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**TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018**

To Isaiah Peppard, 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 12th day of June. A.D. 2018, at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 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 **THURSDAY, the 14th day of JUNE, 2018, A.D., at 6:00 p.m.,** then and there to act on **Articles 3 through 66** 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 (1) Municipal Officer, for a three (3) year term, by secret ballot.
Wayne Kilgore - 629 **18 various write in Votes**

Article 3. Shall an ordinance entitled “**Town of Farmingdale Medical Cannabis Ordinance** be adopted?

Statement of Fact: The purpose of this ordinance and related guidelines is to regulate the cultivation, processing, storage, and distribution of medical cannabis consistent with the Town of Farmingdale Code of Ordinances and the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act (Maine Revised Statutes Title 22, Chapter 558-C). The Planning Board of the Town of Farmingdale shall be responsible for administering this ordinance. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for enforcing this Ordinance, violations of which may be prosecuted pursuant to Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

(An attested copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Farmingdale Town Clerk’s Office; attached as **Exhibit A** on the Town Meeting Warrant, and will also be on the Town’s Website at: www.farmingdalemaine.org)

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, (Administration) Article 2 (Purchasing Bidding and Contract Procedures), Section 2-201, (Competitive Bidding) #2 (Acceptable Bids);

(An attested Copy of the full text of this ordinance amendment is available for review and Inspection at the Farmingdale Town Clerk's Office; attached as **Exhibit B** on the Town Meeting Warrant, and will also be on the Town's Website at: www.farmingdalemaine.org)

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3 (Public Property, Utilities and Solid Waste) Article 2 (Sewer Use) Section. 3-206 (Use of the Public Sewers) #7 and Section 3-322 (Interceptors) #1 A.;

(An attested Copy of the full text of this ordinance amendment is available for review and Inspection at the Farmingdale Town Clerk's Office; attached as **Exhibit C** on the Town Meeting Warrant, and will also be on the Town's Website at: www.farmingdalemaine.org)

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 6. 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 8.00 % and 75 days after the commitment date of taxes.

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

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%

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

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

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

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

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 10. 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.

Selectmen Recommend

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 11. 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.

Selectmen Recommend

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 MRSAS 944 upon finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property subject to lien would be contrary to the Town’s best interest.

Selectmen Recommend

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 13. 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

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

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

2017/18- \$5,000.00	2018/19 – Recommendation	\$ 3,000.00
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Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

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.

2017/18 \$10,000.00	2018/19 – Recommendation	\$ 10,000.00
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Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

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 May 07, 2018 (\$162,175.27)

2017/18 - \$25,000.00	2018/19 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 25,000.00
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Motion to vote on Article 17-30 together – Motion Approved

Motion to Approve Article 17-30 as written - Motion Approved

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

2017/18 - \$93,500.00	2018/19 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 103,900.00
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Article 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent.

2017/18 - \$400.00	2018/19 – Recommendation	\$ 400.00
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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.

2017/18 - \$88,500.00 2018/19 - Recommendation \$ 90,900.00

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Codes Enforcement Officer.

2017/18 - \$25,500.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 25,500.00

Article 21. 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.

2017/18 - \$48,600.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 54,300.00

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay this year's obligation to the Kennebec Savings Bank Bond payment for money borrowed to purchase the 2017 HME Pumper Fire Truck

2017/18 – \$ 27,470.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 27,027.00

Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$278,876.75Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2031.)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to take funds from the Capital Improvement Account should the Town of Farmingdale be offered any grants requiring matching funds not to exceed \$50,000.00.

2018/19 – Recommended by Selectmen

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such gifts for such public purposes as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

2018/19 – Recommended by Selectmen

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E911 Account.

2017/18 - \$500.00 2018/19 - Recommendation \$ 500.00

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

2017/18 - \$29,000 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 30,000.00

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

2017/18 - \$ 100.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 100.00

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Constable Services with unspent monies, not to exceed \$2,500.00 a year going into a Constable /ACO Reserve Account.

2017/18 - \$28,800.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 28,800.00

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control Contract with the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.
2017/18 - \$4,700.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 4,700.00

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.
2017/18 – \$112,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 111,000.00

Article 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights
2017/18 –\$31,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 31,000.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance Service with the City of Gardiner.

2017/18 - \$21,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 52,000.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

LIBRARIES

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to join the Gardiner Public Library. (This article was requested by a petition from the citizens of Farmingdale

2018/19 – Requested Appropriation \$ 10,305.00

Selectboard does not recommend

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 34. 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. (2017/18 Memberships to Hallowell-20 and Memberships Lithgow-27.) **This Article is Only in the event that the Preceding Article 33 fails to pass.**

2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 6,000.00

Motion made and passed to pass over Article 34

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract with the City of Augusta.

