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TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

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 14th day of June, A.D. 2016, at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 and 3, 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 18th day of JUNE, 2016, A.D.**, at ONE o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on **Articles 4 through 67** as set out below,
To wit:

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

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

Article 3. To elect one RSU # 2 School Board Member, for a three year term, by secret ballot.

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.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in authorizing the Board of Selectmen to transfer monies between expenditure accounts.

Selectmen Recommend 25%

Article 6. 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

Article 7. 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

Article 8. 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.

Article 9. 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 sewer Fees thereon, for such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deeds for the same.

Article 10. 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.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use funds from the Capital Improvement Reserve Account for the purpose of acquiring property in the Maine Avenue corridor for a town facility, under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town. This article will remain in full force and effect until the annual Town Meeting in 2019.

Selectmen recommend an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to continue, by virtue of this Agreement, their joint cooperation in the construction, maintenance, oversight and supervision of the Trail for an additional twenty (20) years after the expiration of the term of the First Interlocal Agreement. (* See attached Agreement pages 67-71)

Selectmen Recommend

Article 13. Shall the Town of Farmingdale vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program Economic Development in the amount of \$120,000.00 and to submit to the Development of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Farmingdale is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDGB funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Selectmen Recommend

Article 14. 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, sewer maintenance contracts and other professional services for the Town on such terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.

Selectmen Recommend

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1% on taxes paid in full two weeks from Commitment of the tax list to the Collector.

2015/16 \$35,500.00	2016/17 –Recommendation (Surplus)	\$21,000.00
	Selectmen Recommend	

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Surplus to pay for tax abatements and any interest due thereon.

2015/16- \$10,000.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$5,000.00
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Article 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to spend from Surplus to pay for unanticipated expenses and emergencies.

2015/16 \$10,000.00	2016/17 – Recommendation	\$ 10,000.00
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Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Capital Improvement Account. (Account Balance as of May 01, 2016 (\$395,524.00))

2015/16 - \$20,000.00	2016/17 – Recommendation	\$ 25,000.00
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Article 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Administration.

2015/16 - \$91,850.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 93,500.00
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Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent.

2015/16 - \$400.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 400.00
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Article 21. 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.

2015/16 - \$87,500.00	2016/17 - Recommendation	\$ 86,500.00
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Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Codes Enforcement Officer.

2015/16 - \$17,000	2016/17 - Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 25,500.00
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Article 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection with unspent monies going into a Fire Department Reserve Account.

2015/16 - \$44,100.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 46,800.00
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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.

2015/16 – \$5,656.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 5,378.00
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Remaining balance including interest after the above payment, will be \$10,222.58
(Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2018.)

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to (1) approve the purchase of a new fire truck for the Town of Farmingdale including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related hereto; (2) **appropriate** a sum up to \$300,000 to fund the project; (3) **authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectboard to issue general obligation securities of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 to fund the appropriation; (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectboard the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denomination, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form and other details of securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town.

Financial Statement

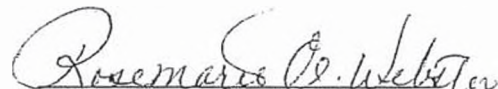
Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Outstanding balance of bonds previously issued:	\$511,698.71
B. Outstanding balance of Sewer Bonds previously issued:	\$293,103.00
C. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0
D. Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	\$300,000.00

Costs: At an estimated net rate of 2.60% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of the bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$300,000.00
Interest	<u>\$ 42,921.37</u>
Total	\$342,961.37

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.


Treasurer, Town of Farmingdale

LIBRARIES

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to join the Gardiner Public Library. Total in 2015 for all library memberships. (135 Memberships to Gardiner, 21 Memberships to Hallowell and 07 Memberships to other libraries.)

2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 4,500.00

Article 36. 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

2015/16 - \$6,000.00 2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$1,500.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2015/16 - \$ 44,400.00 2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 30,000.00

Article 38. 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.

2015/16 - \$200.00 2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 200.00

HIGHWAY

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

2015/16 – Approp.	\$ 311,000.00	2016/17 – Total Approp	\$343,500.00
Block Grant Funds	\$ 24,304.00	Recommendation Block Grant Funds	\$24,304.00
Recommendation	\$ 286,696.00	2016/17 – Recommendation	\$319,196.00

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2015/16 – Total	\$219,770.00	2016/17 – Total	\$ 226,228.00
Surplus	20,000.00	Surplus	\$ 26,228.00
Recommendation	\$200,000.00	2016/17 – Recommendation	\$ 200,000.00

Article 41. 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)

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Reserve Account – Underground Drains.

2015/16 - \$10,000.00 2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 10,000.00

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

2015/16 - \$10,000.00

2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 10,000.00

Article 44. 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.

2015/16 - \$37,031.00

2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 36,447.00

(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$500,099.00 Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

2015/16 - \$ 5,000.00

2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 5,000.00

ASSESSING, PLANNING BOARD & APPEALS

Article 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for assessing and data entry.

2015/16 - \$ 24,000.00

2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$24,000.00

Article 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tax Map Updates.

2015/16 - \$ 2,500.00

2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus) \$ 2,500.00

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board and the Appeals Board.

2015/16 - \$ 1,500.00

2016/17 – Recommendation \$ 1,500.00

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for membership dues to Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.

2015/16 - \$4,000.00

2016/17 – Recommendation \$ 4,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Article 61. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Lawn & Cemetery Maintenance Contract.

2015/16 - \$ 12,200.00	2016/17 – Total	\$ 12,320.00
	2016/17 Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 12,320.00

Article 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery maintenance, repairs and upgrades.

2015/16 - \$ 5,450.00	2016/17 Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 6,350.00
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Article 63. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery Sexton services.

2015/16 – \$ 1,800.00	2016/17 – Recommendation	\$ 1,800.00
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Article 64. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Veteran's Memorial.

2015/16 - \$ 500.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 500.00
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Article 65. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for their share of Maintenance of the Rail Trail

2015/16 - \$ 4,000.00	2016/17 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 4,000.00
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Article 66. 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

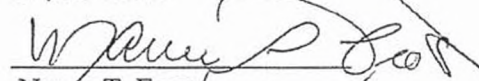
Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$599,328.00 established for the Town of Farmingdale according to State in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles result in a tax commitment that is greater than this limit. (Note: This is required only if the Town meeting raises the proposed budget by more than \$10,275.00)

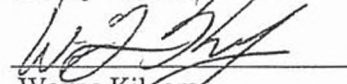
Selectmen Recommend

Given under our hands this 25 day of May, 2016




James Grant


Nancy T. Frost


Wayne Kilgore
Selectmen of Farmingdale