	\$180,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$ 200,000.00

**Motion was made to amend Article 36 – to have the Town apply for a grant, to start a Public Works Department – after discussion – Motion failed**

**Motion made to approve Article 36 as written – Motion Approved**

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Street Sweeping and Catch Basin Cleaning Contract.

2014/15 –	\$35,300.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 35,283.00
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**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Reserve Account – Underground Drains.

2014/15 -	\$10,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 10,000.
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**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Engineering Services.

2014/15 -	\$10,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 10,000.00
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**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Town's this year's obligation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed for the Northern Ave. Project.

2014/15 -	\$37,600.00	2015/16 – Recommendation	\$ 37,031.00
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(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$536,546. Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.)

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 42. To establish compensation for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year. (Selectboard recommend a Stipend of \$5,000.00 and current State wages for routine road maintenance and labor, all funding shall be taken from the highway budget)

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Article 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

2014/15 -	\$ 5,000.00	2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 5,000.00
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**Motion made to approve Article 43-Article 58 as written – Motion Approved**

**Approved as written**







Article 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Veteran's Memorial.

2014/15 - \$ 500.00                      2015/16 – Recommendation (Surplus)     \$    500.00

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 63. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for their share of Maintenance of the Rail Trail

2014/15 - \$ 4,000.00                      2015/16 – Recommendation    \$ 4,000.00

**Motion made to approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 64. 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 approve as written – Motion approved**

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$462,760 established for the Town of Farmingdale according to State law in the amount of \$32,094.00 in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles result in a property tax commitment that is greater than this limit. (Written ballot required by statute)

**By written ballot motion was approved**

Selectmen Recommend

Given under our hands this 20 day of June, 2015

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David Sirois

\_\_\_\_\_”S”  
James Grant Jr.

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Nancy T. Frost  
Selectmen of Farmingdale

**Attested:**

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**Rosemarie E. Webster – Town Clerk**