2017/18 - \$ 30,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 30,000.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 36. 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.

2017/18 - \$200.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 200.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

HIGHWAY

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

2017/18 – Approp	\$ 323,750.00	2018/19 – Total Approp.	\$ 300,000.00
Maine Local Roads	\$ 24,588.00	Maine Local Roads	\$ 24,900.00
Excise Tax	\$299,162.00	2018/19 – Recommendation (Excise)	\$ 275,100.00

Motion to vote on Article 37-42 together – Motion approved

Motion to approve Article 37-42 as written - Motion approved

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sanding, Snowplowing, Snow Removal and Salt Contract.

2017/18 – Total	\$230,753.00	2018/19 – Total	\$ 264,000.00
		2018/19- Recommendation (Excise)	\$ 235,000.00
		2018/19- Recommendation (Raise)	\$ 29,000.00

Article 39. 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)

2018/19 – Selectboard Recommends

Article 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Highway Reserve Account – Underground Drains.

2017/18 -	\$10,000.00	2018/19 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 10,000.00
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Article 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Engineering Services.

2017/18 -	\$10,000.00	2018/19 – Recommendation	\$ 10,000.00
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Article 42. 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.

2017/18 -	\$35,826.00	2018/19 – Recommendation (Surplus)	\$ 35,320.00
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(Remaining balance including interest after the above payment will be \$428,956.87 Final payment is scheduled to be made in year 2032.)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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

2017/18 -	\$ 5,000.00	2018/19 – Recommendation	\$ 5,000.00
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Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

ASSESSING, PLANNING BOARD & APPEALS

Article 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for assessing and data entry.

2017/18 - \$ 24,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 24,000.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Tax Map Updates.

2017/18 - \$ 2,500.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 1,500.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board and the Appeals Board.

2017/18 - \$ 1,500.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 1,500.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for membership dues to Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.

2017/18 - \$4,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 4,105.00

Motion to approve as written – Motion Failed

RECREATION

Article 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hall-Dale Summer Recreation Program.

2017/18 - \$ 6,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 6,000.00

Motion to vote on Article 48-59 together – Motion Approved

Motion to approve Article 48-59 as written - Motion Approved

Article 49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club of Farmingdale to allow access by residents of the Town of Farmingdale to snowmobile trails provided and maintained by the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club.

2017/18 - \$ 500.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 500.00

Article 50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Farmingdale Senior Citizens.

2017/18 - \$ 4,500.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 4,500.00

Article 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Hall-Dale Little League.

2017/18 - \$ 250.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 250.00

Article 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Farmingdale Historical Society.

2017/18 - \$ 300.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 300.00

CHARITIES

Article 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Family Violence Project. (20 residents serviced)
2017/18 - \$2,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 2,000.00

Article 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice of Kennebec Valley. (9 families serviced)
2017/18 - \$1,500.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 1,500.00

Article 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Senior Spectrum. (160 residents serviced)
2017/18 - \$1,800.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 1,800.00

Article 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Chrysalis Place (Food Bank). (98 families serviced)
2017/18 - \$3,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 3,000.00

Article 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health Center. (140 families serviced)
2017/18 - \$ 1,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 1,000.00

Article 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for K.V.C.A.P. Busing. (60 residents serviced)
2017/18 – \$ 550.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 550.00

Article 59. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Red Cross.
2017/18 – \$ 250.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 250.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Article 60. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Lawn & Cemetery Maintenance Contract.
2017/18 - \$ 10,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 10,050.00
Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 61. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery maintenance, repairs and upgrades.
2017/18 - \$ 8,000.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 8,905.00
Motion to approve as written – Motion Approved

Article 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cemetery Sexton services.
2017/18 – \$ 2,200.00 2018/19 – Recommendation \$ 4,300.00
Motion to approve as written – Motion Failed

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Farmingdale, Maine

May ___25___, 2018

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Farmingdale Town Office, in said town, being public and conspicuous place in said Town, on May 25, 2018, being at least seven days prior to the meeting.

And on this day posted one copy each of the proposed three (3) Ordinance(s): Proposed Ordinance in **Article 3** entitled **Town of Farmingdale Medical Cannabis Ordinance** and the proposed amendments to the ordinance in **Article 4** entitled **Purchasing and Bidding Ordinance** and the proposed amendments to the ordinance in **Article 5** entitled **Utilities and Solid Waste Sewer Use**, attested by the municipal clerk, with the warrant.

S
Isaiah Peppard
Constable Town of Farmingdale